



THE RUSTY WRIGHT BAND

PRESS KIT



"The Rusty Wright Band is one of the most entertaining Blues bands in the country today and we are thrilled that they will be bringing the Blues to our troops serving in South Korea and Japan,"

~Steve Simon, *BLUZAPALOOZA's* founder and co-producer.~

"BRILLIANT..."

~ *Blues Matters Magazine* ~

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When performer and audience exchange energies, share a passion... magic happens.

The Rusty Wright Band brings to the stage an electrifying, blues-infused tour de force of rollicking musical interplay that is as much fun to watch as it is to listen to. In less than three years this six-piece act has made the leap from regional favorite to performing at some of North America's top blues festivals. They have shared billing with an eclectic array of blues, roots and rock acts including Lynyrd Skynyrd, Etta James, Charlie Musselwhite, Leslie West & Mountain, Janiva Magness, Zach Harmon, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Blessid Union of Souls, Billy Branch, Slaughter, Alberta Adams, Rory Block, W.C. Clark, Betty LaVette and Mark Famer.



Rusty Wright is an incendiary guitarist and from his first note the stage sizzles with dynamic energy, but make no mistake, this act is much more than a "guitar" band. Soaring Hammond B3 organ, bouncing piano runs and soulful sax riffs volley to and fro across the stage in answer to Rusty's six-string challenge as he pushes his backing band to ever greater feats of improvisation as the band swings, rocks and croons its way through sets of music from the band's two CDs.



Fronting the band with Wright is his wife, vocalist/guitarist Laurie LaCross-Wright. As they harmonize together and trade vocals on verses, their onstage chemistry is both obvious and engaging, and their good-natured banter between songs brings knowing smiles to the faces of everyone who has ever been in a relationship.

Not content with finding one groove and sticking with it, this six-piece "energized blues storm" takes audiences on a joyful, rolling tour of souped-up Americana as hints of jazz, rock, country and even gospel find their way into a veritable blues stew dished up and served steaming hot with a healthy dose of Motor City flair and attitude. It's a vibrant, honest blending of sounds and styles that brings audiences to their feet and leaves them feeling good.



Rusty and Laurie also are happy to present workshops at festivals, and also offer educational programs appropriate for middle school and high school age students.

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Enclosed are materials on the Rusty Wright Band. A 6pc Blues/Americana act. This artist has worked with Etta James, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Charlie Musselwhite, Leslie West, Janiva Magness, Zac Harmon, Ronnie Baker Brookes and many others. Receiving great acclaim for their performances.

Their second CD, "Playin' with Fire" is in rotation on stations across the US, Canada, Europe and Australia. The CD charted nationally in March of 2009.

I'd like you to consider them for a show at your venue or event and please keep these points in mind..

A few points of importance:

1. The artist and Sadson Music do extensive publicity work to support all live appearances
2. We currently have an email fanlist of over 3000 die hard fans and growing daily.
3. Sadson Music does extensive promotion to news outlets and online services as well as Radio giveaways and interviews.
4. We develop several concerts of our own and draw consistently **500 or more people.**
5. The artist website contains live video, audio and extensive marketing materials to make your advertising needs as easy as possible.
6. The artists can do educational workshops or matinee performances to make you eligible for Arts Grant funds. (see website for details)

This is a group of professional touring musicians. A list of past shows is included. I am positive that this act would be an excellent choice for your schedule both artistically and financially.

Please review the materials and I will follow up with you in the future.

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PRESS & QUOTES

Rarely does one give an unequivocal recommendation on first listening, but I have no hesitation in giving this the “just buy it” seal of approval. From the start, this brilliant album exhibits all that is great about US Blues/rock. From the wonderful guitar solos and smooth vocals of Michigan-based band leader Rusty Wright, through the harmonies and vocals of his wife Laurie LaCross Wright, classic keyboard accompaniment to rock solid rhythms and occasional horns parts, this is simply marvellous. In all styles, whether it is southern rock (‘World Upside Down’), Blues ballads (‘Messin’ Round’ and ‘Make A Liar Out Of Me’), blistering Aerosmith-type rock (‘Last Day Of Whitey Malone’), done-me-wrong Blues (‘You Ain’t Thinkin’ Bout Me’) or the sensational energy of ‘What A Ride’, this band has all the chops. Lynyrd Skynyrd’s influence is plain to see in a ‘A Change In The Weather’, so much so, I half expected to hear Van Zant’s vocals! The blistering rave-up conclusion is the title track of the album. This truly is powerful stuff!

