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### **The Blues Rebels - Blues from Israel with a cause**

From its roots in America's Deep South, the blues have filtered through the fabric of music worldwide, but one would never expect it to turn up in Israel. However, this is exactly what has happened and one of Israel's best-loved blues bands, [The Blues Rebels](#), have released their first album 'Open Road' to critical acclaim. The Blues Rebels first started back in 2012 when two accomplished blues artists – Dov Hammer and Andy Watts – got together for a one-off gig. It was during this gig that The Blues Rebels were born. Their incendiary chemistry, which brought together Andy's guitar and Dov's harmonica/ vocal stylings, convinced the guys that they had something special. This partnership led to The Blues Rebels becoming one of the hottest bands on the Israeli blues scene; deep soulful singing was infused with powerhouse playing and voices and instruments combined to produce a sound which would not be forgotten in blues circles for a long time. Eventually, they decided it was time they took their live show on the road, only enhancing their reputation and gaining fans far and wide.

During their two years on the road, the band's sound permeated through the blues scene so well that they were the band of choice to perform with many world-class blues artists including Joe Louis Walker, Lucky Peterson and Bernard Allison. The band were even fortunate enough to perform with the legend that is Johnny Winter, considered one of the greatest guitar players of all time by Rolling Stone magazine. Walker told the band he was 'impressed' with their performance, one of the greatest compliments the band have ever received; truly praise from Caesar! After two long years of touring, the band decided it was time to put their magic on an album. Fourteen original songs, all penned by Dov and Andy, were put down in a remarkable three days from their studio in Kibbutz Ma'arabot. None of the songs lack anything from their live shows, featuring the same song writing, blazing blues guitars and harmonica and rhythm section which grooves.

Being already played on radio stations in the whole of Europe, the Blues Rebels have established themselves as a well known and admired Blues Band and have now signed their first recording contract with the Berlin based record label HEAVY LEVY RECORDS. Right now the Rebels are getting prepared for their first tour through Europe.

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