



MATT SCHOFIELD

BIOGRAPHY

Top ten British Blues guitarists of all time - Guitar and Bass
No.1 Blues Album of 2011 - MOJO *BBC R2 national radio - Blues pick of 2011*
Guitarist of the year - BRITISH BLUES AWARDS 2010 & 2011

Now firmly established as the freshest and most exciting blues guitarist to have emerged on the world scene for many years, Matt Schofield's powerful mix of Blues, rock and New Orleans funk is unlike anything else on the block. He is rated in the *top ten British blues guitarists of all time (Guitar & Bass Magazine)* putting him in the company of such iconic names as *Eric Clapton* and *Peter Green*.

His latest album *Anything But Time* was produced by **John Porter**, legendary for his productions of Buddy Guy, BB King, Taj Mahal, Keb Mo, Santana and no less than 10 Grammy winning albums. The album is MOJO magazine's no.1 Blues album of 2011. He has a total of four studio albums and three live albums.

In his relatively short career (he is just 34), Schofield's prowess as a guitarist and singer has taken his band to 23 countries. He was crowned Blues Guitarist of the Year in the 2010 and 2011 British Blues Awards; and scored another distinction when he joined such famous names as Buddy Guy, Eric Johnson and Joe Bonamassa, who have DVDs produced by the world's largest music print publisher, the US-based Hal Leonard organization. In January 2012 he became one of the first artists to be invited to perform a live webcast from Bob Weir's TRI Studios in San Rafael, an amazing state-of-the art facility that signals the future of recording and live music on the web.

For the past two years Matt has toured extensively in the USA and Canada and played blues festivals as far afield as Indonesia, India and Texas, where he headlined the memorial T-Bone Walker festival in T-Bone's home town of Linden TX. For any blues-inspired guitarist that is a singular honour. His band comprises long-term compatriot **Jonny Henderson** (Hammond organ & left-hand bass) and American **Kevin Hayes** on drums, who has a long list of touring and recording credits including Robert Cray, John Lee Hooker, BB King, Albert Collins and Van Morrison.

For 2012 Schofield will tour with his Signature Two-Rock amplifier, launched at the January 2012 NAMM convention. He joins John Mayer in having a named edition from this highly respected amplifier manufacturer.