

Artist title: "JAMES SOUTHWELL BAND" or "JAMES SOUTHWELL" (Solo)

James Southwell was a finalist in the 2014 & 2015 Memphis Blues Challenge.

Over the past 11 years James has firmly established his credentials as one of Australia's leading blues performers, constantly playing at the top of the bill at almost all music /blues festivals throughout Australia and New Zealand.

James Southwell commands the stage like few others, with powering riffs and vocals that bite. James and his incredible band are truly world class and would not be out of place on any stage anywhere. James is not afraid to push his music past all previously existing boundaries and well past what most musicians consider the limits of what is safe. His music comes from a deep love of the blues with heavy inspirational funk and rock & roll influences. This band will capture your attention and you will be totally engrossed as James projects himself off the stage and through you with his music.

James has been a constant fixture on the Australian music and Blues Scene since 2006 when he hit the ground running with the release of his first Album "Dark Angel" (*Produced by Aussie Guitar Legend Kevin Borich*)

James has played over 2000 shows since the release of his first album "Dark Angel" in 2006 including many festival appearances.

When James is not playing the Blues in his own band he plays guitar and tours with Angry Anderson on a regular basis and has also played for Stevie Wright, Kate DeAraugo, Swanee (John Swan), and many others.

James also has an incredibly powerful solo show, that he tours constantly when he is not playing band shows, the solo show is also a very popular add on for festivals.

James' early influences were Phil Manning, George Harrison, Kevin Borich, Lobby Lloyd, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Geoff Achison.

JAMES SOUTHWELL
Resent Festival Bookings

Redlands-Bayside Blues Festival October 2014.

Sydney Blues & Roots Festival October 2014, 2015, 2016

Blues at the Briars January 2015.

Agnes Waters Blues & Rock Festival Feb 2015.

Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival, 2015, 2016 (New Zealand) **Headliner**

Airlie Beach Music Festival November 2015 **Headliner**

The Great Southern Blues Festival Narooma 2015

Wangaratta Jazz & Blues Festival, 2015, 2016

Thredbo Blues Festival 2016, 2017 **Headliner. (Featuring Charlie Wooton)**

Rock the Turf Festival (Tumut) 2017 **(Featuring Charlie Wooton)**

Bruthen Blues Festival 2017 **Headliner (Featuring Charlie Wooton, with special guest Chris Wilson)**

Holler Roots Music Festival 2017 **Headliner (Featuring Charlie Wooton, with special guest Chris Wilson)**

James' professionalism, reliability, and always being on time, plus his ability to read his audience, have assured return bookings throughout Australia and New Zealand whether playing at a music festival or venue. James still plays at the first venue that ever gave him an opportunity back in 2006.

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