

Two tickets to Oaksterdam Paradise

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Eddie Money band rocks Oaksterdam at the Uptown Club's grand opening

The Uptown Club, Oaksterdam's hottest new live music venue, kicked off its grand opening Oct. 14 with rock legend Eddie Money. Money's passionate style and solid performances have led him through a career spanning decades of touring and a collection of 12 albums and music CDs. His self-titled 1977 album, Eddie Money included two of his biggest hits, "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Hold on." His 1999 release Ready Eddie features "Ready To Rock" and "Can't Go On," another great anthem that opens with a soft, ballad-like guitar feel and smooth vocals, but builds to a up-tempo, pure power ballad anthem.

Money gave the crowd — well, at \$15 per ticket, they got more than their money's worth! — a solid, no holds barred rock performance that kept people on their feet throughout night to the searing guitar licks behind his textured vocals. An

online petition was recently started to get Eddie Money considered as an inductee into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The Uptown Club, located at 1928 Telegraph Ave (510-415-8100), features an ornate, mirrored, 30-foot long, antique mahogany-wooden bar. Its full-service license offers spirits, wine, beer on tap, plus great live music with an affordable cover charge.

The bar is

open from 4 PM to 1:30 AM Monday through Saturday, and in the evening its large performance space adjoining the bar uses an elevated full-size stage with state of the art sound and lighting systems to celebrate music. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the Uptown's own private outdoor deck.

Proprietors

Kevin Burns and Bob Frantti plan to make the Uptown into a permanent venue for the best of both regional talent and internationally celebrated touring acts, and the decision to kick off with Eddie Money shows their commitment to that goal. Upcoming shows include Zoo Station, a cover band for the complete U2 Experience (Nov. 8-9, \$5.00, door 9:30 PM) and The Passion Pirates / Metro Vox (Nov. 25, \$10.00, door 9 PM), just to name two.

Prices are

affordable enough for customers to attend regular weeknight shows, or just visit the bar for happy hour with no cover charge.

So if you

find yourself with a night on the town in Oaksterdam, it's worth spending time at the Uptown Club. A friendly ambiance, stylish decor and live music. The show calendar is constantly expanding, so a visit to uptownnightclub.com is worth exploring.