~BLUES MATTERS MAGAZINE

St. John Bluesfest, Virgin Islands

“I have been producing Blues concerts and festivals all over the world for over 20 years and I have never seen an audience reaction like I just saw this past Saturday night. The Rusty Wright Band was my opening act and they came out of the gate with an incredible atomic energy that brought everyone to their feet. Within the first minute of their first song they had thousands of people up and dancing. The Rusty Wright Band set the bar very high for the acts that followed them.”

~ Steve Simon, St. John Bluesfest and Bluzapalooza Producer

Etta James & the Roots Band wsg Rusty Wright Band

“Opening with Ain't No Good Life, the title track from their CD, you can feel the sincerity of the music and know that this the real deal. Introducing a new song that was being played for the first time at this show, Rusty gently led the band through Make a Liar Out of Me which will be on their new CD. Between Rusty's blistering guitar work, Laurie's smooth as silk vocals coupled with a rock solid rhythm section, it made the sixty minute set seem way too short and earned the band a standing ovation they so rightfully deserved.”

~Tim Richards, BluesSource.com

Etta James & the Roots Band wsg Rusty Wright Band

“Between acts I overheard an audience member say "I had no idea that this group [Rusty Wright Band] was opening for Etta and I have never hear them before but that performance alone was worth the price of admission." And tickets for that show were not cheap. Rusty Wright Band knocked the socks off our audience!”

“I had people I would consider blues snobs coming up to me after the opening act asking where they can see The Rusty Wright Band perform again. That was a sure indication I had made the right choice in asking The Rusty Wright Band to open for Etta James.”

~Christina Bellows, Director, The Whiting

ROAD TO MEMPHIS CONCERT

“If you weren't there last Friday night, you missed one of the most spontaneous local musical events of the season. What began as a fundraiser expected to attract a few hundred fans turned into a jam-packed, sold-out blues explosion.... The location was the Davison Country Club, which was so packed by the time the band went on stage that the local fire marshal ordered them to stop taking admissions...”

~Doug Pullen, The Flint Journal



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Review, Playin' with Fire

"It's not sensible to choose albums of the year in January, but this one will definitely be one of them!"
~ Riku Melinen, Blues News/Finland Blues Society

"This album rocks end to end. It's a great, great album!"

~ Mike Yusi UCRadio Podshow & Sonic Wallpaper

"On the Playlist page, the album is now and forever in the All-Time Favorites column!"

~ Paul Bodorovski, Midnight Special Blues

MARQUETTE BLUES FESTIVAL

There are many who may not have heard of this band before their performance, but I doubt any will forget them afterwards. They were the darlings of the festival on Sunday. If you get a chance to get out and see them, go! go! go!

*~ Cheryl Olson, music reviewer, WOAS FM radio personality,
Porcupine Music Festival Talent Coordinator*

The Rusty Wright Band 'Playin' With Fire'

"This is simply scorchin' southern rockin' blues from the heart of the rust belt, Flint Michigan. Folks, this CD can be very useful as a test to see if there is any life left in yer bones. If it don't get you up and dancing; call the morgue 'cause you MUST be dead! It is a rockin' tour d'force from beginning to end.

