

# The Blues Excuse

**The Blues Excuse** is one of Queensland's premier blues acts, in a state that loves producing blues acts. They are experienced, super-pro, and they play blues with absolute passion and a dedication to their craft. This band is all about using blues as a platform to **entertain people**.

These guys know that blues is the heart and soul of all popular 20th century musical styles and that most people, in some way or another, will connect with a **Blues Excuse** gig. It's why they've been around for nearly nine years.

In true blues tradition, **The Blues Excuse** perform original interpretations from all the great blues streams: Chicago, the Delta and Texas. Slippery southern tunes are mixed up with honking Texan beltters and sweet soulful grooves. They even do a few blues tunes of their own (available on cd and saleable at gigs).

The Blues Excuse launches each explosive gig from the front, featuring the mercurial musical talents of

- 'Bomber' Frost – one of the most gifted and passionate guitarists in Queensland. When Bomber's on fire, punters can't help but clap, sing, stomp or move. For many blues guitarists, Bomber is *The Oracle*
- Tucker McCray – vocalist and guitarist who has never been the same since hearing John Lee Hooker's 'House Rent Boogie' on late-night radio in 1988. Tucker loves playing and performing and he communicates his passion to every audience. A very experienced musician even before he discovered 'pure' blues, Tucker is the real deal: a consummate showman.

Behind this pair of virtuosos lies the heart and soul of **The Blues Excuse**: the mighty rhythm section of '12-Bar Noah' Schmidt on bass and John L'Strange on drums. These guys play tighter than the fish's proverbial and lay down an absolutely rock solid platform on which the whole show is based. A variety of moonlighters frequently join the band for a night - harp players, organ fanatics, sax freaks and more. Ask for details.

Best of all, **The Blues Excuse** is not only a premium quality entertainment act: they also understand **your** business. You'll be happy to find out that this band is focused on **your** needs. Talk to them about what **you** expect out of a show, how **you** want it to sound and what they can offer a crowd full of expectant punters or guests. You'll discover that this band is versatile, reliable and great value. Find out for yourself how your venue or event will benefit from a night or two (or more!) with **The Blues Excuse**.

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Left to right: 'Bomber' Frost, Tucker McCray, John L'Strange (taller bloke), '12-Bar' Noah (squatting bloke). Who said blues was ever pretty?