

Grady Champion

Grady Champion is a young blues singer and harmonica player who has been compared to Sonny Boy Williamson, and people can hear exactly why on his Shanachie debut - *Payin' for My Sins* - released August 24, 1999. The album includes a version of - *Don't Start Me to Talkin'* - that really showcases Grady's high-energy singing and harp with his updated version of the traditional blues lament - *Goin' Down Slow* - a hard-bitten vignette of modern life. His torqued, soulful vocalizing, and the charm and insight he brings to his songwriting in numbers like the campy - *My Rooster Is King* - and the classic-sounding tale of infidelity - *You Got Some Explaining to Do* - co-written by his producer Dennis Walker, who helped Robert Cray reach national fame, mark Grady as an important new talent. Champion is the 2010 International Blues Challenge winner, and also received the Jackson Music Award for Local Blues Artist of the Year 2010. Always on with an electrifying performance – here is the new 'Little Richard' come to life.

