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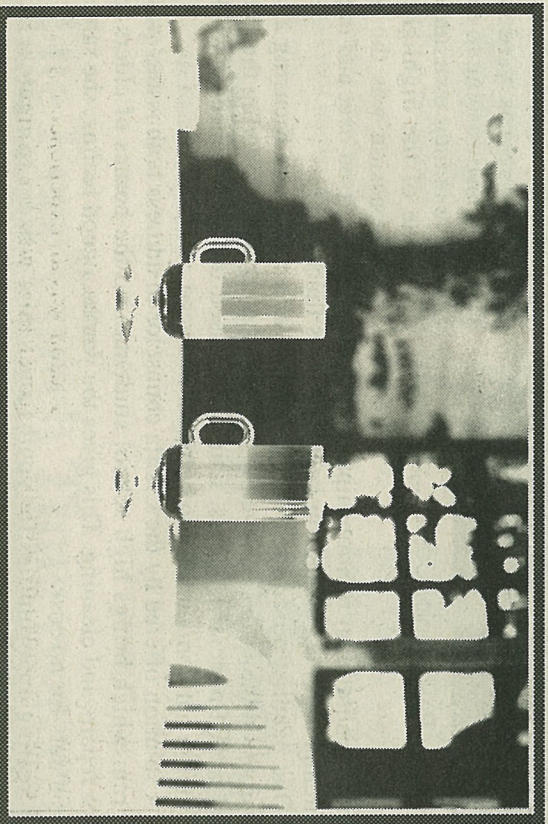
## Rainbow

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and beverage background.

The cafe opened October 2. Humes said they have been extremely busy since then. He spoke of regular visitors. Humes said, "We are a gay friendly cafe." He stressed that

Their specialty drinks are made with Torani syrups, which from my experience, are very tasty. As a matter of fact, Humes offered a Black Forest Breve and a Mint Breve during our interview. James and Lundquist both gave a thumbs up.

A local bakery delivers to the Rainbow Planet Coffee House daily. They provide fresh danish, muffins, and other dessert and breakfast type



Almost too beautiful to drink. Rainbow Planet makes specialty coffee drinks such as these two flavored breves....*Photo by Deanna Lundquist*

Rainbow Planet is not gay exclusive. All are welcome.

"I appreciate Fourth Avenue," said Humes. "It's hip, too cool for our concept of a walk-by and walk-in cafe."

Neither Humes nor Oliver had experience in making specialty coffee drinks. Their roaster spent a day at the cafe showing them the ropes. Because of this lack of experience, the first couple of days they offered drinks on the house.

The regular coffees offered include African, Latin, Chocolate Macadamia, French Vanilla, and a decaffeinated house blend as well as a daily special flavor.

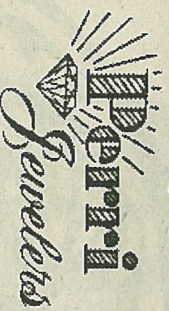
foods. Coming soon will be hot soup with homemade bread.

The cafe will also be available for poetry readings and one night art shows. There is outside seating perfect now that the days are cooler and romantic under little white and chile lights in the evening.

The Rainbow Planet Coffee House is open seven days a week. Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8 to 1 a.m., Saturday 11 to 1 a.m., and Sunday 12 to 10 p.m.

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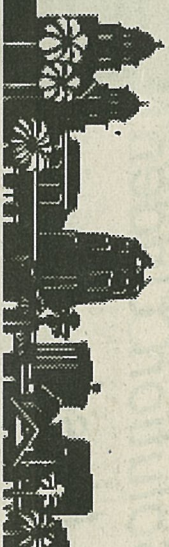
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# MUSIC

## Sam Taylor - Number One Blues Artist

By  
C. James and Brad Wenzel

A man who compares himself to blues great B.B. King, Sam Taylor, the 62-year-old leader of the Sam Taylor Blues Band, has the enthusiasm of a 20 year old.

"When I get up on stage, I get raving reviews. My personal opinion is that we're the best blues band in the world," Taylor said.

A master blues musician, Taylor was born in Mobile, Alabama on Oct. 25, 1934, and has lived a life of music for over 43 years.

"I play the kind of music I live. I live the heritage of my future and past," he said.

Taylor has lived through hard times and good times. As he lives and learns, his music reflects the journey.

A Tucson resident for 11 years, he says he likes living here because it is affordable. He moved to the southwest in an effort to change his lifestyle.

