

## Sheldon Reynolds of Earth, Wind & Fire brings his soulful sound to Vibrato on Jan. 31



Bel Air, CA – Grammy-nominated **Sheldon Reynolds** will celebrate the funky sound and legendary hits of **Earth, Wind & Fire** on Jan. 31 at **Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill**. Bringing his all-star band together, Reynolds will perform at 7:30 and again at 9:00 p.m.

As lead guitarist and vocalist for Earth, Wind & Fire from 1987 to 2002, Reynolds wrote the band's 1993 hit "Sunday Morning," which earned him a **Grammy nomination**. He also was honored with an **Image Award for lifetime achievement** while a member of the R&B/soul group.



Prior to joining Earth, Wind & Fire, Reynolds was a member of funk/soul group **The Commodores**, recorded with the rock group **Chicago** and later joined the tribute band **Experience Hendrix**. The guitarist, vocalist and songwriter has also performed with other well-known artists such as **Millie Jackson**, **the Pointer Sisters**, **Stephanie Mills** and **Paula Abdul**.

In 2004, Reynolds formed the group **Devoted Spirits** with two former Earth, Wind & Fire members – founding member **Larry Dunn** and **Morris Pleasure**. The trio recorded a tribute to their former band called "**Devoted Spirits: A Tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire**."

Recently, Reynolds worked with jazz artist **Brian Culbertson**, known for his multi-instrumental talent, on the 2008 70s tribute CD "**Bringing Back the Funk**." Reynolds co-wrote and sang the first single "Always Remember." He provided vocals and guitar for other tracks and is also credited as a producer. In 2010, Reynolds again co-wrote and lent his voice for Culbertson's album "**XII**."

Reynolds will join the pantheon of talented musicians who have performed at the jazz club – **Steve Tyrell**, **Dave Brubeck**, **Chuck Mangione** and **Frank Stallone**, just to name a few. Admission for this performance is \$20.

A unique environment located in the heart of Beverly Glen Circle, Vibrato boasts perfect acoustics with impeccable food. "My ambition is to have a club where you feel comfortable, where great musicians can play and appreciate sound and feeling - a venue for jazz players to perform," says eight-time Grammy winner Alpert, who occasionally plays at Vibrato with his wife, **Lani Hall**, the Brasil 66 singer and Grammy winner for her album, "Es Facil Amar."

Vibrato seats one hundred around the stage and more on the balcony overlooking the club, designed by artist Alpert and interior designer Clodagh. "The acoustics are a key component of the design," says Alpert, whose art hangs in the club. "Wood and music create good sound. I used the **A&M recording studio designer** to make sure that the acoustics were right," says Alpert.

Steve Oney, Los Angeles Magazine, May 2011 said: "Vibrato [has] **cozy wooden interiors, perfect sight lines from every seat, and state-of-the-art acoustics**...exactly what Herb Alpert had in mind when he started it. 'There are so many great musicians in L.A.,' [Alpert] says, 'I run the place so they'll have somewhere to play.'"

*Vibrato Grill, Jazz, Etc. is an Herb Alpert restaurant in partnership with Gregg and Bob Smith of Smith Brothers restaurants.*

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