



Rusty Wright Bio

Reared in a fertile musical environment that included spinning his auto plant worker dad's vast collection of vintage blues records and playing guitar in his mother's touring gospel group at 13, Rusty Wright knew from an early age what he was born to do.

Decades of writing, recording, performing and touring have honed Wright's skills to be one of the most respected guitarists/songwriters in the blues rock scene. Years of experience as a touring sideman and studio musician introduced him to a wide range of playing styles and techniques and he incorporates these into his incendiary guitar work and high energy live shows which lean heavily on musical improvisation.

Formed in 2004, The Rusty Wright Band's discography includes 5 original albums with his 2015 release "*Wonder Man*" achieving Top Ten status on the Billboard Blues Charts as well as being nominated for Album of the Year by Vintage Guitar Magazine alongside Jeff Beck, Joe Bonamassa, David Gilmour of Pink Floyd and Sonny Landreth. 2013's "*This, That & The Other Thing*" earned widespread radio airplay across North America, won Blues411's Jimi Award for Contemporary Album of the Year and spent months at the top of Relix Magazine's Jambands.com chart.

"I have a lot of influences. I don't just fit in one little space. My primary focus is Blues, but I'm not afraid to experiment – especially if taking the blues farther down the road means the music will appeal to younger generations as well. I'm not afraid to incorporate elements of other styles of music so long as the end product retains that feeling of passion. I never want to lose the passion and the joy and pain of music expression."

The band's sound seamlessly assimilates everything from hints of early prog-rock to the intricate harmonies and counter-rhythms of the Allman Brothers; the passion and flamboyance of SRV to the cool riffs and right-in-the-pocket grooves of Chicago blues guitarist Hubert Sumlin. It's all blended with the forthright, honest nature of Wright's plight-of-the-common-man lyrics which are partly the product of growing up in an auto industry town that's been ravaged by circumstance and time.

"The idea," says Rusty, "is to craft great grooves that are really strong and fun to listen to and then pair them with lyrics and solos in a way that tells a story or expresses something you believe in deeply. If you don't feel it deep inside, your audience sure won't."

Originally from Flint, Michigan Wright now resides in central Florida but continues to tour the US, the EU, and Asia. You can find out more about him and the music at www.rustywrightband.com as well as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.