

ARTIST PROFILE

KING SIZE SLIM VENUE AND FESTIVAL BOOKINGS 2015

British Blues Award 2014 winner, Emerging Artist category.

Hand picked by BBC Music and Phil McIntyre Entertainment to support rock legends QUEEN as part of the BBC1 televised New Year's Eve celebrations for 2014, live from Westminster Hall.

Debut studio album "Milk Drunk" released by TreeHouse44 - distributed by Proper Music.

"Taking lactose intolerance to new levels... I really like this record!" Huey Morgan, BBC Radio 2.

MUSIC THAT SHOUTS LOUD AND KISSES SWEET

The big warm tones from his resonator guitar along with a powerful and direct vocal delivery are the trademarks of singer/song-writer King Size Slim.

Add rolling grooves and percussive hooks and you have a songwriter who delivers original compositions that are steeped in a world of music that is fully conscious of its roots but at the same time has a new story to tell.

Constant touring has built Hastings based Toby Barelli (aka King Size Slim) a reputation as a powerful performer, immensely engaging, passionate and entertaining with a delivery that grips his audience.

Toby was performing regularly with local bands at the age of 14, sitting in with anyone who would let him, style or genre didn't matter, he just wanted to play. His tenacity paid off, and shortly after leaving school Toby got his first professional work. Later Toby was invited to join the Two Tone legends 'The Selector'. This led to four years of worldwide touring and recording with many Ska and Reggae heroes, some influences of which can still be heard in his music today.

Now performing over 150 shows a year either solo or with his 3-piece line up (featuring a potent combination of guitars, bass, percussion and backing vocals), and in the wake of his last studio album, King Size Slim has become a 'must see' act on the alternative blues circuit as well as venues and festivals around the country.

Signed to the Treehouse44 record label, King Size Slim will be recording his second album in February 2015, with a scheduled release date in late Spring.

Live Reviews

"The highlight of the festival" Nigel Feist, promoter, Broadstairs Blues Bash

"a talent out of the young and bold blues bag who can show those old delta boys a thing or two. Wonderfully fresh and energised, a crowd grabber who whips up a storm....watch out for this guy." Barry Marshall Everitt, House of Mercy Radio

"the force of nature that is.." Stephen Ferguson, What's Cookin', London

Recent highlights include collaborations with guitarist Steve Finnerty (Alabama 3), support slots for Son of Dave, Heritage Blues Orchestra, Paul Lamb and the King Snakes, The James Hunter 6, Shemekia Copeland (an Adrian Gibson Music production at the 100 Club, London), Raison D'etre (Jazz Café, Camden), Hayseed Dixie and Miller Anderson (Savoy Brown), festival appearances at Love Supreme, Celebration Days (France) Glastonbury, Big Chill, Download and Gloucester Blues Festival, headlining the Sunday Sessions at Union Chapel (Islington) plus a whole heap of radio play and media support across the UK and Europe!

Watch the "Milk Drunk" official video here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI_x7veaZA8

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