

THE AMAZING JIMMI MAYES – [www.jimmimayes.com](http://www.jimmimayes.com)



Jimmi Mayes, drummer, vocalist, and songwriter started his musical career while still a high school student in Jackson, MS. He started playing at house parties and in Juke Joints with local blues musicians. After finishing high school Jimmi left Mississippi and headed to Chicago and New York City where he went on the road performing. Jimmi Mayes home after leaving Jackson, MS was always “on the road.”

Before he reached twenty-one, he was performing with the great legends of his time. During this same time Jimmi also had his own band The Mill Street Depo which played clubs and festivals and even spent a year as the toast of Mexico City. The Mill Street Depo was also the backup band for Jimmy Reed at the Ann Arbor

Blues and Jazz Festival in 1973.

During his career Jimmi Mayes played and toured with Little Walter, Jimmy Reed, Pinetop Perkins, Willie “Big Eyes” Smith, Robert Junior Lockwood, and more. Jimmi had sharpened his trade under the mentorship of drum legends Sam Lay and Fred Below. Jimmi Mayes became known as one of the greatest masters of the “shuffle.” He hit it big in New York City behind such music legends as Tommy Hunt from the Flamingos, Marvin Gaye, and James Brown. He became the bandleader for Joey Dee & the Starlites who had a monster hit the “Peppermint Twist” during the time Jimmi was with them.

Jimmi became good friends with Jimi Hendrix and eventually Jimi Hendrix asked him to record with him. Mayes is on five of Hendrix’s albums.

Jimmi Mayes released several albums during his career through his own Mill Street Depo record label and one with Wolf Records. After many years “on the road” Jimmi returned to his home in Mississippi, and signed a record deal with Mississippi Delta Records and began releasing records and touring in Mississippi and Internationally.

Jimmi Mayes’ book “The Amazing Jimmi Mayes, Sideman to the Stars” was released by University Press. It is a tell all book about his years on the road. Manager, Carol Marble, Mississippi Delta Inc.

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