

BILL *"The Sauce Boss"* **WHARTON**

BILL WHARTON, aka **THE SAUCE BOSS**, is in danger of losing his standing as one of blues' best kept secrets. With three records out on the Kingsnake label, numerous tours of the U.S. and Europe, national radio appearances and a featured song in the movie "Something Wild," **THE SAUCE BOSS** is ready to boil over. Wharton combines the two things he loves best - the blues and cooking. His culinary specialty is his homemade trademark sauce called Liquid Summer, a Carribean relish that packs quite a punch. Wherever he plays he always brings plenty of his hotshot sauce which he's been known to bring on stage with him and uses it to brew-up a kettle of some of the best gumbo this side of Louisiana. The Boss also serves up the blues in an almost evangelical fashion. His trip down the blues path started one morning in the early '70s when he found a vintage National steel guitar on his front lawn, left by a friend who was moving away. Bill practiced deep into the night until his playing was as hot as his sauce. Something of a hero in France, he has played to sold out audiences at the country's



premier music festivals. Now, **THE SAUCE BOSS** has broke-out in this country as well. He has a musical cooking video out and a new CD entitled "South Of The Blues," which sports a tune, "She's On Fire," selected as a Pick-of-the-Week on the syndicated "House of Blues" radio show. **THE SAUCE BOSS** is always busy, spreading the gospel of gumbo and touring constantly with his band, giving audiences a taste of his blues medicine show. As the Boss says himself, we're dealing with the two basic food groups here - blues and gumbo - so come and get it!

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MINNESOTA STATE
LOTTERY STAGE