

The Dave Keller Band

If you haven't heard of Dave Keller yet, you are forgiven. Since 1993 he's lived in icy Vermont, where musicians generally stay close to home. When you also consider his commitment to helping raise his two young daughters, you can begin to see why Dave Keller's not a household name just yet. But that's not the whole story.

For Keller has steadily built a reputation as **Vermont's finest blues and soul man**. He's done it the old fashioned way: playing every venue possible -- festivals, bars, colleges, prisons, coffeehouses, parties, and weddings -- and averaging 120 performances a year. You'd have to work hard to find folks in the Green Mountains who haven't danced to Keller and his band. Many rave about his dynamic stage presence and his deep soul singing. Others admire his gritty/funky guitar playing, or his personal yet catchy songwriting. What they all agree on is that Keller is a master. And little by little, word is getting out.

Renowned guitarist Ronnie Earl met Keller last summer, and invited him into the studio to sing on his new CD, *Living in the Light*. Deep soul legend Mighty Sam McClain has been singing Keller's praises, telling the world to check him out. Visiting soul and blues dignitaries (Fontella Bass, Robert Ward, etc.) have called on The Dave Keller Band to back them up. And print media have given Keller's all-original, self-produced CDs glowing praise, with Paris' *Soul Bag* insisting that Keller will put Vermont on the blues and soul map.

Keller's hand-picked band includes three top-shelf musicians. Jan Schultz, on Fender bass, spent many years gigging in Chicago with Jimmy Dawkins, and backing up such blues notables as Otis Rush, Junior Parker, Big Mama Thornton, and Little Brother Montgomery. Drummer Brett Hoffman is a local treasure, watching Keller like a hawk and pushing him to ever higher heights. Ira Friedman is, simply put, an extremely soulful Hammond organ player. In fact, the spontaneous interplay between Friedman's B3 and Keller's guitar is at the center of each show's amazing energy.

So if some would call moving to Vermont a career killer, Keller's not worried. He's making his living as a blues and soul man, and getting to spend plenty of time with his family as well. Take Mighty Sam's advice and "y'all check him out", and you'll be singing Dave Keller's praises too!

"Your music is just very, very beautiful. It really speaks to me."

-- Ronnie Earl, blues guitarist extraordinaire

"Dave Keller needs a chance to be heard -- he's for REAL! Y'all check him out!"

-- Mighty Sam McClain, legendary deep soul singer

"It's going to be necessary to put Vermont on the blues and soul map."

-- Jacques Perin, *Soul Bag*, Paris, France

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