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**Left to Right: Gary Slechta, Mark "Kaz" Kazanoff, John Mills**

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In the mid-1990's, Kaz teamed up with Austin, Texas veteran musicians, Gary Slechta (trumpet) and John Mills (saxophone), to form The Texas Horns. This trio, occasionally augmented by Randy Zimmerman on trombone, has already made a name for itself, both in live performances and in the recording studio.

The Texas Horns have performed at the Ottawa Blues Festival for the last 5 years. At the Ottawa Festival, The Texas Horns have become the resident horn section, performing with many international and local Canadian artists on the Festival Main Stage, as well as conducting workshops on the Festival grounds.

The Texas Horns also toured for three years (1999-2001) with The Lone Star Shootout (featuring Lonnie Brooks, Long John Hunter, and Philip Walker), performing at major blues festivals in the U.S. and Europe.