

# Buddy Texas Tornados announced

*Congratulations to the Buddy Texas Tornados of Guitar and Bass, Class of 2015*

**T**HE TEXAS SOUND. FOR SOME IT'S THE report of a .12-gauge on the opening day of dove season. For others it's the grinding of a diamond bit on a dusty Austin-Chalk lease. For the rest of us, it's the sound of a guitar laced with a smidgeon of sweet distortion, a singing violin-like tone that can make an audience quiver in harmonic sympathy with a bend this way or a vibrato that.

Texas is guitar country. Has been since before World War I, when Wortham-born Blind Lemon Jefferson brought the Texas Blues from his hometown to Dallas and then to the whole Midwest. Before Dallas-born Charlie Christian became the first electric guitarist to gain fame with the Benny Goodman Sextet. Before Tioga-born Gene Autry strummed his way to fame as the first singing cowboy star. Even before Buddy Holly defined the rock trio format for generations to come.

*Buddy* readers need no further proof of just how deep Texas is immersed in guitar history. The successes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmie Vaughan, Billy Gibbons, Eric Johnson, and others have brought the rest of the world around.

The *Buddy* Texas Tornados are an elite corp of the Lone Star State's best musicians. The editors have been picking them since 1978. The variety of styles in Texas is as wide as a Panhandle horizon.

We salute the new inductees for 2015 as they take their place alongside previous *Buddy* Texas Tornado guitarist and bassist inductees.

The following is a list of previous guitar and bass Tornado inductees

Darrell Abbott, 91  
John Adams, 02  
Kevin Afflack, 89  
Josh Alan, 91  
Rob Alexander, 84  
James Anderson, 91  
Maurice Anderson, 90  
John Arbour, 97  
Scott Arndt, 95  
Rocky Athas, 78  
Miguel Antonio, 93  
Mark Austin, 97  
Louis Baldovin, 84  
Jack Barton, 88  
Ken Bethea, 04  
Marc Benno, 89  
Ray Benson, 85  
Steve Berg, 97  
Terry Blankenship, 87  
Little Joe Blue, 85  
Bobby Boatright, 95  
Roger Boykin, 85  
Doyle Bramhall, II, 99  
Junior Brown, 95  
Rex Brown, 94  
Steven Bruton, 83  
Sumter Bruton, 80  
Rusty Burns, 81  
Brian Hash Brown Calaway, 93  
Jack Calmes, 82

Alex Camp, 89  
Johnny Carroll, 83  
Randy Cates, 90  
Richard Chalk, 01  
Freddie Cisneros, 81  
Michael "Junior" Clark, 82  
W.C. Clark, 87  
Jim Colgrove, 83  
Albert Collins, 84  
Sonnie Collie, 1996  
Johnny Copeland, 86  
Pee Wee Crayton, 85  
Bobby Chitwood, 85  
Nick Curran, 04  
Mary Cutrufello, 97  
Mike Daane, 92  
Joe Don Davidson, 82  
Kim Davis, 82  
Stevie Davis, 82  
Ronnie Dawson, 85  
Milo Deering, 95  
Bobby Dennis, 87  
George Dimitri, 94  
Randall Dollahan, 82  
W.R. "Tony" Dukes, 85  
Cornell Dupree, 85  
Omar Dykes, 84  
Ronny Ellis, 02  
David Fargason, 98  
Tom Faulkner, 01  
Keith Ferguson, 84  
Wilson Fisher, 95  
Donny Ray Ford, 94  
Denny Freeman, 85  
George Fuller, 02  
Anson Funderburgh, 81  
Randy Garibay, 01  
Robby Garner, 02  
John Garza, 97  
Mike Gallaher, 86  
Bobby Gentry, 82  
Billy Gibbons, 78  
Donnie Gilliland, 96  
Chris Gipson, 97  
Mike Graff, 95  
Barbara Graham, 82  
John Thomas Griffith, 97  
David Grissom, 96  
Ricky Lynn Gregg, 92  
Bud Guin, 82  
Dan Haerle, 91  
Bill Ham, 90  
Murry Hammond, 96  
Fred Hamilton, 02  
Joel Harlan, 87  
Hal Harris, 95  
Alan Haynes, 80  
Dave Hineman, 01  
Tommy Hyatt, 87  
Jim "Horton Heat" Heath, 86  
Bugs Henderson, 78  
Bubba Hernandez, 96  
Kim Herriage, 95  
David Hill, 83  
Dusty Hill, 81  
Rocky Hill, 79  
Matt Hillyer, 95  
Dave Hineman, 01  
Gary Hogue, 95  
Cindy Horstman, 95  
Brad Houser, 87  
Lewis Hutcheson, 01  
John Inmon, 90  
Eric Johnson, 78

