

ROBBIN KAPSALIS

American Blues Artist

Biography

Robbin Kapsalis carries Chicago's soul in her commanding voice, blending traditional blues grit with contemporary spirit. Born on the Southside, amid the city's legendary blues scene and later shaped by Atlanta's musical heritage, she delivers performances with the passionate power of Sharon Jones and the raw intensity of Koko Taylor while crafting her own distinctive sound.

Featured in *Living Blues Magazine* (#284), her story resonates with authenticity, from her early days on Chicago's Southside to her emergence as a compelling blues artist. Her songwriting talents shine through in works like "Poor Me," which earned semi-finalist recognition in the 2019 International Songwriting Competition, and "From the Heart of The One," named Best Blues Song by the Washington Area Music Association in 2022.

For a decade, she led DC-based soul blues band Vintage#18, performing across North America from intimate Memphis venues to the Kennedy Center's New Year's Eve Celebration. Their debut album "Grit" earned a Blues Blast Music Award nomination for New Artist Debut Album, while their 2021 release "Soul Shaker" made its mark on the Living Blues charts and B.B. King's Bluesville Rack of Blues on Sirius XM, garnering two more Blues Blast Music Award nominations.

Her reputation in the blues world continues to soar as she tours extensively throughout Europe, captivating audiences from intimate clubs to major festivals. Her musical journey includes sharing stages with Grammy-nominated Blues legends John Primer and Billy Branch on The Living Legends of Chicago Blues Tour. Branch, also an Emmy Award winner, and Primer represent the pinnacle of Chicago Blues artistry.

With her successful album release, Kapsalis demonstrates why she's not just preserving the blues tradition—she's helping shape its future.

Latest Release: Debut Solo Album

"The Blues Is In The House"

Featured Track: "The Comeback"

Press & Reviews

"The Blues Is In The House" is a superb collection of songs and styles from Robbin Kapsalis, whose voice needs to be added to the premier ranks of contemporary blues singers. Everything here crackles with vitality and authenticity, from the razor-sharp backing band to Kapsalis' honey-dripping vocals. Enjoy this album soon and often.

— **Jim White**

Blues Roadhouse (USA)

Robbin has emerged as one of the most charismatic voices in the current blues scene.

La Hora Del Blues (Spain)

Kapsalis's rich sultry alto voice is clearly the star attraction... her vocals seem to effortlessly flow... her voice is filled with the passion and grit of a self-made woman.

— **Jon Kleinman**

Living Blues Magazine (USA)

Her Chicago roots shine through loud and clear throughout on an excellent selection of songs...there's just not anything about this set that is not top-notch, it's classy blues...a wonderful introduction to a woman who should become a household (blues) name.

— **Norman Darwen**

Blues In The South (UK)

A vocalist of temperament with a deep and powerful timbre. Robbin Kapsalis establishes herself, throughout this transatlantic album, as a talented blues entertainer whom we eagerly await seeing live.

— **Patrick Dallongeville**

The combination of Giles' harp and Robbin's velvety alto straight away makes an attention grabbing impression.

— **Glenn Noble**

Chicago Blues Guide (USA)

Notable Performance History

North America

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
(NYE Celebration) - USA

Springing the Blues - USA

Spirit of Kansas - USA

Buddy Guy's Legends - USA

House of Blues - USA

DC Blues Festival - USA

Rhode Island Blues Festival - USA

Soaring Wings Winery - USA

Tinner Music Festival - USA

JVs - USA

The Hamilton Loft - USA

United Kingdom

100 Club - UK

Eel Pie - UK

Central Asia

MuzCafe - Kazakhstan

Promzona Club - Kyrgyzstan

Europe

Blues Alive - Czech Republic

Santa Maria Blues Festival - Portugal

Maia Blues Festival - Portugal

Schmolzer Blues - Germany

Gaildorf Blues Club - Germany

Mustique Blues Festival - St. Vincent &
Grenadines

Caslano Blues Festival - Italy

Bejar Blues Festival - Spain

Cazorla Blues - Spain

Nigran Blues - Spain

Brielle Blues Festival - Netherlands

Utrecht Blues Festival - Netherlands

Geveranwinkle Blues Festival - Belgium

Blaublues Festival Haringe - Belgium

Caveau Huchett - France

Chedigny Blues Festival - France

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High-resolution photos, music samples, and additional materials available upon request