

In his home state of Michigan, Rusty Wright was hailed as the most compelling blues rock act to emerge from the state in a decade, receiving accolades from Buddy Guy, Charlie Musselwhite; W.C. Clark; members of Lynyrd Skynyrd and Molly Hatchet, and even Question Mark of the 1960s iconic band Question Mark & the Mysterians.

"You don't need to take ---- from anybody. You're great." **Buddy Guy, Kennedy Center Honors recipient**

"Rusty you guys were smokin' tonight. Bravo!"

Charlie, Musselwhite, Grammy Award winning blues artist

A recent show attendee described the group's performance as a roller coaster ride that left her breathless but not wanting the ride to end. "I think that was one of the highest compliments ever paid to us," said Wright.

Rusty Wright is a masterful lyric storyteller who ignites his musical tales with world class fretwork. This Billboard Top 10 artist's innovative sound is a hot rod fusing of Texas and Chicago-style blues; swinging boogie & Southern rock.

Wright's song lyrics run the gamut. Ballads like *Trouble's Always Knockin* follow the traditional Blues path, while the powerful *No Man is an Island* was inspired by a story about an autistic child. *Black Hat Boogie* is a

high-energy ode to computer hackers and the tongue-in-cheek *Alarm Clock Blues* pays homage to the 'single most nefarious gadget invented by the mind of man'.

Following a several year hiatus from heavy touring due to caregiver responsibilities, Rusty and Laurie Wright now perform 200 dates a year in Florida and are ready to once again undertake national & international tour dates to support their 2020 album release *Hangin' at the DeVille Lounge*.

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Testimonials

"A powerhouse of blues that thrilled the crowd." Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society

"I thought RWB was the hit of the day." Larry Lisk, presenter, WMNF's 'Mo Blues' show [2018 Clearwater Sea-Blues Fest]

"The Rusty Wright Band is just simply amazing and must be seen, heard and completely experienced to truly appreciate these phenomenal musicians enjoying their craftsmanship." Lou Phoenix, Phoenix Radio/2 Brothers Hoodoo Lounge

"Absolutely brilliant." Shane Lawler, Director, Lkld Live

"They were awesome. Easy to work with and great people. You won't be disappointed. We certainly weren't!" Kevin J. Barry, Bonita Blues Festival

"We Love you and Rusty! We hope to have you at Torre Alfina Blues Festival more and more times!" Torre Alfina Blues Festival, Aquapendente, Italy

"One of the BEST blues guitarists you'll ever hear!" John Galvin, Keyboardist, Molly Hatchet

"Rusty Wright gained a whole slew of new fans with his smokin' hot guitar and great blues songs. His stage manager Bob Willie said it ranked in his Top 10 acts of all-time at the Unum Stage." Bob Payne, entertainment editor, The Chattanoogan

"Dude – Where the hell did YOU come from?" Rickey Medlocke, Guitarist, Lynyrd Skynyrd

"Rusty's guitar licks have a way of going from the tip of your toes out through the top of your head." Gary Eckhart, Blue Monday Monthly (Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest)

"The band was terrific, and was named as the favorite by many of our attendees." Great Northern Blues Society

Accolades

- 2019 1st runner up, Pepsi Southern Original competition [6000+ submissions]
- 2018 Rusty Wright, Rock & Roll Fantasy Camp 'celebrity counselor' for Chicago Blues camp featuring Buddy Guy, Chris Layton & Nancy Wilson.
- 2015 Poland / Czech Republic tour
- 2015 All music placed on TouchTunes and AMI digital jukeboxes in North America
- 2015 Wonder Man #8 Billboard Blues Chart, #4 Midwest Heatseeker chart, #3 Hit Tracks Top 100 [Euro] chart, #1 Blues411 chart, #5 Relix Jam Band chart.
- 2015 Top Finalist [Blues Category] International Songwriting Competition [19,000+ submissions]
- 2015 Vintage Guitar Mag Album of the Year Nominee [Reader's Choice Awards]
- 2014 International Blues Hall of Fame® inductee: Master Blues Band
- 2013 This, That & the Other Thing: Blues411 Jimi Award: Best Contemporary Blues Album
- 2012 WKAR Backstage Pass, 1-hr syndicated PBS concert
- 2011 International Blues Challenge semi-finalist [Detroit Blues Society]
- 2010 Italy tour
- 2009 Armed Forces Entertainment Bluzapalooza Tour, US Bases in South Korea & Japan
- 2009 Playin' with Fire, Amazon #1 best seller, Blues genre
- 2007 International Blues Challenge [Detroit Blues Society]
- 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 12 WYCE Jammie Award nominations



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"They are the embodiment of what The Blues is all about. Some the best blues I've ever heard." Craig Martin, executive director, Pix Theatre

"I have been producing blues concerts and festivals all over the world for over 20 years and I have never seen an audience reaction like I just saw this past Saturday night. The Rusty Wright Band was my opening act and they came out of the gate with an incredible atomic energy that brought everyone to their feet. Within the first minute of their first song they had thousands of people up and dancing." Steve Simon, St. John Blues Festival

"The crew here at Concept Production can't wait to work with you folks again. We had an incredible time at Gasparilla [Pirate Fest] in Tampa." Angelo Patane, Concept Production Events and Services, LLC

"Only the best d*** blues band in the land..." Roger Dresden, Livingston Arts Council

"Known all over in the blues festival circuit around the world, Rusty Wright is one kick-ass awesome, get down slide guitar player – leads that will have them girls, women shakin' their booty..."

Question Mark - 96 Tears forever

"As I looked around I swear that in my history at the fest I have never seen this many people gather at the "small" stage for an afternoon show. Everyone who had feet was up dancing and enjoying the show." John Blueshammer, Blue Monday Monthly (Bayfront Blues Fest)

"Such a sophisticated mix of talent, dedication, and personality! Everyone is talking about how much they enjoyed themselves!" Ontonagon Theatre of Performing Arts

"This band is one of the hottest Blues bands to ever grace the stage. Rusty is a guitar virtuoso and the rest of the band members are just as amazing" Swartz Creek Performing Arts Center

"In our seven-year history we have never repeated an artist from outside of our local area. We had so many requests for these folks that we had little choice but to bring this fiery Michigan blues band back to Marquette!" Marquette Blues Festival

"The Rusty Wright Band was the crowd favorite at this year's festival." Keith Day, organizer of Blues by the Bay

"I was completely blown away by the band. They are a real treasure." Kirby Milton, Old Town Blues Festival

"An energized blues storm." Doug Pullen, The Flint Journal