The band consists of Rusty Wright (lead guitar/vocals); Laurie Wright (guitar/vocals); Dave Brahce (keyboards); Andy Barancik (bass); Pete Haist (drums); and Eddie Lester (Sax). As I listen closely it has elements that remind me of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Molly Hatchet, Pat Travers and The Allman Bros., only with much more texture and depth to the melodies. Rusty's guitar work is impeccable demonstrating a style that is honed by years and years of 'playin' his dues' while still embodying the exuberance and playfulness of a fearless youngster. Rusty's voice is as smooth as molten molasses as he weaves his way thru the heartfelt stories of life on this offering. Laurie's vocals are angel sweet and dead on. They complement each other in beautiful harmonic perfection. But it ain't just about the front side of this band. The boys 'in the back' are tighter than a tutu on a sumo. The hooks and embellishments they thread throughout this project will cause yer jaw to drop and spread a ten inch smile 'cross yer eight inch face.

I didn't realize I was leanin' into it until I pitched forward after the last note. For you Bluesers that are closet Rockers, this is one CD that will SATISFY! I guar-on-tee!

~ Blueshammer, Blue Monday Monthly



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PAST PERFORMANCES

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Bluzapalooza IV 9 show Tour of Korea and Japan
St. Johns Blues Festival, US Virgin Islands
Clio Amphitheater, with Lynyrd Skynyrd
Cabin Fever Musicfest with Nick Moss & the Fliptops
Bayfront Blues Festival, Duluth MN
RWB Live at Faith City (live concert taping for DVD release)
Festival on the Bay, Petoskey MI
Lima Square Fair, Lima OH
Chelsea Summerfest, Chelsea MI
Bluesfest International, Windsor Ontario
Bluesfest International, London Ontario
The Whiting, with Etta James
Livingston Concerts at the Courthouse summer series, Howell MI
Alpena Blues Festival, Alpena MI
Bay Arts Council summer concert series, Bay City MI
Pix Theater Premier Concert Series
Marquette Blues Festival, Marquette MI
Porcupine Mountain Music Festival, Ontonagon MI
I Chews the Blues Festival, (multiple years)
Snowshoe Mountain's Blues & BBQ's Festival, Snowshoe WV
Antifreeze Blues Festival, Detroit MI
Jackson Blues Festival, Jackson MI
Detroit Festival of the Arts, Wayne State University, Detroit MI



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PAST PERFORMANCES (2 of 3)

Kalamazoo Blues Festival, Kalamazoo MI (multiple years)
Oxford Hot Blues & BBQ Festival, Oxford MI (multiple years)
DTE Energy Theater
Black Forest, with Leslie West & Mountain
Lapeer Days, with Blessid Union of Souls
National Association of Music Merchandisers Convention, Austin TX
Road to Memphis winter concert
Hot Blues & Brews winter concert
Emerald Theater, Mt. Clemens MI
BlueStage, Napoleon MI
The Blues Foundation's International Blues Challenge, Memphis TN
Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie, Nashville TN
Blues & Greens concert, Windsor Ontario
Frankenmuth Auto Festival, Frankenmuth MI
Willow Run July 4th Celebration concert, Detroit MI
Corunna 4th of July Celebration, Corunna MI
Lowell Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series, Lowell, MI
Flushing Summer Concert Series (multiple years)
Owosso Summer Concert Series
Flint Art Fair (multiple years)



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PAST PERFORMANCES (3 of 3)

Genesee County Fair (multiple years)

Lapeer Days Celebration (multiple years)

Linden Summer Concert Series (multiple years)

Swartz Creek Summer Concert Series

Oxford Summer Concert Series, Oxford MI (multiple years)

