

Singer/Songwriter/International recording artist TEDDY RICHARDS is killing 'em softly as he prepares for the release of his 3rd CD 'SOLITAIRE'

As an artist, he has opened for:

Seal, INXS, The Verve Pipe, A.J. Croce, Fishbone, Red Hot Chili Peppers

As a writer, he has written with:

Andrew Farriss (keyboardist/songwriter with INXS)

A.J. Croce

Marcy Levy (co-writer of Eric Clapton's hit 'Lay Down Sally')

Gabriel Gordon (Natalie Merchant's guitarist)

Carlos Alomar (David Bowie's guitarist and co-writer of the hit 'Fame')

As a guitarist, he has performed with:

Aretha Franklin

Al Green

Natalie Cole

Joe Cocker

Nellie Furtado

Featured speaker and performer at Switzerland's Montreux Jazz Festival

2 appearances on MSNBC's Mitch Albom Show (television)

Featured artist on Food Network's Food Nation, with Bobby Flay

Musicbed writer for CBS Sports Sunday Football and The Sprint Halftime Report

Juggling a career as front man, singer and songwriter with his own band, while also playing guitar in the Aretha Franklin band has taught Michigan State University graduate Teddy Richards to always be prepared and diverse. "I've evolved from a self-taught guitarist into a producer, engineer and accomplished tunesmith; I truly love music and enjoy the journey that it's taken me on." In 1994, Teddy gave a copy of his 6-song cassette-demo to INXS keyboardist/songwriter Andrew Farriss backstage at a concert. "Andrew, who wrote many of the INXS signature hits, was very impressed with my writing and invited me to collaborate. After writing & recording 2 songs, we negotiated a music publishing deal. We worked exceptionally well together and we ended up collaborating on 11 tracks!" Richards commuted between his home in Detroit and Farriss' home in London England, writing and recording the material for his 1st independent CD, "SONIC BLOOM." This led to some choice opening slots on the INXS ELEGANTLY WASTED tour. Teddy also co-wrote material with Oliver Leiber (songwriter for Paula Abdul & son of the legendary Leiber & Stoller's Jerry Leiber), Scottish singer/songwriter/guitarist/producer Gary Clark (also known as Danny Wilson and formerly of the band Transister), Teddy and his band have served as opening act for Seal, The Verve Pipe, Fishbone and Chic both nationally and internationally. In 2006, Teddy signed with Germany's Skip Records and released his CD "Gravity" throughout Europe. After a very successful follow up of European tours, Teddy also continued expanding his creative palate by orchestrating and producing music currently heard on CBS SPORTS, recording new material; collaborating with A.J. Croce, Marcy Levy (co-writer of Eric Clapton's classic hit "Lay Down Sally") Carlos Alomar (guitarist for David Bowie) European touring mate Gabriel Gordon (Natalie Merchant's guitarist) and Carlos Alomar (David Bowie's guitarist) while simultaneously recording tracks for his 3rd release 'Solitaire'.

In addition to serving as Aretha Franklin's concert guitarist for 25 years, Teddy has emerged as a gifted singer/songwriter/entertainer in his own right. He has been described by the press as "a brilliant cross-section between Seal and Lenny Kravitz, with the voice of an angel." His musical career spans more than two decades. His rich musical experience also includes serving as opening act for Seal, Lenny Kravitz, INXS, The Verve Pipe and A.J. Croce. He has also collaborated and written with Gabriel Gordon (Natalie Merchant's guitarist) and Carlos Alomar (David Bowie guitarist and co-writer of his hit 'Fame') Additionally, Teddy has also served as guitarist for Al Green, Natalie Cole, Joe Cocker and Nellie Furtado. His solo-acoustic 'serenade' is an eclectic genre-defying experience, filled with crowd favorites and memories spanning the spectrum of popular music.

- Featured performer and speaker @ Switzerland's Montreux Jazz Festival
- Featured artist on Volkswagen's "Podcastcast Band" series (North American Auto Show)
- 300 national Borders Books and Music solo-acoustic performances
- Featured musical guest on The Food Network's "Food Nation" with Bobby Flay
- 2 appearances as musical guest on MSNBC'S "Mitch Albom Show"
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S FREEDOM FEST @ England's Wembley Stadium. Global Concert held on Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday; drawing global attention & political leverage to free Nelson Mandela from South African imprisonment. Served as guitarist for Joe Cocker, Natalie Cole and Ashford & Simpson

Instrumental music bed writer for:

- CBS SPORTS
- ESPN
- Ford/Lincoln-Mercury

Acting:

Saturday Night Live: extra in skit with Nancy Kerrigan, David Spade and Phil Hartman

Universal Picture's Blues Brothers 2000 extra

As guitarist for the Aretha Franklin band, highlights:

The Grammy Awards

CBS Early Show with Bryant Gumble

Conan O'Brien Show

Late Nite With David Letterman

VH1 Divas Live (guitarist for Nelly Furtado, Mary J. Blige, Jill Scott)

The View

The Rosie O'Donnel Show

"Teddy is a big talent, very passionate about his songwriting and continually working at it. He's a great performer, a great songwriter and he has great business sense. It's rare to find all three qualities in this business."

Kim Frankiewicz, VP International Universal Music Publishing

"I heard the demo and it knocked me out. Teddy has a good shot with this."

Dick Alen, Sr. VP Music William Morris Talent Agency Inc.

"Teddy's got a smash on his hands. He definitely does."

Coz Canler, Singer/Songwriter/ former guitarist with The Romantics

"It's been great working with Teddy...he's talented, passionate and dedicated to the music. And I get the sense he's just getting started, just beginning to hit his stride."

Rob Fraboni, Producer/Engineer

"I am very impressed by the music that Teddy is writing and would like to see him given a fair shot at being a superstar on the new day's horizon. He has an uncanny sweetness with a funk-rock edge that I find to be inspiring and uplifting."

Narada Michael Walden, Grammy Award winning producer