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**BREAKING NEWS!**

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**LOCAL GREENPOINT BROOKLYN LEGEND VINNIE MINIERI FEATURED ON THE JAKE DRAKE BAND'S NEW RELEASE "GET IT DONE"**

Vinnie Minieri has been a staple of the neighborhood music scene for as long as we can remember. From being the harp player for the legendary Rice Miller Band to jamming with The Nighthawks, Rattlesnake, Double Shot and The Southside Boogie Band -- and even sitting in with Allman Brothers guitarist Warren Haynes and Blues great, Magic Slim and The Teardrops at the Chicago Blues Bar in NYC.

GreenPointMusic is really happy to have written and produced this kinda backwoods, deep fried, odd little ditty tune for The Jake Drake Band featuring Vinnie Minieri on harmonica.

We believe that Minieri has absolutely earned his place in Greenpoint history as a true to heart, authentic bluesman! We hope that we helped just a little bit to put him over the finish line at earning the props and respect that he deserves.

LINK TO "GET IT DONE"

<https://youtu.be/BrCDcVykrU4>

Find pictures, info, contacts, bio and a free MP3 download of "Get It Done" at

<http://www.greenpointmusic.com/>.

Follow the Vinnie Minieri link and other cool Greenpoint musicians in the yellow sidebar.



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**Joe Curcio - websodafm@yahoo.com****ABOUT VINNIE MINIERI:**

Vinnie has been a well known blues musician from Greenpoint Brooklyn for as long as we can remember! He's been playing Blues Harmonica since the 70s and a proud member of the musicians union local 802afm for just as long!! This isn't the first time that he has worked with GreenpointMusic. In 2016, Joe Curcio had produced a posthumous version of the Elvis cover ([Can't help falling in love](#)) using vocal tracks that had been previously record by the late, great neighborhood singer, and Joe's big brother [John "Beau" Curcio](#). Vinnie was a close friend of John, and so Joe asked Vinnie to play the harp solo in the song.

As for Vinnie, it all started in 1975 with [The Rice Miller Band](#) where they played classic venues like CBGB s, Folk City, Max's Kansas City and colleges in the Tri State Area. Rice Miller opened for Blondie, The Shirts ,Steelhouse and many others.The original band consisted of Frank Galante and John Clarke on guitars, Jack Bobby Lewis on drums, Frank Sanpietro on bass and vocals, Vinnie Minieri on harp, and Eric Parker on keyboard. In 1979 the band broke up after almost getting a deal with a major record label .

Vinnie moved onto studio work and even did a movie soundtrack (*Nightmare, 21st Century, Dist Corp,Goldmine Productions*). During the 90s Vinnie was featured many times on a NYC Blues Radio Show "*Blues The other Half*" (Hosted by Tomcat Mahoney - RIP Tomcat 1960- 2008. ); WNYE 91.5 FM which featured Blues artists Gatemouth Brown and many others,

In 1991 at The Lone star Cafe ( NYC ) Vinnie sat in on a tune with Warren Haynes, longtime guitarist with the Allman Brothers Band and founding member of the jam band Gov't Mule. Vinnie also used to sit in with Blues great *Magic Slim and The Teardrops* at Chicago Blues Bar ( NYC ). One evening, Magic Slim said to him "*Vinnie you are a really good Harmonica Man!*".

Vinnie has played blues with The Nighthawks ( Thanks to fellow Harmonica Player Mark Wenner!). As a neighborhood player he has worked with Rattlesnake,The Southside Boogie Band, Blues duo, Double Shot, and more!

In 2010 Vinnie released a CD "*Blues from Brooklyn*" which was played on NBC s Today Show. Vinnie also is endorsed by Seydel Harmonicas (Germany) . He sends special thanks out to Rupert Oysler for the great service with Seydel!

**CREDITS: "GET IT DONE"**

The Jake Drake Band

Matt "Fat Kat" Baxter: Uke, mandolin, slides & pearls:

Fenster Gibbons: Fiddle, washboard, banjo:

Tony Rodriguez appears courtesy of Rip-Co SpitTunes Records

Vinnie Minieri: Harmonica

Songwriter: Joe Kirsch Curcio

Additional House Tracks: CJ's Dope Attics

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