## Presskit 2024

## TSCHEKY & BLUES KINGS



Fat Texas Blues paired with Rock'n'roll – fresh out the oven from the "New Generation" of German Blues. It exists – in the southern states of Germany, more precisely in the Chiemgau.

What the young, wild boys started over a decade ago, has now turned into a serious blues hurricane, packed with loads of Rock'n'roll.

Michael "Tscheky" Sedlatschek (\* 1998), bandleader, lead guitarist and singer, had his life-changing moment at the age of 6, when he watched and, more importantly listened to his dad's VHS tape of Stevie Ray Vaughan playing at the TV Show "Rockpalast" at the Loreley (Germany), in 1984. Since then, Stevie never lost his grip on the young Tscheky.

As a result, Tscheky, together with his childhood friend Christoph Voggesser, who plays the rhythm guitar and the blues harp, started their band "Tscheky & The Blues Kings" back in 2011.

Andreas Schatz, with his flying fingers on the piano, further enchants the band's tune with organ sounds and a touch of boogie.

The necessary groove is provided by Markus Rehrl on the Fender bass, who together with Elija von Le Suire as the precise percussion powerhouse, comprises a true "bad to the bone" duo.

But what makes this band so special? One might think that blues, in all its varieties, is an old and dusty book best left on the shelf – but far from it! It is exactly their energy charged and authentic performance that captivates both young and old. It may be hard to believe, but sometimes, you can overhear teenagers say "I didn't even know that this kind of music packs such a punch! Normally, I don't listen to such music, but this is great!" One of their secrets is certainly that Tscheky & The Blues Kings pays homage to their idols and put their own stamp on it. Combined with songs of their own, they transform a show into a real "Louisiana Gumbo!"

Tscheky & The Blues Kings are especially proud about their milestones.

This includes Tscheky meeting Jimmie Vaughan backstage in 2012, where he got his guitar autographed. Another memorable experience was the backstage meet and greet with Kenny Wayne Shepherd, which is still on his mind to this day.

The band also performed and were then interviewed in the BR-Abendshow (Bavarian broadcast evening show) and were also awarded "band of the month" in the summer of 2023 on the radio channel Bayern 2. Both of these milestones may perhaps even hint at a little "blues hype" in Germany.

In the last few years, the Blues Kings performed in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, often together with international idols, who sometimes became companions on their journey, like Bernard Allison (USA), Kai Strauss & The Electric Blues Allstars (GER), the Mojo Blues Band (AUT), The Blues Bones (BEL), The Bluesanovas (GER) and many more.

A truly remarkable and important experience for Tscheky was his pilgrimage through the southern states of the US in 2023, where he met many musicians in the Meccas of American music and got the chance to share a stage with them. Sessions in Memphis (Tennessee), Clarksdale (Mississippi) and Dallas (Texas) further ignited the burning passion within Tscheky.

In 2016, Tscheky & The Blues Kings released their debut album "Hit The Ground Running."

Another album, "Men of Blues" followed in 2021. A new single will be released in 2024 and more EPs and LPs are on their way.

But enough talk about this "blues hurricane." - a live show says more than a thousand words! Watch out! – Tscheky & The Blues Kings are in town!



Markus



Andreas



Tscheky



Christoph



Elija

"Tscheky is a truly remarkable player and can sing, which is even rarer considering his age. Many play the guitar well, but are then lacking when it comes to singing. But when it comes to him, the package as a whole is on a really good way"

- Kai Strauss (on behalf of the German Blues Award) 2022



"Five kings and sound at its finest!"
– Reichenhaller Tagblatt 2019



"This lad has unleashed a true guitar tsunami" – Erik Trauner (Mojo Blues Band) über Tscheky 2017



"It's always wonderful to both see and hear "Tscheky" Sedlatschek and his Blues Kings from Siegsdorf. Despite their young age, they will still knock you off your seat with their professionality, their joy of playing and their lively enthusiasm when playing blues classics and songs of the rock'n'roll era."

- Traunsteiner Tagblatt 2018

"While the phrase "Blues will never die" has long turned grey, when taking a shy look at the average age of the blues scene, one must raise questions about the future. "Tscheky & The Blues Kings" may pose as a possible answer, who apart from their talent and their dynamics bring a rich and authentic sound onto the stage." – Bluesnews 2016



"No, you really can't call them a boygroup in the traditional sense... quite the opposite: this band plays in a whole different league!"

- Traunsteiner Tagblatt 2016



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