BAND OF FRIENDS
A celebration of the music of Rory Gallagher
Winners of the European Blues Awards 2013
Not just the notes – but the sound, energy and feel of Rory Gallagher, delivered by people who helped define it....

“Really has the atmosphere of a Rory concert” - Lust for life
“This is not a tribute band but a group of its own. The group works wonders” – Rock & Folk
“Sparks fly from the first note. The Band of Friends is pure cracker” – Blues focus
“The pleasure flies in your face” – Voor
“A sturdy pot of blues rock – they impressed, and not only me” – Bluesbreaker
“Emotional highlights – a fantastic interpretation” Rockblogblues
“In the music industry its hard to find something this well done. Priceless” – Miuskk.com
“Like no other power unit, they celebrate the amiable guitar hero’s passion on stage” – The blues alone
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When the Irish guitarist – vocalist passed away, he left behind an eleven – album catalogue of inspired music, and the memory of unforgottably energetic concerts.

Bassist Gerry McAvoy (Rory Gallagher/Nine Below zero/Champion Jack Dupree/Deep Joy) appeared on every one of these albums.

“ It must have been around 2006 when I started listening to all my old vinyl, which I hadn’t listened to for years.

Among these records were my Rory Gallagher albums. I played them constantly, realising what great songs and what a great composer Rory really was.

I wanted to take these songs and play them live, but I needed the right musicians.

Ted McKenna (Rory Gallagher/Sensational Alex Harvey band/Michael Schenker group/Gary Moore/Greg Lake) came on board, as did Marcel Scherpenzeel (Guitar & vocals) who I had met a year or so before.

This was to become a 8 year journey. Sadly we lost Ted in January 2019.

Marcel has formed his own band.

So here we are in 2020 with a new line up, and a fresh approach.

we will be touring extensively, celebrating Rory’s 25th anniversary

2020

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Band of friends will be touring throughout 2020 Worldwide, celebrating Rory’s 25th anniversary.


Brendan O’Neill  Stephan Graf  Paul Rose with Rory
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**Paul Rose.** A guitar player's guitarist player. He has played with some of the top names in the business.

He was picked by Rory out of 1000 young guitarists to win the Fender sponsored best guitarist competition.

“A very hot player” – Rory Gallagher

“Paul blew my mind, I’m very proud of him” – Seymour Duncan

“Quite possibly the best guitarist I’ve ever seen” – British blues news

“Ingenious and staggering” – Guitar & Bass magazine

“Truly special, exceptional” – Guitar techniques magazine

**Stephan Graf.** Stephan has been playing with his own band Double vision, as a tribute to Rory. Stephan discovered Rory at a very early age. He really has the feel for Rory’s music.

“In the era of tribute acts who deliver note – perfect renditions of their heroes’ catalogues, the Band of Friends is something different. They can do the notes played by electric blues icon Rory Gallagher. But they also do the sound, energy and feel – because the band includes people who helped define those essential elements” – Music today USA
BAND OF FRIENDS DATES 2020

March
3rd Nachtleben, Frankfurt. Germany
5th Reigen, Vienna. Austria
6th Bluesiana, Velden. Austria
7th Blues club Cheimgau, Rimsting. Austria
8th Legends lounge, Olching. Germany
10th Spirit of 66,Verviers. Belgium
11th Jubez, Karlsruhe. Germany
12th Z7, Pratteln. Switzerland
13th Gaswerk, Seewen. Switzerland
14th Kammgarn, Hard. Austria
19th Hirsch, Metzingen. Germany
20th Scheur, Idstein. Germany
21st Kulturwerkstatt, Maeele. Germany
26th 7ER club, Mannheim. Germany
27th Zur Linde, Affalter. Germany
28th Schwarzer Peter, Heuthen. Germany

April
1st Downtown blues club, Hamburg. Germany
2nd Harmonie, Bonn. Germany
3rd Kulturscheune, Slazgitter. Germany
4th Kulturbastion, Torgau. Germany
5th Theaterstubchen, Kassel. Germany
10th Flux, Zaandam. Netherlands
11th Bolwerk, Sneek. Netherlands
18th Cagliari, Sardinia. Italy
23rd Meisenfrei, Bremem. Germany
24th Guitar hero’s festival, Ioldelund. Germany
25th Blues garage, Isernhagen. Germany
26th Piano ,Dortmund. Germany

May
19th Guitar festival, Arques. France
22nd The Cluny, Newcastle upon Tyne. UK
23rd Northern kin festival, Stanhope.Co Durham. UK
30th Duvel blues festival, Ruisbroek. Belgium
31st Rory Gallagher International festival, Ballyshannon. Ireland