

James Anthony



BIO: James Anthony grew up in a Suburb of Toronto, Etobicoke. A natural musician at age 10, played Ontario Place at 15 and turned pro at 17. He went on the road at 17 with Cougar TCB, one of the first Reggae bands in Canada led by Jay Douglas. In 1974, James Anthony joined Edward Bear and various Toronto bands. In 1978 had one Album on RCA with Mondo Combo. The 80s James played country sessions, TV and radio shows. As part of the Lulu's House Band in the 1990s in Kitchener, Ontario, James Anthony performed with over 150 touring Artists, including, Sam Moore of Sam & Dave, Denny Doherty of The Mamas & the Papas, Gary U.S. Bonds, and The Platters. He hosted an award winning Roots musical variety show "The Midnight Hour" on Rogers cable in the 1990s, and "James Anthony Live" on Cogeco Cable in 2011-2013.

Anthony was inducted into Blues Hall Of Fame USA on September 22, 2013 in Detroit.

James Anthony now resides in Burlington, Ontario and owns and operates Sound Investments Recording Studio. He is still active in the blues, jazz and roots music community as a session musician,

producer, and arranger. Anthony writes for and produces other artists, jingles and film scores and performs at blues festivals. James' experience in the music industry is reminiscent of legendary players of the past.

His favourite guitars are The Telecaster, Les Paul, ES 335 and Stratocasters. Lately playing a Godin Premier jazz Guitar. Amps are Fender Tweeds, Deluxes and Black face models also a VHT modded by Ric Anderson.

"Soul is Born, Blues is Earned"

James Anthony CDs

2023 - Profile
2016 - Jazz at Seven
2014 - Some people get it!
2011 - Live in The Barrel
2010 - On The Edge
2009 - Merry Christmas
2008 - All Spruced up!
2007 - Blue Side of JA
2005 - Room for me
2003 - Soul Shoes
2000 - Play Something you Know!
1996 - Nite School

[Listen to New Album and Live Performances](#)

This link will include a link to listen to James' newest Album and some Live performances of tunes from his newest and past Albums

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Reviews & Quotes

James is world class

Denny Doherty (Mamas and Papas)

Great Playing!

Dominic Troiano (Canadian Guitar Legend)

Best of luck at the award show!!! You really are one of the best on the planet and you really, really deserve it. I look forward to hearing from you... P.S. Did I mention that I was the first to give you a trophy from Buffalo!!!

Donna Robbins Recording Artist

As usual even with just a few solo's and one or two vocals...he blew the place away...

Donnie Meeker (Sweet Blindness)

hey James, Listened to two of your CDS on the way down to Texas; both really really good James and the acoustic one I thought was phenomenal, both in picking and singing. James I believe you would have been a star a long time ago in the USA.

Danny Brooks

He's an "Italian Segovia" Wish I met him 30 years ago

Ronnie Hawkins

Some days ago I was giving a look at the playlists of my radio show of American roots music here and found that some of them also featured your latest album, the very good **Some people Get it!** I really enjoy playing your music, it makes me think like Steely Dan playing the blues, it is subtler than usual and very well played and arranged indeed

Massimo Ferro

San Michele
Radio Voce Spazio
ITALY

[UK Review](#)

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Awards

USA Blues Hall of Fame (Sept 22 2013)
"Hamilton Urban Core" Awarded James a Plaque for playing Musical Charities over 10 Years of service "Soul is Born, Blues is Earned"
Fender Coca-Cola Toronto Guitar Warz
Best Entertainer Burlington Ontario Readers Choice 2013
Honoured by the Mayors of Hamilton, Cambridge and Etobicoke for Music Concerts to aid Charities.

Samples of Past Venues

Chris Chellios NHL Hockey Hall of Fame Party at Gretskys
Puerto Escondido Blues Fest - Mexico 2011
Massey Hall Toronto
Toronto CNE
French Quarter New Orleans
El Mocambo House Band
Cayman Islands
BB Kings - Memphis, Orlando, Nashville
Legends in Chicago
Kingston Mines - Chicago
Hughes Room Toronto
Distillery Blues Fest Toronto
Royal Botanical Gardens Jazz Fest
AAA Golf Event-New Orleans
Toronto Beaches Jazz Fest
Grape and Wine Niagara
Hamilton-Festival of Friends
Markham Rib Fest
Kitchener Blues Fest-One of the Founders
1997 Cable TV Producers Award for "Best Music Show "The Midnight Hour" on Rogers for 5 years.
London Bluesfest
Windsor Bluesfest
Grey Cup Half Time Toronto
Oakville Jazz Fest
Burlington Rib Fest
Burlington Jazz Fest
Thunder Bay Blues Fest
Can-Am Blues Fest-Buffalo
Blues Fest Lewiston NY
Milton Escarpment Blues Fest
Harbourfront Toronto
Orangeville Blues Festival
Sound Of Music Burlington
New Orleans Club - Budapest
Alcatraz-Budapest - Hungary
Azores Augusto Mare Music Fest -Santa Maria
Canal Bank Shuffle-Thorold
Grape and Wine Niagara Falls
New Years Eve Niagara Falls Live on TV
Niagara Blues Fest
Southside Shuffle - Port Credit
Lincoln Blues Fest
New Orleans-Bourbon St
Baton Rouge -Rayful Neals
University of Waterloo
Carleton University -Ottawa
U of Toronto
University Of Windsor
Carelton Slots
University of London
Haverdale College
Pt Edward Casino
Casino Niagara
Seneca Casino - NY
Laffette Tap Room -Buffalo
Blues Warehouse-Buffalo
Dinosaur Bar and Grill - NY
Macassa Yacht Club
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
Oakville Yacht Club
Burlington Yacht Club
Hamilton ,St Catherines, Oakville Golf and Country Clubs
The Granite Club - Mississauga
Paris Annual Vintage Bike Rally

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