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Joyce "Lady J" Houston

[BLUES]

When we think of women playing the blues, we invariably think of the singers. There's the occasional guitarist, but how rare is the female horn player? Rare enough to make trumpeter Joyce "Lady J" Houston something else indeed. She has played with the likes of Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Bo Diddley and John Lee Hooker, as well as that renowned bluesman Tony Randall. In her off time, she attended Howard University, became a genealogist, and won awards for her efforts for fibromyalgia.

Eventually, Huston settled in Las Vegas, where she finally began heading a band of her own, The Fireballs. She alternates between brassy solos and bawdy lyrics — she also shakes a mean tailfeather. The band may still be all men, but it's the Lady out front holler-ing the "Mean Stud Lover's Blues." **Lissa Townsend Rodgers, ladyscorpio77@yahoo.com**

Joyce "Lady J" Huston & The Fireballs
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