



MARCIA BALL

Texas native, Marcia Ball, is distinguished for having played a starring role in the beginning of Austin's live music scene with her popular hippie country band, "Freda and the Firedogs." Her command of the ivories and her talent for singing and songwriting helped her launch an even more successful solo career as a piano-pounding rhythm and blues siren with a penchant for bayou boogie. Marcia has earned two W.C. Handy Awards, including the 2002 award for *Blues Album of the Year* for "Presumed Innocent." Her most recent release is "So Many Rivers" on Alligator Records.



CLINT BLACK

Clint Black grabbed the attention of the country music industry with his landmark 1989 debut "Killin' Time." His talents have afforded him Billboard's *Most Played Country Radio Artist* in 1994, as well as many other industry awards, including five Country Music Awards for *Male Vocalist of the Year* in 1990, the American Music Award for *Favorite New Male Country Artist* in 1990 and a Grammy Award in 1998. In addition to his contributions to the Texas Music Project, Black established The Clint Black Foundation to benefit the families of soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His latest CD, "Greatest Hits II," includes tracks ranging from "Nothing's News" to the Steve Wariner collaboration, "Been There," to his smash-hit duet with wife Lisa Hartman Black, "When I Said I Do."