

Geoff Achison

Award winning guitarist, songwriter and recording artist.

From Melbourne to Memphis, Aussie blues/roots artist Geoff Achison has thrilled audiences around the world with his dynamic blues playing and gutsy solo arrangements.

Geoff first arrived on the scene in the late 1980's playing lead guitar with enigmatic Australian blues performer Dutch Tilders. After several years with Dutch, Geoff took his music overseas competing at the *International Blues Challenge* in Memphis, USA where he won the '*Albert King Award*' and was offered an endorsement deal with *Gibson Guitars*.

He temporarily relocated to London UK in the late '90's and successfully established himself on the British touring circuit. He also returned to the US to take advantage of industry opportunities there. He moved to Atlanta Georgia and toured relentlessly over a period of years before settling back in Australia. He continues to record & tour internationally.



A highly regarded guitarist, singer and songwriter, Geoff is equally adept at acoustic and electric styles. He can provide the full electrifying experience with his outstanding blues/rock combo *The Souldiggers*, or play a complete solo show with his superb command of the acoustic guitar. Whilst regarded as a *Guitarists Guitarist*, Geoff is also an all-round performer who delights in entertaining the audience with his wry sense of humor. His music is firmly steeped in the blues, but he injects funk, soul, jazz and even classical styles into the mix.

Since his arrival with Dutch Tilders, Geoff has been a driving force on the Aussie Blues/Roots scene, inspiring and influencing many of his younger compatriots. He enjoys the teaching aspect of his craft, presenting a number of workshops each year and appearing as a regular guest instructor at Jorma Kaukonen's famous *Fur Peace Ranch* guitar camp in Ohio. The *Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society* named Geoff Achison their official 'Patron' in 2011.

In 2014 Geoff celebrated 20 years with *The Souldiggers* with a retrospective in-concert performance, all captured on CD/DVD. In 2017 Geoff Achison released *Another Mile Another Minute*, his first all-original studio album in 8 years. This release also featured *The Souldiggers* and an impressive list of guest artists. It was picked up by US label *Landslide Records* and scooped the pool at the 2017 'Chain' Australian Blues Awards winning in 5 categories.

"Achison channels the legendary soul & blues greats while crafting a sound that is uniquely his"

Randy Patterson, Boomercity USA

"Part New Orleans funk, hard blues and soul – they are all done impeccably."

Rob Dickens, Listening Through the Lens AU

"Achison has been hailed as one of the finest blues players in Australia."

Encyclopedia of Australian Rock and Pop AU

"Geoff is one of the best blues guitarists I know with a completely individual style."

– Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane/Hot Tuna) USA

"Never, ever miss an opportunity to see Geoff Achison perform live!"

– Hittin' The Note, USA

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AWARDS / HONOURS:

- 2017 Winner *'Chain' Australian Blues Awards x 5 Artist/Group/Album/Song/Producer of the year*
2013 Winner *VicTas Blues Awards x 2 Album / Band of the year*
2012 Listed in *Top 50 Australian Guitarists Australian Guitar magazine*
2012 Winner *VicTas Blues Awards x 5 Artist/Band/Soloist/Album/Song of the year*
2011 Named *Official Patron Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society (MBAS)*
2011 Listed in *100 Gifted Guitarists You Should Know TrueFire magazine, USA*
2009 Voted *Best Blues Release (One Ticket, One Ride) WNCW North Carolina USA*
2008 Voted *Top Ten Hottest New Guitarists Readers Poll Guitar Player magazine*
2007 Winner *'Chain' Australian Blues Award Group of the year (The Souldiggers)*
2002 Winner *Vic Blues Awards x 2 – Male Artist / Band of the year*
2001 Finalist *Independent Music Awards USA - (Adam & Eve)*
1999 Winner *Australian Songwriters Award – Jazz/Blues Category (Comin' Ta Getcha)*
1999 Winner *VicTas Blues Awards – Male Artist of the year*
1995 Winner *Albert King Award – International Blues Challenge, Memphis TN USA*
1994 Winner *Lithgow Blues Award x 2 - Male Artist / Guitarist of the year*

Australian Music Festivals

- Angelsea Music Festival VIC
Apollo Bay Music Festival VIC
Bealibah Blues n Cruise VIC
Bendigo Blues & Roots Festival VIC
Blues At Bridgetown - WA
Blues At Broadbeach QLD
Blues Fest - Byron Bay VIC
Broadford Rock Festival VIC
Bruthen Blues Bash VIC
Cairns Blues Festival QLD
Canberra Blues & Roots Festival - ACT
Coolart Jazz Festival VIC
Deniliquin Blues Festival VIC
Dunolly Blues Festival VIC
Echuca Blues & Roots Festival VIC
Eltham Jazz Festival VIC
Forth Blues Festival, Tasmania - TAS
Frankston International Guitar Festival VIC
Australian Blues Festival, Goulburn NSW
Gold Coast Blues Festival QLD
Guitars Across The Bay, Williamstown VIC
Gympie Muster QLD
Marysville Jazz & Blues Festival VIC
Melbourne Fringe Festival VIC
Melbourne International Blues Festival VIC
Maldon Folk Festival VIC
Mordialloc Food & Wine Festival VIC
Mount Beauty Music Muster VIC
Port Fairy Folk Festival VIC
Queenscliff Music Festival VIC
Strings Music Festival, Barooga NSW
Sydney Jazz Festival NSW
Sydney Blues Festival NSW
Thredbo Blues Festival NSW
Wangaratta Jazz Festival VIC
Woodford Music Festival QLD
Yackandandah Music Festival Vic

International Music Festivals

- Atlanta Blues Festival USA
Alexander City Jazzfest USA
Blackswamp Music Festival USA
Bear Creek Music & Arts Festival USA
Bel Chere Music Festival USA
Blind Willie McTell Festival USA
Blues On The Farm UK
Bowness Blues Festival UK
Brookdale Guitar Show USA
Camp Jam in The Pines USA
Chenango Blues Fest USA
Columbia Blues Festival USA
Columbus Blues Festival USA
Crawley Blues Festival UK
Decatur Arts Festival USA
Delbert McClinton's Sandy Beaches USA
Downtown After 5 Festival USA
Erie Blues & Jazz Festival USA
Festival Im Kulturwerk DE
Festival of Sails New Brunswick USA
Fricktaler Blues Festival CH
Great British R&B Festival UK
Inman Park Festival USA
Isle of White Blues Festival UK
Ithaca Blues Festival USA
Jammin' At Hippie Jacks USA
Jammin' In July Festival USA
Kent Guitar Festival UK
King Biscuit Blues Festival USA
Oswego Harborfest USA
Riverbend Festival USA
Riverfront Blues Festival USA
Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival USA
Spoleto Festival Charleston USA
Suwannee Springfest USA
Tryon Blues & BBQ Festival USA
Utrecht Blues Festival NL
Waterfront Blues Festival Portland USA