

JACK-AUSTIN DESPY BLUES BAND



Electronic Press Kit

JACK-AUSTIN DESPY is a rising star in the UK blues-rock scene. With electrifying guitar work, soulful vocals, and raw energy, he has been hailed as the future of modern blues. Jack-Austin and his band deliver a performance that leaves audiences wanting more. His music is a blend of traditional blues with a modern twist which has captivated the hearts of music lovers everywhere. This press kit introduces his story, achievements, and media resources.

Biography

Jack-Austin Despy, based in Billericay, Essex, is already being recognised as one of the UK's brightest new blues talents. Jack began his musical journey at the tender age of six when he wanted to learn to play harp. At the age of thirteen he played guitar and sang at the Rory Gallagher Festival UK in Nantwich where he amazed the audience with his skills on stage. Despite his youth, he has appeared at major venues and festivals including the Ballyshannon Rhythm & Blues Festival, Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival in Ballyshannon, the iconic 100 Club in London and returning to the Rory Gallagher Festival UK.

In 2025 he was nominated for the UK Blues Federation award in two categories: Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist of the Year and Emerging Act of the Year and was a finalist for the Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist of the Year.

He is endorsed by DR Handmade Pure Blues guitar strings.

Jack-Austin blends the virtuosity of Stevie Ray Vaughan with the passion of Rory Gallagher and the soul of BB King, while carving out his own unique identity on stage.



VIDEOS – click the links.

[Old Black Sun](#)

[Bad In The First Degree](#)

[Couldn't Stand The Weather](#)

[Tattoo'd Lady](#)

Highlights & Achievements

Nominee in the UK Blues Federation Awards for:

Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist & Emerging Act of the Year 2025

Finalist in the UK Blues Federation Awards for:

Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist of the Year 2025

At the age of 16 he performed at:

Ballyshannon Rhythm & Blues Festival

Rory Gallagher Tribute Festival UK

Tuesday Blues at the 100 Club

Blackpool Winter Gardens

Rory Gallagher International Festival Ballyshannon

Broadstairs Blues Bash

Dereham Blues Festival

Livestock Blues Festival (London)

At the age of 17 so far he performed at:

Ballyshannon Rhythm & Blues Festival

Whitby Blues Rhythm and Rock Festival 2025

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

Sells out local shows, with glowing reviews.

Next year he has already been booked at:

Winter Blues Weekender – North Shields

Broadstairs Blues Bash

Rory Gallagher Tribute – Holland

York Blues Festival

Zelt Open Air – Germany

Belfast City Blues Festival

Letterkenny Blues & Roots Festival

Colne Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival

Rory Gallagher Festival UK (Nantwich)

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UK BLUES AWARDS 2025
The Top 15 Nominees
in the category
Jules Fothergill Young Blues Artist Of The Year
Sponsored by Terry & Lesley Marshall

Andras Droppa	Millie Mason
Dixie Darling	Neil Groves
Jack Austin Despy	Rhys John Stygal
Jack Thomas	Senna Weeks
Jake Loosemore	Tom Davies
Jesse Garwood	Tom Waters
Lola Rose Wilson	Zac Schulze
Marcus Praestgaard-Stevens	

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Public voting will start on 15th February and finish on 3rd March.
The winners of the Award will be announced at The UK Blues Awards 2025 on 16th April



UK BLUES AWARDS 2025
The Top 20 Nominees
in the category
UK Blues Emerging Act Of The Year
Sponsored by The Crawdaddy Club Richmond

Adam Sweet Band	Kiris Riviere & The Delta Du Brut
Alex Voysey	Nothing In Rambling
Blue Milk	Pat Fulgoni
Blue Nation	Ramblin' Preachers
C Bone	The Dusk Brothers
DC Blues	The Swaps
Demi Marnier	Thomas Heppell
Dirty Ruby	Tom Davies & The Bluebirds
Greg Brice	Too Bad Jims
Jack Austin Despy	True Strays

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TOM DAVIES
TOM WATERS
ZAC SCHULZE

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