Holy Family Summer Festival (Buick Open Golf Tourney event) Grand Blanc, MI

St. Pius X Summer Festival, Flint MI

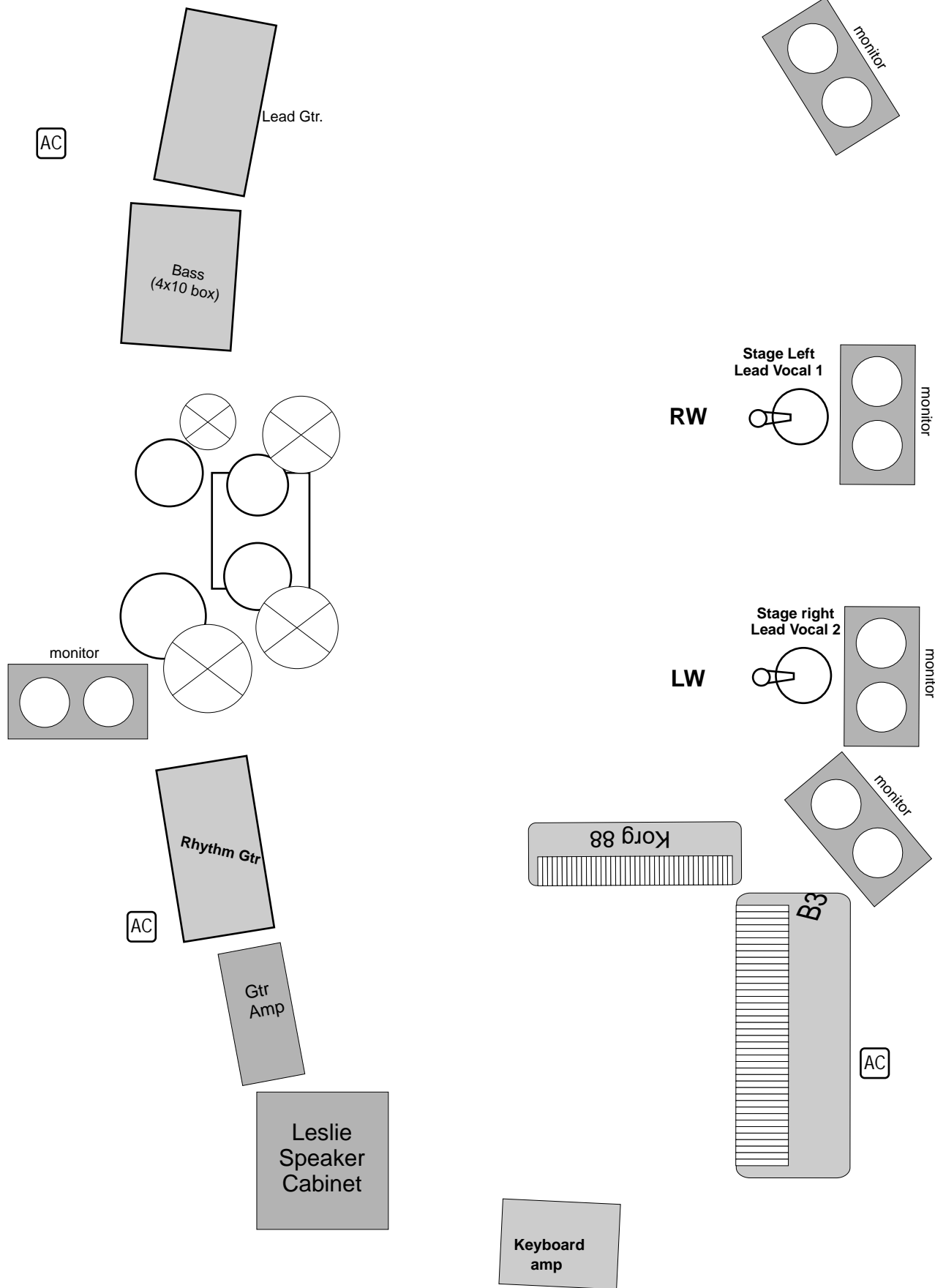
Benefit concerts for NOLA residents (Hurricane Katrina) (multiple)

Beaverton Festival (multiple years)

West Michigan Blues Society Winter fundraiser

Alpena Blues Coalition Winter fundraiser

Rusty Wright Band
Stage Plot
5pc act



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Input List

Input

1. Kik
2. Snare
3. Hat
4. Rack 1
5. Rack 2
6. Floor
7. Overhead (optional)
8. Bass DI
9. Yamaha piano DI
10. Leslie Hi
11. Leslie Lo
12. Rhythm Gtr (Stage Right)
13. Lead Gtr. (Stage Left)
14. Harmony Gtr (Stage Right)
15. Female L. Vocal (Center Stage Right)
16. Male L. Vocal (Center Stage Left)