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Artist Bio: **John Savage and George Deveny**

John Savage and George Deveny are familiar to Central New York audiences through their vocal and guitar work in a number of regional groups over the past three decades, including Blueprints, the Savage-Stone Band, the Dust Devil Band, Good Friday, Homegrown and the Solid Oak Band.

Savage is a solid songwriter and strong vocalist-guitarist who fronted the Savage-Stone Band in the early '90s. He also owns and operates Savage Studio, located in Clinton. He is an active member of TAXI, an independent A&R organization for songwriters looking to market their songs to the music business.

Deveny is recognized as one of Central New York's top guitar and slide-guitar players. He has appeared at clubs, concerts and festivals throughout the Northeast, and has played at some of the region's biggest shows, including Fireworks Over Central New York, the New York State Blues Festival, the Empire State Blues Festival, the Chenango County Blues Festival, Utica's Good-Old Summertime, Canal Days Celebration, and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Summer Art Festival. He's played on shows with some truly legendary musicians, including Hubert Sumlin, Freddie King, Peter Tosh, the Nighthawks, Roger McGuinn, Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson and more.

Now, they have teamed up to work on Savage's recording debut, titled *John Savage*, set for release in the fall of '99. The recording features six of Savage's original songs, produced and arranged by Deveny.

Savage handles the vocals and acoustic guitar, with Deveny accompanying on electric and slide guitar. The CD also features veteran musicians David Olsen, (former Robert Cray Band drummer, *Smoking Gun*, *Afraid of the Dark*, etc.). Frank Talerico on keyboards, Steve Wargo on bass, Darryl Mattison on percussion and Fritz Scherz on accordion.

Here's what music industry insiders at TAXI say about Savage's songs:

"... a solid blues tunesmith with a unique twist & intelligence that sets him above that genre...insightful lyrics and a strong resonant vocal."

"His vocals are strong and believable, very Van Morrison-ish."

"...interesting and emotional songs you will love hearing in any setting..."

"The Rag Man' is destined to become a classic..."

John Savage and George Deveny performed material from *John Savage* at their appearance at Woodstock 99 in July. They currently are scheduling fall dates to support the CD's release. They'll be performing as a duo, or with a full band, depending upon the venue. Catch them soon!

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