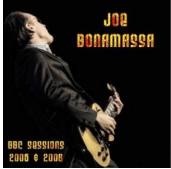


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2008 Session Interview Audience Questions Interview With Paul Jones Musicians include: Joe Bonamassa, Carmine Rojas, Rick Melik, Bogie Bowles

This live session was recorded for broadcast on Monday 11th February. Our host, Paul Jones introduced the band, Bogie Bowles, on drums, Carmine Rojas, ace on bass, and Richard Melick, a fine keyboard player from Oz, and Joe Bonamassa on guitar and vocals.

Joe leapt up and the band went straight into the high impact number, "Bridge For Better Days", played loud, seventies style! This was followed by "So Many Roads" a slower song, by Otis Rush, combining a beautiful vocal line and heavy rock treatment.

Then Paul interviewed Joe about his album, his work for the Blues Foundation's Blues In The Schools programme. Joe revealed that he thinks Led Zeppelin is as much the blues as Robert Johnson.

"One of These Days" got the heavy rock treatment with excellent dynamics, change of volume and pace and spaces between the notes plus fills. The introduction to "Sloe Gin" brought a change of pace. This son (written by Bob Ezrin and Michael Kamen for Tim Curry's debut LP in 1978), is the title track from his current album.

A question and answer session was followed by four dates which included the Cornbury Music Festival, in Oxfordshire, in July.

Joe then sang "Woke Up Dreaming", which he played solo on an acoustic guitar in a style reminiscent of Tommy Emmanuel. He then called Paul Jones up to play some fine harmonica on "You Upset Me Baby?". Joe's vocals on this were blues wailingly good. The closer "Just Got Paid" had some screaming, loads of notes guitar, with a staggeringly good undercurrent of bass, followed by some controlled playing making use of light and shade and volume control.

Paul Jones came back for the outro, bringing the session to a close. However, apparently a couple of tracks, which had seemed faultless to us, did not meet with approval, so we had a reprise. No one was complaining. It was a great evening of stadium rock by a master of the form. ---Fran Leslie, editor of "Blues In Britain" magazine, April 2008

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