



## *Cadillac Kolstad*

Cadillac Kolstad, piano & keyboardist from Minneapolis, grew up with the presence of Mississippi's west bank bluffs for inspiration. "I identified immediately with the blues. When I heard 'I Went Down by the River,' I could immediately

understand," says Kolstad. As the son of Twin Cities' legend, Papa John Kolstad, it's no surprise that he has taken a musical route in life. Kolstad performed his first paying gig at age 14. Since graduating from high school, his experience includes everything from a part in the Aerosmith music video, "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," to a stuntman for the musical, *Ragtime* at the Orpheum Theatre. His popularity exploded after a well-attended show at Lee's Liquor Lounge. He now plays fairs and festivals as well as many popular clubs. He has been featured on radio station KFAI's "Juke Joint with Jackson Buck," "The House Party with Harold Tremblay," and "A Prairie Home Companion." Kolstad performs steadily throughout the year, and hosts a weekly happy hour at the Historic Varsity Theater in Minneapolis' Dinkytown (an unofficial neighborhood). Kolstad and Cornbread Harris (piano player and singer), who turns 80 this year, are also a regular act at Loring Pasta Bar (the building that Bob Dylan lived in) on Friday nights in Dinkytown. Kolstad will be appearing at the Festival with Francis L. Lump Gonzalez (he plays percussion on a box) on Saturday at 10:30 on the Korbel Brandy Stage. Also hear them as the opening act at Dubh Linn Pub & Billiards on Saturday night.