Taylor said he got involved with drugs as a young musician. He

learned to be self-reliant early in life, and follow his own independence.

At the age of four, he began singing gospel with his mother and sister in Mobile.

His father, the well-known blues artist, Sam "the Man" Taylor, tried to get him into music by buying him a violin.

"I didn't want to walk around the ghetto with a violin in hand," remarked Taylor. "I wanted to stash it." He said he wanted to carve out his own life, independent of his famous father.

As a young man he was a prize fighter, and later joined the U.S. Marine Corps and continued his boxing there, he said.

Although Taylor has played the guitar for forty three years, he never has had any lessons or formal training. And, he said, "I never plan to stop playing."

Taylor is lead guitarist and vocalist playing with four others in the Sam Taylor Blues Band. Heather Hardy is

the background vocal-

ist, and also the violinist. Mike Nordberg is the bassist, Ed Delucia, guitarist and Jerome Kinsey, drummer. Taylor has worked with of the band members for at least five years.

After all his musical years, Taylor said, he has finally found a band that he can really work with. They have toured Europe, and have been honored often as winners of Tucson's local Tammy awards for music. He also has been awarded second place at the National Blues Showdown in Memphis in 1995.

Among the downs in Taylor's life were when he lost his beloved Gibson electric guitar, of which he named Samantha. He lost it in New York in 1968, it remained lost for 17 years, until he recovered it in a pawnshop in Long Beach, CA. He has owned it for more than 50 years, and played it ever since.

Another low point was when Taylor spent two months in an intensive care unit after a double and triple heart bypass surgery. He has also been shot once.

"I am happy to still be rockin'!" is Taylor's response to all that.



Blues Legend Sam Taylor

Recently Taylor was not invited to participate in the Tucson Blues Festival because he was an in-state resident. He was so angered over the rejection that for awhile he thought about leaving Tucson. People picketed for him at the festival.

He loves the blues and despite his anger he stated, "I decided I'm not going to let it upset me. The people

know who the man is...." He is working in in local clubs around Tucson most every night of the week. Taylor usually plays at James on Saturdays, Chicago Bar on Mondays and Fridays and at Heck 'n' Winks on Sundays.

He has appeared in several movies, including Iron Eagle III, and will appear in Los Locos starring Mario Van Peebles.

Taylor is a kind-hearted person who lives a dream for most musicians - he is a wise man willing to share his thoughts.

We recommend you listen to his life through his blues.

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## Western Music and Comedy

Riders in the Sky, America's most popular western musical group and comedy act, return to Tucson on Friday, February 7, 8pm, at the Temple of Music and Art, Holoslaw Theater, 330 S. Scott Avenue.

Riders in the Sky include: Ranger Doug, the Idol of American Youth on baritone vocals, yodeling, and guitar; Woody Paul, King of the Cowboy Fiddlers on tenor vocals, rope tricks, and the role of eternal innocent; and Too Slim on bass and lead vocals. The man of many hats (including the hat of Riders' cook, Sidemeat), varmit dancer, and comedian extraordinaire also add to the hilarity of the show. The Riders have their own weekly radio show, Riders Radio Theater, broadcast nationally and in Tucson on KXCI FM, and have toured internationally, bringing along their campfire and saguaro cactus props.

All seats are reserved. The show is a benefit for the Tucson Kitchen Musician's Tucson Folk Festival, to be held May 3 and 4.

Tickets are \$22, \$20, and \$18 with a \$1 discount for TKMA members and senior citizens.

Tickets are available at: Hear's Music, 2508 N. Campbell; Loco Records, 2901 E. Broadway; Zip's, 7091 E. Speedway; Zip's, 3860 W. Ina.

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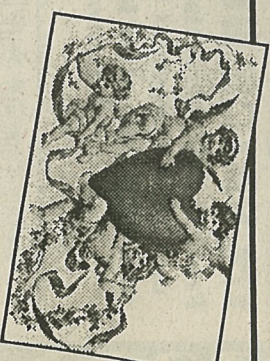
## Mid-Day Music Gallery Concert Series at Dinnerware

Dinnerware will host a series of free lunch hour concerts at the gallery on Wednesdays from 12 to 1pm. Tucsonans are invited to bring their lunch and spend the noon-time hour at the gallery for diverse musical performances by a variety of local musicians.

Schedule of mid-day music performances at Dinnerware Gallery:

Feb. 5	Stefin Gordon	Original songs, acoustic guitar
Feb. 12	Molly Who	
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