

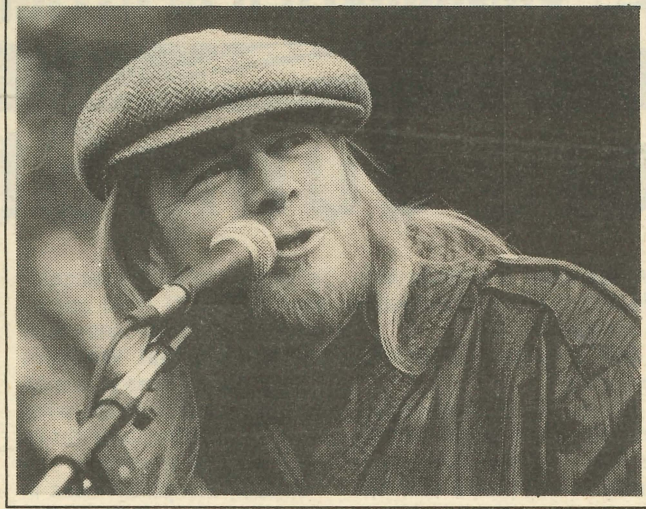
# M *ainly music* DENNY CLARK

## Bluesy Baldry long on talent

If you missed Long John Baldry at Sami's last weekend, you can catch him again this weekend, Thursday through Saturday at Sam Yehia's well-appointed restaurant on Cornwall.

The irrepressible Yehia is kicking off his new policy of headline entertainment with Baldry. This British singer, guitarist, and songwriter, who makes his home in Kitsilano, first came to my attention back in the late '50s when he was on tour with Brooklyn-born folk singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

Baldry made the transition from folk to the blues rock field in the 1960s, when he was instrumental in the organization of Alex Korner's Blues Incorporated, a group that included Mick Jagger and Charlie Watts. After a stint with the ill-fated Cyril Davies All Stars, a group that dissolved after harmonica virtuoso Davies' untimely



*Standing 6-foot-7, Kitsilano resident Long John Baldry is one of the true giants of the blues.*

death, Baldry formed his own band, The Hoochie Coochie Men, which featured a Glasgow-born vocalist named Rod Stewart.

A subsequent Baldry group, Bluesology, gave employment to a young pianist-singer named Reg Dwight, who later became

world famous as Elton John. Baldry was one of the most influential figures in the English pop music scene and many major blues and rock stars got their first professional exposure in a Baldry-led group. Long John Baldry, six feet, seven inches of pure musical talent, is one of a kind and well worth listening to.

Cover charge at Sami's for this event is \$7.50 on Thursday and \$10 Friday and Saturday. The price includes your first beverage and is waived for dinner guests.

Call Sami's, 737-7777, for reservations.

The folks at the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society are presenting the third annual celebration of contemporary jazz and improvised music this weekend. Billed as Time Flies, this event is a must for fans of contemporary jazz.

Performances get underway tomorrow night through Sunday at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, The Glass Slipper (185 East 11th at Main) and at the Western Front (303 East 8th) on Sunday only.

The lineup of international talents performing is: At the Cultural Centre, Thursday it's guitarist Bill Frisell and keyboardist Wayne Horvitz with Garbo's Hat; Friday, pianist Marilyn Crispell performs with Tom Walsh and N.O.M.A. On Saturday, it's German saxophonist Peter Brotzmann with Kane/Taylor Explosion;

and Sunday it's the Jade Orchestra.

At the Glass Slipper Thursday, Roger Baird's Sirius Ensemble performs; Friday sees bassist Paul Blaney and his quartet on stage; Saturday it's Tom Walsh and N.O.M.A. and on Sunday Bill Clark and his sextet takes over.

On Sunday at The Western Front it's vocalist David Moss and Direct Sound. All concerts at the Cultural Centre get underway at 8 p.m.; at the Glass Slipper at 11 p.m.; and Sunday's performance at The Western Front begins at 5:30 p.m.

There are also three workshops at VCC King Edward Campus. On November 7th, saxman Coat Cooke instructs; November 8th, classes will be held by Reggie Workman, bass; and November 9th, pianist Marilyn Crispell conducts. All Cultural Centre concerts are priced at \$15 (\$13 for students and jazz friends). Glass Slipper shows are \$5 at the door. Call 682-0706 for information and times and prices of workshops.

Roy Reynolds phones to let me know that his Thursday afternoon jazz session at Chardonnays is over. Roy and his quartet were featured each Thursday at the Howe and Hastings restaurant for the past six months.

Chardonnays was developing into one of Vancouver's top supper clubs during the period that singer Kenny Colman was appearing there and Reynolds was carrying the Thursday shows, but it seems that management have changed the entertainment policy and jazz is out.

Wonder what's going to be the new "IN" at the great downtown location.

It was a pleasure to see and hear jazz vocalist Jennifer Scott down at The Three Greenhorns last Saturday.

Here's a young lady that seems to get better each time I hear her.

She's at Three Greenhorns for the next two weeks, Friday and Saturday with Linton Garner & Co. Call 688-8655 for reservations.....TTFN!