



the Don Evans Band

Don Evans, established guitarist and vocalist from the Philadelphia area, has assembled a talented group of musicians to create the "Don Evans Band" after frequently being asked "so when is *your* band playing?" Focusing on blues, soul, rock, and R&B, the band draws from influential artists such as Albert Collins, Sonny Landreth, John Mayer, and BB King. While Don has spent many years playing with bands throughout the US and Europe, he has formed his own group in order to stretch out with the music that he loves. Joined by up and coming bassist, Ryan Madora, drummer Jonathan Williams, and sax/keys player Steve Hoke, the band provides an exciting and creative approach to popular and roots music. In addition to the Don Evans Band, Don and Ryan also perform as a duo adding jazz and unique arrangements of classic and popular tunes to their repertoire—great for any club, restaurant, party, or event.



Born in New York City, Don was exposed to a wide range of music, from classical to blues. Upon hearing electric guitar for the first time, Don immediately began learning and experimenting with all that the instrument had to offer, quickly developing his dynamic and soulful approach to playing. After years of touring and session work here and abroad with the likes of Billy Joel, Eric Burdon, and Dirk Hamilton, with whom he still tours and records, Don has settled in the Philly area and has formed his own band made up of some of the city's finest musicians.



Bassist Ryan Madora began playing at various blues jams in the Philadelphia area at the age of 16. She soon moved to New York City to attend NYU and throughout school, developed her concert chops at some of the city's landmark venues. After graduating, Ryan returned to Philly and convinced Don that the band needed some feminine charm. Her amazing feel and melodic sense drives the band with old school bottom fused with modern funk.

The other half of the rhythm section, Jonathan Williams, one of the finest drummers in the Philadelphia area, has been playing with Don for years. His groove is second to none, and he brings an understated humor to his work that will make you smile as you move. Among his credits, he claims to be able to spell Methylisothiazolinone, an ingredient in shampoo. He brings rock solid rhythm, smart solos and a deep groove to the Don Evans band.



Steve studied at the Univ. of Tennessee and played for many years on the West Coast. Originally meeting Don in Nevada the two rekindled their musical relationship in Philadelphia. While his keyboard work helps form the shape of the band's sound, his Sax is what makes you take notice. Wailing blues and complex jazz runs flow easily from Steve's horn, providing the perfect element for harmonic variety and musical dialogue with Don.

The Don Evans band has previously performed at:

Warmdaddy's (Philadelphia, PA)

Media Blues Stroll (Media, PA)

Josephs Grille (Langhorne, PA)

The Blue Parrot (Wilmington, DE)

Paoli Blues Fest (Paoli, PA)

Red Hot & Blue (Cherry Hill, NJ)

The Bent Note (Royersford, PA)

McStews (Levittown, PA) for the Bucks County Blues Society

Feedback: "refreshing, non repetitious effortless guitar work, in your face hard hitting vocals and a great list of songs and of course a good solid band always helps .." -- email

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