

THE SALMON ARMENIANS

The Salmon Armenians, are the Okanagan's favorite Rhythm and Blues band and winners of the Best Blues Band 2006 at the Okanagan Music Awards in Vernon. Hailing from, where else, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, the Armenians feature



Mike Hilliard on lead guitar and vocals, Murray Holmes on bass and vocals, Lody Kieken on Hammond organ, keyboard and vocals, Larry Keats on drums, Rich Thorne on trombone & trumpet, Doug Sonju on alto and tenor sax, and Brook Roberts & Mike Scharf on tenor and baritone saxophones. The newest member of the Armenians

is vocalist Sabrina Weeks, whose rich vocal textures and enthusiastic stage presence add a new dimension to the Salmon Armenians sound.

It's instant party time as soon as the Armenians hit the stage! Playing classic Rhythm and Blues and Soul hits from the sixties, seventies and eighties and exciting original tunes, the Salmon Armenians create a festive atmosphere and a full dance floor, wherever they perform. The Armenians combined have over 200 years of playing experience and it shows, from the opening downbeat to the last note of the night!

The Salmon Armenians have been featured at the Roots and Blues Festival in Salmon Arm, the Kelowna Blues Festival, the Peachfest in Penticton, the Funtastic in Vernon, the Revelstoke Blues Festival, and the Vernon Jazz Club. The Armenians have opened for Colin James, Steppenwolf, Powder Blues, Chilliwack, Prism, and the Downchild Blues Band.



In January 2006 the Salmon Armenians released their first CD entitled "Swimmin' Upstream ...", featuring classic Rhythm and Blues and Soul standards. They are currently writing and recording a new CD featuring all original material, due to be released in the fall of 2007.

The energy and enthusiasm of the Salmon Armenians turns any event into a celebration! Check out our website at: www.salmonarmenians.com, for the current schedule and the latest information on the fabulous fish, as well as MP3 samples from our first CD!