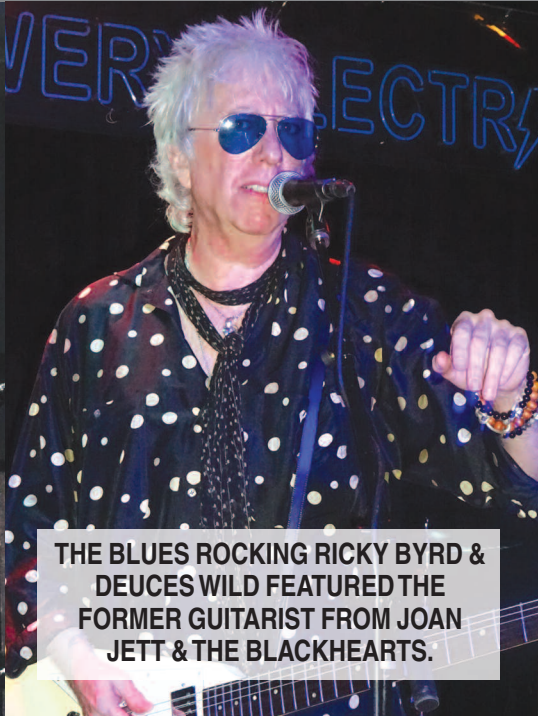
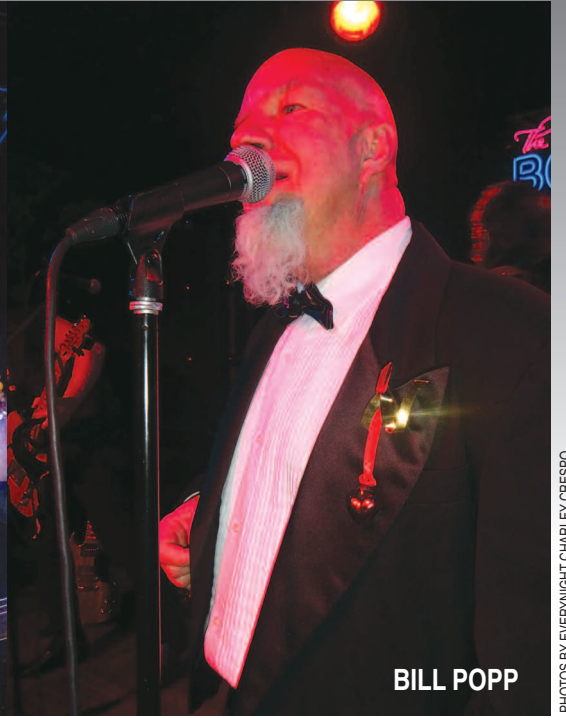


BILL POPP HOSTED HIS 30TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT.



THE BLUES ROCKING RICKY BYRD & DEUCES WILD FEATURED THE FORMER GUITARIST FROM JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS.



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## The 30th Annual Birthday Tribute To The Late GEORGE L. POPP

