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## Blues legend Oscar Benton is back!

New album I Am Back to be released January 12th 2018

It has been seven years since Oscar Benton said a final farewell to his musical career. In 2018, the 'white blues king' is making his comeback with a brand new album named I Am Back. The album was recorded together with Barrelhouse-guitarist Johnny Laporte at the nursery home Benton is living since he suffered serious brain damage in 2008. The first single Bensonhurt Blues Revised - a redux of his global hit single that was featured in the movie Pour La Peau D'un Flic in 1981, is out now and features an amazing video in which we see Oscar recording his new album.

Oscar Benton became a true blues legend in the sixties and seventies. His international breakthrough followed in 1981, when his single Bensonhurt Blues got featured in the French movie Pour La Peau D'un Flic, with Alain Delon. The single became a number one hitsingle in many European countries and got Oscar to perform all cross Europe until he gets injured and ends into a coma in 2008.

This accident appears to be the end of a glistering career. His injury causes serious brain damage and Oscar is being included into a nursery home. That same nursery home is the place where Benton surprises friend and enemy by singing a fabulous version of Frank Sinatra's My Way during his 67th birthday. It appears to be the start of a new project in which Barrelhouse-guitarist Johnny Laporte records a brand new record with the blues legend.

"It's early February 2016 when Oscar is throwing his birthday party. People are talking, drinking and music is being made. Suddenly Oscar stands up and sings this beautiful version of Sinatra's My Way. I am speechless. Everybody is speechless and surprised he is still able to do this. After this party, I visited Oscar every week. We transformed a room in his nursery home to a studio where we recorded songs. Before we new it we recorded a full album together. It was amazing!" - Johnny Laporte.

Over the last years, Oscar Benton only performed on special occasions. He did few shows in Boekarest and Istanbul and was invited by the Czechian president to perform at the cabinet in Prague. The fire in Oscar Benton's heart is still alive and on his new album I Am Back he shows that he is not ready to retire yet! I Am Back will be released through Munich Records on January 12th 2018.