**Crystal Thomas Band, line up**

Crystal Thomas, Vocals, Trombone

Victor Puertas, Organ, Piano, Vocals

Luca Giordano, Guitar, Backing Vocals

Antoine Escalier, Bass, Backing Vocals

Pascal Delmas, Drums

Alessandro Di Bonaventura, Trumpet

Luca Di Giammarco, Tenor Sax

**CRYSTAL THOMAS**

**2020 LIVING BLUES AWARD WINNER !**



**The Truth Of Music**

*Crystal Thomas using her voice as a positive influence and as encouragement. She enjoys lifting people up to be better, love better, and live better.*

**2020 Living Blues Award Winner Crystal Thomas** is big and she’s bluesy, and raw. She can grind a note and use it any way she wants. After all, she grew up listening to Muddy and Jimmy Reed and Johnnie Taylor and rapped, too. Gritty music is in her blood. She sang before she talked. She belts it out in church, in juke joints, wowing the crowds in **Hong Kong, Japan and Europe**. This woman sings with the kind of raw emotion that makes you glad you are alive – even if life it tough. Crystal is the real deal. She can tell you about growing up in Mansfield, Louisiana in the deep country. She remembers playing DJ while her family played cards and picking up the trombone in fifth grade because her brother had it and her mom didn’t want to purchase another instrument.





Her new album **“NOW DIG THIS** (2021) by **Dialtone Records** pairs Crystal with a super-star band that includes **Lucky Peterson** on keys allows her to lean into the mic and sing. Lucky’s played with everyone – **Otis Rush, Etta James, Bobby Bland**. Johnny and Jason **Moeller** offer up guitar and drums – Johnny finding time between tours with the Thunderbirds and Jason with the cred that comes from backing artists from the Thunderbirds to Jewel Brown and Little Joe Washington. The big round sound bass player extraordinaire, **Chuck Rainey** – think **Aretha, Fats Domino, Barbara Streisand**, and hundreds more. Crystal Thomas’ songs are heartfelt, soulful arrangements that whet the appetite for more.

**Like a good gumbo, Crystal Thomas has all the right ingredients to feed your soul. Louisiana-born Crystal “Country Girl” Thomas travels all over the world to perform in many venues. She easily relates to other cultures and her music is universally embraced by all.**



She regularly performs toghether with well known European guitar virtuoso **Luca Giordano**, bringing a mix of complicity and fun on stage between the two at every performance!

"Luca's guitar playing alone was worth coming to this performance.

Luca Giordano, that is BB King, Otis Rush, Jimmy Johnson and Magic Sam combined into one fine man

who is the personification of elegance, while making the craziest faces!"

**FRANKY BRUNEEL - BACK TO THE ROOTS MAGAZINE BELGIUM**

##### **"... a talisman of tone, phrasing, discipline and swingin spirit ...**

##### **... inspiration goes hand by hand with tradition"**

##### FRANK JOHN HADLEY - DOWNBEAT MAGAZINE USA

##### **"Blending blues, jazz and funk in a very soulful manner, Giordano shows us he is one of the premier bluesmen from the European continent and that he can hang with the best of them in the blues world.**

##### **His songwriting shows maturity and complexity. His musicianship is faultless and the band is up to his challenge as they, too, deliver each song with gusto and intense feeling.**

##### **Highly recommended to blues lovers who want to hear what the Blues is all about and what the Blues can be."**

##### STEVE JONES - CROSSROAD BLUES SOCIETY ILLINOIS USA

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**- Legendary BANANA PEEL Show Review by Back To The roots Belgium -**

<https://backtotheroots.be/confessite/2024/Thomas_BP/Crystal_BP.html>

Live at Gevarenwinkel Blues Fest Belgium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRhcpxVkiPQ>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbZkW50a7ZY>

Live in Nantes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dn0yik4lVwU>

Live at Insul'Air Fest France

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1153clPxBvQ>