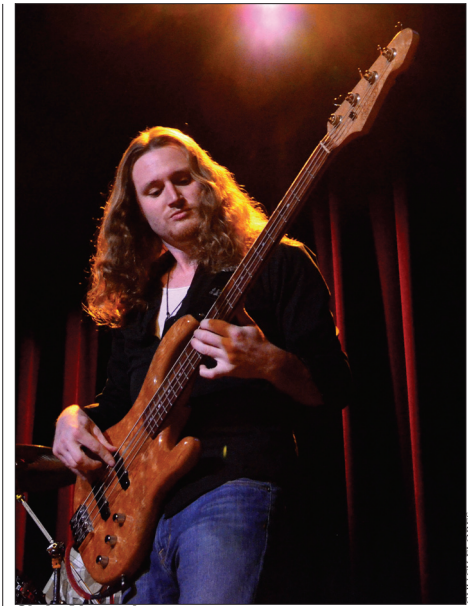
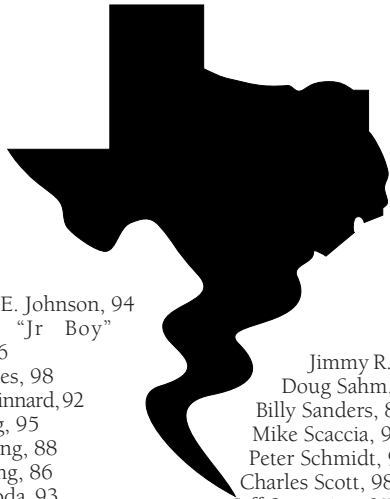
Matthew E. Johnson, 94  
Andrew "Jr Boy" Jones, 96  
Keith Jones, 98  
Guthrie Kinnard, 92  
Billy King, 95  
B'Nois King, 88  
Jackie King, 86  
Barry Kooda, 93  
Rick Koster, 97  
"Smokin"  
Joe Kubek, 85  
Johnnie Red Latham, 95  
Don Leady, 88  
Peter Austin Lee, 93  
Todd Lewis, 99  
Bob Livingston, 98  
Barbara Lynn, 83  
Mace Mablen, 02  
Rene Martinez, 84  
Jon Mastin, 02  
Mouse Mayes, 87  
Sam McCall, 93  
Mike McCoullough, 97  
Cookie McGee, 04  
Phil McNeese, 02  
Michael Medina, 90  
Andy Michlin, 91  
Jim Milan, 85  
David Milsap, 94  
Blake Milton, 02  
Buddy M. Mohamed, 92  
Smokey Montgomery, 84  
Terry Groff-Montgomery, 94  
Ian Moore, 91  
David Mora, 94  
Mike Morgan, 92  
Tommy Morrell, 82  
Brady Mosher, 01  
Ernie Myers, 96  
Gary Myrick, 01  
Alex Napier, 81  
Willie Nelson, 81  
John Nitzinger, 78  
Derek O'Brien, 89  
Casey Orr, 93  
Andy Owens, 93  
Lee Roy Parnell, 96  
Todd Parsnow, '04  
Bobby Patterson, 99  
Clay Pendegrass, 96  
James Pennybaker, 84  
Lucky Peterson, 97  
Drew Phelps, 95  
Darrell Phillips, 95  
Mark Pollock, 80  
Carlton Powell, 93  
Doug Pinnick, 97  
Randy Piper, 88  
Kim Platko, 88  
Steve Powell, 97  
Henry Qualls, 95  
Mike Querry, 95  
Paul Quigg, 94  
Chuck Rainey, 84  
Bobby Rambo, 95  
Bill Randolph, 97  
Rick "Casper" Rawls, 87  
Jim Raycraft, 82  
Brett Reid, 94  
Slim Richey, 80  
Rick Riggsby, 93  
Chad, Rueffer, 96  
Reginald Rueffer, 95

Jimmy R. Rusidoff, 92  
Doug Sahn, 86  
Billy Sanders, 84  
Mike Scaccia, 92  
Peter Schmidt, 93  
Charles Scott, 98  
Jeff Scroggins, 95  
Charlie Sexton, 83  
Tommy Shannon, 91  
Eddy Shaver, 01  
Rhandy Simmons, 87  
Wayne Six, 90  
Jimmy Don Smith, 82  
Kevin Smith, 95  
Holland K. Smith, 01  
Rollo Smith, 85  
Matt Snow, 95  
John Sprott, '04  
Claid Stanley, 81  
Dint Strong, 97  
Jim Suhler, 89  
Texas Slim Sullivan, 87  
Robin Syler, 84  
Matt Tapp, 90  
Kenny Traylor, 02  
Andy Timmons, 91  
Rich Thomas, 98  
Lisa Umbarger, 96  
Jimmie Vaughan, 78  
Stevie Ray Vaughan, 79  
Clark Vogler, 01  
Craig Wallace, 87  
Jimmy Wallace, 82  
Jim "Jimbo" Wallace, 92  
Terry "Buffalo" Ware, 99  
Johnny "Guitar" Watson, 85  
Ronnie Weiss, 80  
Ernie Wells, 82  
Van Wilks, 96  
Ken Wheeler, 02  
Tim Wheeler, 84  
Larry White, 82  
Scott Whitfield, 95  
Ted Wood, 95

