

Matt Schofield



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“Top ten British Blues guitarists of all time“ Guitar & Bass

*“Another Level Altogether”*MOJO

“In Schofield, the UK has produced the best blues guitarist for decades”

LA Daily News

Guitarist of the Year -&- Album of the Year British Blues Awards 2010

“The best of his generation's European players. His feel for the music is incredible“ VINTAGE GUITAR

“His solos are santana-like in their command“ BLUES REVUE

Now firmly established as the freshest and most exciting blues guitarist to have emerged on the world scene for many years, Matt 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*. He was crowned Blues Guitarist and Album of the year in the 2010 British Blues Awards.

Also in 2010 he joined such luminary names as Buddy Guy, Eric Johnson and Robben Ford, who have DVDs produced by the world's largest music print publisher, the US-based Hal Leonard organisation. Schofield is one of the few Brits ever to have appeared on the Hal Leonard imprint.

In his relatively short career, Schofield's prowess as a blues guitarist has taken his band to 22 countries and brought him high praise in the Penguin Book of Blues Recordings as one of only two living British artists in recording history to gain a maximum four-star rating. In 2010 he completed a debut nine week tour of North America, repeated in 2011 when he did over 50 shows.

Schofield's powerful mix of Blues, rock and New Orleans funk is unlike anything else on the block. 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).

Schofield has 4 studio albums and three live albums to his credit. His latest album *ANYTHING BUT TIME* released in May 2011, is produced by John Porter (legendary for his productions of Buddy Guy, BB King, Taj Mahal, Keb Mo, Santana and no less than 12 Grammy winning albums). Of Schofield, Porter says *“Matt is the most talented guitarist I have worked with in a long while.”*

He is an entirely self-taught guitarist. He picked up a beat-up nylon string classical guitar aged 10 to try and play along to his father's blues records. By 13 he had formed a band at school and at 18 he was a professional guitarist. He chose to earn his stripes as a sideman before contemplating a solo career and he played in several notable London-based bands before in 2004 forming a band with Jonny Henderson on Hammond organ, Jeff Walker on bass and New Zealander Evan Jenkins on drums. One night the bass player could not make the show so at the last minute Jonny took over bass duties on the Hammond. That chance experiment cast the die for what is now the Matt Schofield Trio.

