



Elwood.....

It's where you go when it's time to get FUNKY!

Atop a steep hill in Oakland, CA, you'll find a freaky little funhouse on Elwood Avenue, where you'll be welcomed with raucous laughter and vices a-plenty... drink in hand, follow the tunes down to the basement to be greeted by more of the same, in musical form with a groove that just won't quit. Welcome to Elwood. Enjoy your stay. You'll definitely be back for more.

Elwood's brand of funk is as unique as the band members themselves – a tasty blend of styles and influences that defies labels, but one that's smokin' hot and sure to get you shakin'. Combining elements of jazz, rock, hip hop, Latin, country, improvisational and blues, you never can tell exactly what's coming next. Elwood's original tunes are spirited and upbeat with some sultry and mellow numbers thrown in for good measure, showcasing the diverse talents of each member. The cover tunes range from Bobby Hebb to Eddie Duchin.....Steely Dan to Grover Wahington Jr.

More than just a band, this crew is a close-knit family. Hailing from all corners of the country, they each migrated to the San Francisco Bay Area around the turn of the century. Serendipitous encounters through jobs, protests, and happenstance proximity to one another led to the formation of a vibrant, creative, gifted circle of friends. They all made a habit out of late-night partying, nekkid soaking (in tubs indoors and out, hot and, unfortunately, not), weekend adventures on the slopes/at the beach/in the woods, engaging discussions over great food, and takin' in the music scene in venues large and small. Elwood, the house, became the home base for their local dabblings in excess. From this hedonistic haven sprung Elwood, the band, and the rest is history...

Elwood's shows are an extension of the good times they share. One highlight live performances to date was 10/21/04 at **Slim's** (www.slims-sf.com/) in San Francisco. This was a collaboration of the entire Elwood community, which brought together musicians, slam poets, artists, comics and even acrobats to raise money for progressive candidates in the '04 election. Not only was the event wildly successful, Elwood's set was a show-stopper. One review noted, "[the crowd] especially enjoyed their playful stage behavior and the energy they have with each other."

A tour of the Midwest is in the works for June 2005. Be sure to check back for more information on the film documenting their conquest of the high plains later this summer!