## Christopher Alexander

THE BASSIST BOBBY CHITWOOD (*Buddy* Texas Tornado, 1985) calls a "badass" was born in Woodbridge, Virginia, just outside of Washington, DC, and moved to Austin in 2009.

Christopher Alexander gives high praise to several bass players who contributed to his uniquely savvy style. He cites as his biggest influence the bassist named Paul Phillips, saying Phillips is "the reason I play today." Other influences include Tommy Shannon, James Jamerson, Duck Dunn, George Porter Jr., Appa Perry and Jaco Pastorius ("like every other bass player"). He noted that guitarist Alan Haynes (*Buddy* Texas Tornado, 1980) actually had a pro-



Chris Alexander

found affect on his bass playing "as he was the first to get me to try playing more legato as opposed to the staccato 'burpy' stuff I was doing before."

He is currently with Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat (touring and recording on the CD to be released soon). Prior to that, Christopher spent two years with Mike Zito on tour.

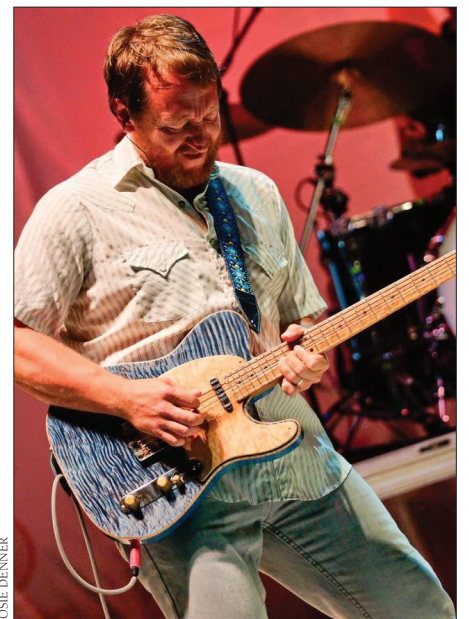
Alexander has toured and recorded with blues acts including Andy Macintyre (tour/recorded), JT Coldfire (tour/recorded), Alan Haynes (tour/recording forthcoming) Eric Tessmer (tour).

Outside of Texas, he has toured with Kansas City-based guitar phenom Samantha Fish for two years. He recently played bass on a new solo record by Grammy-winner Paul Nelson (Johnny Winter), which should be released later this year.

Emphasizing that he is not locked into the blues genre, he has performed with Breelan An-

gel (country), the Rankin Twins (country), Tje Austin (R&B soul), the Soul Supporters (R&B soul), Carter Beckworth (rock), Sunday Night Girls Club (singer songwriter), and Carry Illinois (singer songwriter).

Alexander has recorded with Andy Macintyre on *Ruby* (2013) and on *Live at the Moontower* (released last month), Sunday Night Girls Club on *Sell it to Yourself* (2015), and JT Coldfire on *Makin' Memories*



John Carroll

EP (2014)

The gear he uses live is a custom-made bass by Delaney Guitars, which he got while playing with Mike Zito and Samantha Fish. When not playing that axe, he plays his Sunburst American Standard Fender Jazz bass with an old American made '62 reissue neck. His amp is a 1966 Fender Dual Showman blackface re-tooled to be blonde before he bought it. "I

bought that head from Eric Zapata of Gary Clark Jr.'s band." His cabinet is an old Dietz 2x15 with EV15L's for that classic Austin bass tone.

"My approach is real simple," he said. "Show up on time, play to the song, listen to the band, and have fun."

## John Carroll

JOHN CARROLL'S INFLUENCES are vast, stylistically speaking, and include Hank Garland, Brent Mason, Danny Gatton, Roy Buchanan, Phil Keaggy, Larry Carlton, Robben Ford, Steve Lukather, Lee Ritenour, Eddie Van Halen, Stevie Ray Vaughan, John Jorgenson and many others.

Carroll was born in Corpus Christi and grew up in Pleasanton where his father taught him a few chords at age seven and "I pretty much took it from there, trying to copy the records I listened to."

He cut his teeth as a pro player