### The Bowery Electric

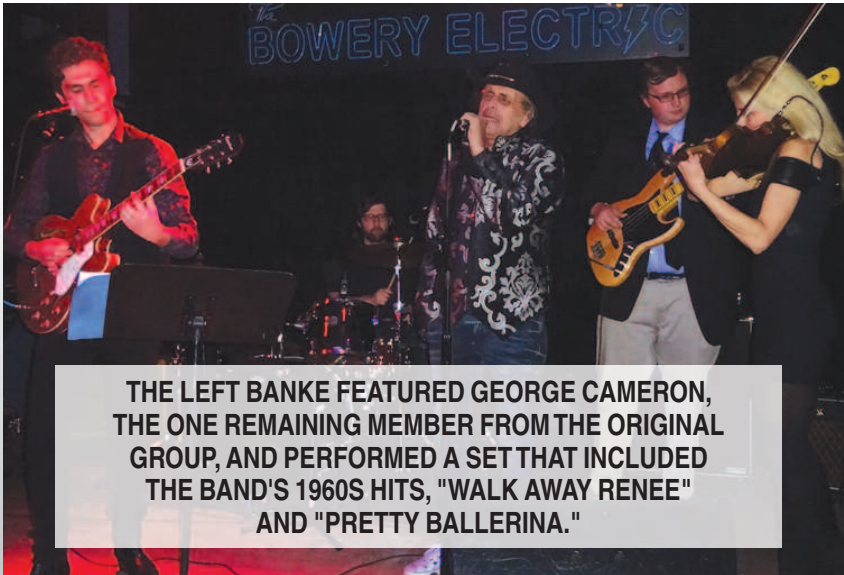
—by Everynight Charley Crespo

MANHATTAN, NY—Bill Popp has been a fixture in the New York music scene since the 1970s. Performing as Bill Popp & The Tapes since 1981, his pop rock sound has survived other passing trends, including glam rock and punk rock. Never achieving fame, he is perhaps the only artist that has continued to play the club circuit all these years. Recently retired from his day job as a plumber

with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the 63-year-old rocker might be seen having a drink at The Bowery Electric, Otto's Shrunken Head or similar bands. Anyone who hangs in the local scene knows him and loves him. That is why when he hosts his annual benefit for the American Heart Association, the local bands always donate their services.

Popp's annual benefit is named for his late father, George "Daddy Tapes" Popp, who died of heart disease. The first benefit

was held at CBGB's on Daddy Tapes' birthday, March 10, 1987. The benefit later moved to Kenny's Castaways and the R Bar. The 30th Annual Birthday Tribute to the Late George L. Popp was held at The Bowery Electric on March 9, featuring the Alan Merrill Trio, the Dive Bar Romeos, The Left Banke, Ricky Byrd & Deuces Wild, Bill Popp & The Tapes and Anne Husick. Over the years, the Daddy Tapes benefits have raised thousands of dollars for charity. *Show date: March 9, 2016*



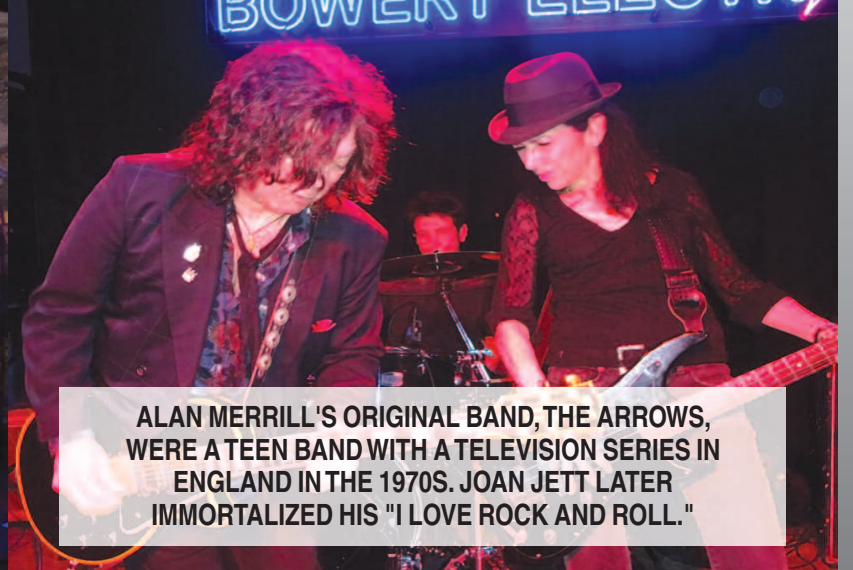
THE LEFT BANKE FEATURED GEORGE CAMERON, THE ONE REMAINING MEMBER FROM THE ORIGINAL GROUP, AND PERFORMED A SET THAT INCLUDED THE BAND'S 1960S HITS, "WALK AWAY RENEE" AND "PRETTY BALLERINA."



DIVE BAR ROMEOS FEATURED RHYTHM AND BLUES SINGER JOEY KELLY, WHO HAS BEEN A FIXTURE AS LONG AS BILL POPP.



THE CYNZ ARE A HOT NEW ROCK AND ROLL BAND WOWWING THE LOCAL CIRCUIT.



ALAN MERRILL'S ORIGINAL BAND, THE ARROWS, WERE A TEEN BAND WITH A TELEVISION SERIES IN ENGLAND IN THE 1970S. JOAN JETT LATER IMMORTALIZED HIS "I LOVE ROCK AND ROLL."