JACK-AUSTIN DESPY BLUES BAND

Electronic Press Kit

JACK-AUSTIN DESPY is one of the UK's most exciting young blues-rock performers. Fronting a high-energy power trio, he combines expressive guitar work, soulful vocals and a deep respect for the blues with a modern, individual edge. Following a second consecutive UK Blues Awards finalist nomination and an expanding run of UK and European dates, Jack-Austin is building a reputation as a compelling live artist with momentum well beyond his years.

Biography

Jack-Austin Despy, from Billericay, Essex, began playing harmonica at six before moving to guitar. By nine he was jamming with experienced musicians, and at thirteen he performed guitar and vocals at the Rory Gallagher Festival UK in Nantwich. Since then, he has developed into a commanding frontman whose playing draws on Stevie Ray Vaughan, Rory Gallagher, Jimi Hendrix, Gary Moore and B.B. King while retaining a voice of his own.

The Jack-Austin Despy Blues Band is a three-piece built around Jack-Austin's lead guitar and vocals. The band has appeared at leading blues venues and festivals in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands and Germany, including London's 100 Club, the Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival in Ballyshannon and the Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival programme.

Jack-Austin was a finalist for the Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist of the Year award in both 2025 and 2026, and for Emerging Act of the Year in 2025. He is endorsed by DR Handmade Pure Blues guitar strings.

On stage, Jack-Austin pairs technical fluency with instinctive feel: powerful dynamics, extended guitar passages and an engaging performance style that connects traditional electric blues with a new generation of audiences.






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Whisky Flowers


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Swanage Blues Festival - Old Black Sun

Swanage Blues Festival - Hurt Train

Swanage Blues Festival - Whiplash Alley

Swanage Blues Festival - Shadowplay

Broadstairs Blues Bash - Voodoo Child

Ballyshannon Rory Gallagher International - Couldn't Stand The Weather

Highlights & Achievements

Finalist in the UK Blues Federation Awards in 2025 and 2026:
Young Blues Artist & Emerging Act of the Year

Ballyshannon Rhythm & Blues Festival – Ireland x2
Rory Gallagher Tribute Festival - UK x2
Tuesday Blues at the 100 Club
Blackpool Winter Gardens
Rory Gallagher International Festival Ballyshannon – Ireland x2
Broadstairs Blues Bash x2
Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival
York Blues Festival
Rory Gallagher Tribute Festival - Holland
Zelt Open Air – Germany
Letterkenny Blues & Roots Festival - Ireland
Swanage Blues Festival

Shared stages with leading acts on the blues circuit –The Zac Schulze Gang, Aiden Pryor Band and Whisky Flowers, Paul Cook Blues Band.

Endorsed by DR Handmade Pure Blues Strings.

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