

*Meet*

THE Spoonfed  
Lightning  
BAND



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## BIO



*The legend of Spoonfed Lightning can be traced back to the music of the American South where Blues, Rock, Funk and Country first met. This blend of American roots music is the foundation on which the band is built.*

Central Coast Roots-Rock 'n Blues band, Spoonfed Lightning, performs original blues, funk, and southern-soaked, American roots music for audiences throughout California's Central Coast. Whether performing up-tempo blues-rock, traditional blues, New Orleans inspired funk, instrumentals, or a soulful ballad, Spoonfed Lightning delivers a sound and performance that will engage your soul, and more than likely -- **move your feet.**

The band has performed at many Central Coast Venues, including: San Luis Obispo's annual festival: The California Festival of Beers, The Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival, La Cuesta Ranch, Edna Valley Winery, Laetitia Winery, Paso Robles' premier music venue, D'Anbino, Sculpterra Winery, StachStock, Tap It Brew, and last year's Blues & BBQ event for Harvest Festival Weekend at Villa 46 and CaliPaso Winery in Paso Robles, and many more.

The group is led by singer/songwriter Billy Estrada (guitar, slide guitar, harmonica), with Al Rasor (keys), Wayne Stach (drums, b. vocals), and Bob Ake (bass, b. vocals).

## THE BAND



### **BILLY ESTRADA** ::: *Songwriter, Vocals; Guitar, Slide Guitar, Harmonica*

Over the last two decades, Billy Estrada's songs have led him on a variety of journeys from dive bars to churches, from weddings to funerals, from Vegas to vineyards. Estrada has been labeled as "a soulful song stylist", "authentic", "heart and soul driven", and "a phenomenal harmonica player"; always providing a soulful expression to the diversified musical styles he writes in. His performances and music have received industry recognition and his songs have been broadcast on stations throughout the central coast. In 2014, Estrada added a jingle to his resume when he wrote one for "Paynes Perfection", a California Pickle distributor.



### **TONY KIRKORIAN** ::: *Guitar(s)*

Tony's first professional gig came before obtaining his driver's license, earning him the nickname, "The Kid". Influenced by Stevie Ray Vaughan, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Led Zeppelin, Tony's guitar work provides a rich palette of Blues, Rock, Early Rock 'n Roll, Experimental, and Country sounds. A truly talented guitarist, Tony often leaves the audience wide-eyed and wanting more.



### **BOB AKE** ::: *Bass*

Growing up in Berkeley, CA, Ake found his passion for music at very young age. Playing guitar as a teen he was heavily influenced by Hendrix, Zeppelin and a whole lot of Soul music. Upon his musical journey, Bob found that what really spoke to him was *The Blues*. An accomplished rhythm player, Bob's clean bass lines are hard to sit still to! Ake has also played with many groups including Northern California bands Quantum, The Bridgeburners, Crossroads, and Back Bay Betty, here on the Central Coast.



### **WAYNE STACH** ::: *Drums*

Wayne weaves a colorful tapestry of musical styles from his diverse musical background. Born in Minnesota, Wayne was originally trained on the keyboards and trumpet. Wayne's true love - the drums, has landed him spots performing in many bands, such as: The Mudhole Blues Band (Richard Stevenson and Tony Johnson of "The Coasters" Road Band), Bob Dolan ("Alice Cooper's" keyboardist) and "Wham Bam Man". Together with bassist, Ake, Stach is the backbone of every Spoonfed Lightning tune.



### **AL RASOR** ::: *Keys*

Known as the "The Sheriff", Al Rasor's signature soulful R&B style is a fat slice of Spoonfed's sound. Spanning styles such as the swinging, Jump Blues of the 40s & 50s, rich Hammond Gospel tones, to the funky, Stevie Wonder-esk clavinet. Beginning on the keyboards at 16, Al was influenced by the masters Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Jimmy Smith, and Billy Preston, and in addition, James Brown. In over 25 years, Al has performed locally with many central coast bands, including: "Bay, and the Breakers", "Blackjack", "Neon Moon", "House Red Band", "City Lights Trio", "Soul Reaction", among others. Estrada likes to boast that Rasor has "more soul in one finger than half of America!"

## KIND WORDS

"Billy Estrada is one of the most popular performers I've featured on Songwriters At Play. He and his Spoonfed Lightning band mates always put on a great show, trading furious guitar leads on up-tempo rhythm and blues originals. Billy is a soulful song stylist, from spiritual ballads to growling rockers. He really gets the crowd going. I'm pleased to recommend Spoonfed Lightning to you, but don't book them too much, because I need them to keep playing my shows!"

--**Steve Key, host of Songwriters At Play** -- live music showcases and weekly radio shows on The Krush 92.5FM San Luis Obispo, [www.songwritersatplay.com](http://www.songwritersatplay.com)

"Spoonfed Lightning knows how to light up a stage. Those blues just keep on coming! But wait, there's more. Not just blues, the band knows how to blend well too with hints of funk, rock, and fun loving Americana! If you haven't heard Spoonfed Lightning...get to a show. If you need great music -- get them to your show!"

--**Lyne Hamel** -- *Slo Down Pub/Entertainment*

"Spoonfed lightning has been playing at the deli as long as we've been opened! They are a much requested band, fun, and always welcome at our place!"

-- **John & Maureen Gutierrez** -- **Branch Street Deli Arroyo Grande, California**

"THANK YOU for making our End of Summer Party so special. You are awesome musicians. People couldn't sit still! Wonderful! Look forward to lots more fun together.

-- **Judes Kingsbury** – **Vignerons Specialty Products, Arroyo Grande, California**

## CENTRAL COAST VENUES PERFORMED

- **Alex Madonna Expo Center** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival**
- **Bang the Drum Brewery** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Bon Temps Creole Café** – *San Luis Obispo & Pismo Beach*
- **Branch Street Deli** – *Arroyo Grande*
- **California Festival of Beers**
- **D’Anbino** – *Paso Robles*
- **Edna Valley Winery** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Frog n Peach** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Kreuzberg, CA** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **La Cuesta Ranch** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Laetitia Winery** – *Arroyo Grande*
- **Linnaea’s Café** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Mongo’s Saloon & Sports Bar** (formerly *Sunset Dunes*) – *Grover Beach*
- **Pappy McGregor’s** – *Paso Robles*
- **Pismo Beach Farmer’s Market**
- **The Porch** – *Santa Margarita*
- **Santa Barbara Co. Vintner’s Assoc. (Wine Festival)** – *Santa Ynez*
- **Sculpterra Winery** – *Paso Robles*
- **Shell Café** – *Pismo Beach*
- **SLO County Special Olympics (Private Gathering)** – *Arroyo Grande*
- **SLO Down Pub** – *Arroyo Grande*
- **Sweet Springs Saloon** – *Los Osos*
- **Tap It Brewing** – *San Luis Obispo*
- **Trilogy at Monarch Dunes** – *Nipomo*

*And numerous other private concerts, and parties around the Central Coast*

## RATES

**Our Duo** (*For small venues, generally acoustic, 2 guitars, or 1 guitar, and bass*)

- Please Contact for Pricing

**Our Trio** (*Generally semi-acoustic, 2 guitars, percussion, and/or bass*)

- Please Contact for Pricing

**Our Full Band** (*4-5 pieces: Generally 2 electric guitars, drums, bass, and keys*)

- Please Contact for Pricing

## **Private Parties / Special Requests**

- Please Contact for Pricing

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