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Mark Hummel & Blues Survivors

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Mark Hummel

A Grammy nominee and blues harmonica legend, Berkeley's Mark Hummel has been serenading the world with his unique take on the blues since his professional debut in 1970. His annual Blues Harp Blowouts are one of the high points of the local blues calendar. Never a purist, Hummel's new album, the all-instrumental Harpbreaker, explores every aspect of the instrument: acoustic and electric blues, jazz, swing, and somber ballads alike, recorded both live and in the studio. Although they've never been on an album before, the songs on Harpbreaker were cut at various times over the past 14 years, displaying the timeless, inclusive nature of Hummel's artistry. The stellar band he's assembled for this record release party includes reggae/blues innovator Rusty Zinn on guitar; Bob Welsh, known for his guitar and keyboard work with Elvin Bishop; June Core, the drummer from Charlie Musselwhite's band; and bass player RW Grigsby.

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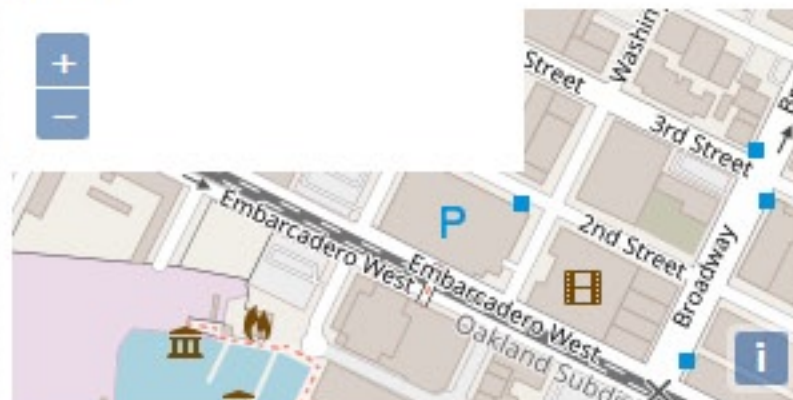
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