

Martin Howells

Martin Howells is a traditional blues musician living on the NSW South Coast. He captures the style of traditional bluesmen such as Mississippi John Hurt, whilst still retaining his own unique approach to the music.

An in-demand performer, Martin has played at Broadbeach Blues Festival (Gold Coast), Blues for a Day Festival (Northern NSW), Goulburn Blues Festival and Woodford Folk Festival (Sunshine Coast), among others. He has performed alongside Canned Heat, Vasti Jackson, Backsliders, Ash Grunwald and Jeff Lang.

His traditional blues style has proved popular in many types of venues, and you can find him providing entertainment in restaurants, at wine festivals, in busy pubs, or captivating large crowds at music festivals.

Martin has been performing in both the UK and Australia since the late 60's, and brings with him a large amount of experience and talent. He plays a myriad of instruments, including Dobro, guitar and harmonica.

His greatest influences are the blues musicians of the 20's, 30's and 40's such as Mississippi John Hurt, Mance Lipscomb, Frank Stokes and Lightnin' Hopkins. His performances combine his interpretations of music from these artists with his own unique songs.

Playing solo and also with James T (Canned Heat) Martin's performances have become a very popular addition to the Australian blues music and festival scene where he has made a real connection with blues and folk music fans alike.

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