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## Tower Theatre Brings Blues Legend and 5-time Grammy Winner Robert Cray to Bend

Bend, OR – Bendites know and appreciate good tunes when they hear them. They've proven that over and over again – with sold-out shows for live acts in literally every venue around town. Lucky for them, there's just been another big name in music added to the already exciting auditory landscape: on Sunday, November 11, 2012, the Tower Theatre is bringing **Blues legend and 5-time Grammy Winner Robert Cray** to their stage for the first time since 2007.

Considered to be one of the most expressive vocalists and guitarists on the contemporary rhythm and blues scene, Cray draws blues, rock, pop, and jazz with equal insight and authority, and *Rolling Stone Magazine* credits him with reinventing the blues with his "distinct razor sharp guitar playing that introduces a new generation of mainstream rock fans to the language and form of the blues." Over three decades, Cray has recorded fifteen Billboard-charting studio albums and played with some of the greatest musical talents of our time – Stevie Ray Vaughan, Eric Clapton, John Lee Hooker, B.B. King and Muddy Waters.

"Every time somebody asks me about where my music comes from, I give them five or six different directions – a little rock, soul, jazz, blues, a little gospel feel," says Cray. "Then there are some other things that maybe fall in there every once in a while, like a little Caribbean flavor or something. You just never know. I always attribute it to the music we grew up listening to and the radio back in the '60s. It's hard to put a tag on it."

Crafting his sweet sculptural sound from all these varied influences has resulted in keeping Cray stubbornly beyond category, and has earned him the accolades of his peers who have lauded him with 5 little golden gramophones to date and inducted him into the Blues Hall of Fame. His latest album was release last August and is titled "Nothin' but Love". Tickets for this extraordinary event won't last, so get them now!

**What:** Robert Cray

**When:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 – show starts at 7:30PM

**Where:** Tower Theatre - 835 NW Wall Street - Bend, Oregon

**Tickets:** Reserved Seating: \$35 / \$45 / \$50  
541-317-0700 or TowerTheatre.org

Press Resources:

If you would like to schedule an interview with Robert Cray, or talk to a representative of the Tower Theatre, please contact Anne-Marie Daggett @ the Marketing Department at 541-610-6760 or [Annemarie.daggett@gmail.com](mailto:Annemarie.daggett@gmail.com) for more information.

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The Tower Theatre Foundation owns and operates the historic stage in downtown Bend. The Foundation's mission is to provide performing arts, civic, educational and social events that enliven and enrich the lives of all Central Oregonians.

Membership, program information and individual and group tickets are available at the Tower Theatre box office (835 NW Wall), by phone (541-317-0700) or online ([www.towertheatre.org](http://www.towertheatre.org)). Details on events are also at [facebook.com/TheTowerTheatre](https://facebook.com/TheTowerTheatre).