



## Benny Turner and Real Blues to play SXSW Music Festival

◆ Lucky Lounge—March 17, 2015 at 11:00PM ◆

*Now fronting his own band, Texas Native Son Benny Turner returns to Austin for SXSW*

There was always a full house and a guaranteed good time when blues legend Freddie King played at Armadillo World Headquarters, one of the regular stops for the band when touring. In 1970 when Benny Turner re-joined his brother Freddie's band (as bass player and band leader), the Armadillo was his very first gig. "We were icons there," says Turner. "Jim Franklin's posters were all over the walls."

In the '80's, Benny became the bassist in Chicago guitar player Mighty Joe Young's band. Austin was once again a stop on tour, but this time at Antone's.

In more recent years, Turner spent his time as the bass player and band leader for the late Marva Wright, Blues Queen of New Orleans. When Wright passed away in 2010, it was finally time for Turner to step out front, after more than 50 years as a sideman, and lead his own band, "Real Blues."

Pulling from a lifetime of doo-wop, R&B, gospel, soul and blues influences, Turner has a signature style all his own. After the 2014 release of his critically acclaimed CD, "Journey," he has decided to step out of New Orleans and begin sharing his "real blues" far and wide. Backed by some of New Orleans' finest musicians, Benny is pleased to return to Austin, once again; this time in the spotlight!



*Benny Turner's musical journey is just getting started again  
and I suggest you join him ... Jim Kanavay, Blues Biscuits*

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