

JEFF FETTERMAN BAND



*“When talking about hotbeds of blues, cities like Memphis, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and even London and Toronto come out in the conversation. Bradford, Pennsylvania is rarely, if ever, mentioned; for now. A guitar slinger, singer and songwriter from that very city by the name of Jeff Fetterman has just released his third album, *Bottle Full of Blues*, and as Sam Cooke said, “A change is gonna come.” (JD Nash, *American Blues Scene Magazine*, Missouri)*

“He’s the real deal.” (Mato Nanji of Indigenous)

*“This is a band in the old-school sense, playing together to the point where they know instinctively where things are going even if not rehearsed.” (Bill Wilson, *Billtown Blues Magazine*, Williamsport, Pa.)*

Jeff Fetterman is a self-taught blues/rock guitarist influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Jimmy Page. Jeff’s aggressive style of playing is both passionate and heart-felt. He blends the genres of rock and roll, blues, Motown, and funk, molding them together to create his own driving sound on the guitar. His vocals are gritty and solid, giving his lyrics meaning beyond the paper.

Jeff resume includes an endorsement with Zemaitis Guitars. He was a 2018 Semifinalist at the Memphis International Blues Challenge and has qualified to return for the 2019 International Blues Challenge in January. His 2017 album *9 Miles to Nowhere* was named the Best Self-Produced CD by the Blues Society of Western Pa and forwarded to the IBC. The album was also named the 2017 Album of Year by the Rock Erie Music Awards (REMA’s) in Pa. The Jeff Fetterman Band was also named the 2017 Best Blues Band of the Year at the REMA’s.

His 2016 release *Bottle Full of Blues* is still receiving critical acclaim both in the US and the UK. *“The album is an elegant exercise of songwriting skills and phenomenal music ability, not just by Fetterman himself but by the whole array of musicians... “Southbound” is a rock tune that would have made Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis ecstatic with joy...incredible guitar ability with some very powerful vocals...”* (Gio Pilato, *Blue Bird Review*, United Kingdom) The album was named the Best Self-Produced CD in 2016 by the Billtown Blues Society of Williamsport, Pa. and forwarded to IBC’s.

Jeff has a three-song publishing deal with Transition Music in California, which placed the songs in film and television such as NBC’s *The Passions*, TNT’s *The Closer* and the Spanish film *The Tough Guy* as well as in Ford auto commercials. Jeff was the winner of the studio awards program scholarship from ASCAP. He was named Best Up and Coming Blues/Rock Guitarist by Ohio radio station WREO.

As the backbeat and foundation of the Jeff Fetterman Band, John McGuire has dabbled in bluegrass, country, psychedelic, and contemporary rock. He has much experience as a studio musician recording with several bands that took him to Nashville. Bassist Ralph Reitingger III has spent twenty years playing across the US, Canada, and the UK, touring with Blind Pig Records blues artist Harper. He toured with Anthony Gomes and has opened for greats like Gary Moore, Van Morrison, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, and Buddy Guy. He was chosen as the Rock Erie Music Awards Best Bass Player in 2010, 2011, and 2013.

JFB has shared the stage with Kenny Wayne Shepherd five times, Ana Popovic four times, Tony Coleman (the drummer for BB King, Aretha Franklin, and Buddy Guy), Samantha Fish, Mato Nanji & Indigenous, Stephen Stills, Chris Duarte, Chris Layton of Stevie Ray Vaughan's Double Trouble, Joe Louis Walker, Molly Hatchet, and .38 Special as well as others.

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