



CHRIS GILL

Mississippi Blues guitarist songwriter performer

Mississippi Blues Guitarist and Vocalist Chris Gill is a musician who believes in bringing a wide variety of tones to his listeners. From acoustic and resonator slide to dirty P90 grit, and all kinds of Blues in between! Lately the "smokey" tones that his cigar box guitar brings to the mix has added a nice spice to his slow blues and funky Hill Country grooves.

About 25 years ago, Chris really got into the Delta and Bentonia style Blues from sitting on Jack Owens' porch listening and learning from Jack and Bud Spiers. " Drinking Hawgmouth Gin and watching those two Blues Kats get down changed my life! I couldn't believe what I was experiencing. I became friends with them and they would gladly show me those Bentonia licks. I still spend time hanging out and jamming with Jimmy "Duck" Holmes at the Blue Front Cafe. He also learned from Jack Owens. Those times with Jack and Bud really moved my heart to the blues and rearranged my molecules!"remembers Chris.

Gill's original songs are a mix of Juke Joint Boogie and Piedmont style finger picking. His influences of Taj Mahal, Mississippi John Hurt, Rev. Gary Davis, Elizabeth Cotten and Lightnin Hopkins definitely comes out in his songs.

PAST FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES

- International Blues Challenge Finalist
- Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise
- Chicago Blues Festival
- King Biscuit Blues Festival
- Juke Joint Festival
- Wasaga Beach Blues Festival
- Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle Festival
- Hambone Festival
- Jubilee Jam
- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Blues Festival
- Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival



His love of slide guitar started about 30 years ago. Many hours spent trying to get that lick from listening to Brother Duane Allman, Earl Hooker, Muddy Waters, Robert Johnson, John Hammond, Lowell George and Son House has paid off. Chris' slide playing is a very unique part of his Blues fingerprint and it helps him in creating his original grooves and moving the listeners.

Chris is a regular performer in the Mississippi live music scene. He has played all types of festivals over the last 10 years. Chris was also an International Blues Challenge finalist. In a festival setting, Chris can add an array of Blues energy to the sound, from solo to a 6 piece band. What he brings to the party depends on the Gig. Chris enjoys feeling and giving the energy that live music creates.

"Hey, we're here to have a good time, feel it and take it home w'cha! That what we love about the Blues Experience! And, I'm here to help!" - Chris Gill

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