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Springing the Blues 2003

Featuring:

Jimmy Thackery

Otis Taylor Band

John Hammond Band

Johnnie Marshall

Deborah Coleman

Michael Burks

Albert Castiglia

J.J. Grey

Mofro

Tab Benoit and Jimmy Thackery



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An 80 minute Performance Documentary

George's Music Springing The Blues Festival draws 125,000 fans to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, to listen to the nation's top Blues performers in an intimate beachside setting.

Tension and Release captures that scene, bringing us the Blues interpreted by today's most talented, passionate Blues musicians. This isn't a collection of classic performances or a remote historical analysis. It's a celebration of the Blues right now, played by the finest living Blues men and women.

Throughout the film, we're treated to the best performances of the festival. In an engaging conversational style, the artists offer insights into how their music has driven their lives, and where they see themselves tied into the overall history of the Blues in America. Each player talks frankly about his or her own musical evolution, usually with guitar in hand to provide illustration. And, in surprisingly personal anecdotes, we hear how and why each of these entertainers was drawn to the Blues.

A selection of inspired artists, including Albert Gomes, John Hammond, Deborah Coleman, and Otis Taylor tell us that the while 'The Blues' started as a musical label "that has to do with twelve bars and three chords", today's artists reject that simplistic explanation. Taylor notes that "Asking what the Blues 'is', is like asking what life is." Gomes explains how the classic song and chord structure of tension and release provides the flexibility he needs to open the floodgates of emotion.

Truly outstanding performances of songs like *Hoodoo Man*, *The Dream*, and *Higher*, blended with insightful commentary by a roster of top names, make *Tension and Release* a unique immersion in the Blues today.

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Marshall... Deborah Coleman... Michael Burks...
Albert Castiglia... Anthony Gomes Band...
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