

Billy TK Jnr & The Groove Shakers.

Cast chance tour! Plus special guests

The Robert Lock Trio.



**New Zealand's internationally acclaimed guitarist
Billy TK Jnr and his amazing band are coming your way!!**

'Billy blessed us twice at the Sydney Blues & Roots Festival. His art is sublime...these were sensational performances both nights' - John Snelson - Oct 2012 - Get shot Magazine - Australia.

'The release of Blues Benediction by rights should make Billy a Global star - it is in my opinion the best blues / rock guitar album ever recorded in NZ' Mike Dinsdale Music Reviewer - Nov 2012 - New Zealand.

Billy TK Jnr and The Groove Shakers - 'Blues Benediction' - NZ's Blues Album release of the Year and tour!

'Billy TK Jnr and the Groove Shakers' have been touring Australia and New Zealand since 2012 on their **Australasian Blues Benediction Tour** to critical acclaim following the release in NZ of **Blues Benediction**.

The reviews come hot on the heels of Billy's acclaimed performances at the **Sydney Blues & Roots Festival** in October and four major shows in Melbourne including a standout performance at the legendary 'Espy' Esplanade Hotel music venue in St Kilda. Following the Australian tour Billy TK Jnr and The Groove Shakers toured New Zealand with USA blues band 'The Mofo Party Band' from California in a grueling 10 date tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand of festivals, wineries and venues. Billy TK Jnr also recently joined a range of celebrities in becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador to highlight his stand against violence towards women.

Billy TK Jnr has toured internationally since 1993 and has earned himself a reputation as a genuine guitar hero in the electric guitar blues scene as well as having video hits with 'mainstream' songs. A recent appearance on TVNZ's popular 'Good Morning Show' confirmed his status as one of NZ's best blues based performers. (<http://tvnz.co.nz/good-morning/extra-181012-billy-tk-video-5140445>)

During his career he has toured with artists like George Thorogood, Jimmy Barnes, The Neville Brothers, Ian Moss and Junior Wells and has performed in the USA, Japan, Australia and around the pacific and has just returned from performing at the Fiji 2012 International Jazz and Blues Festival.

Billy TK Jnr & The Groove Shakers have released their new album the amazing '**Blues Benediction**' through MGM Australia and via Southbound Records in NZ in October 2012, just in time for the tour. The album will be released across Australia in February 2013 followed by another Australian tour and more festival dates in Australia and the USA.

Billy TK Jnr feels he has a totally polished album ready for the global market place.

"They say that everything is about timing and this album feels like it has 'arrived' at the right location at the right time - I have recorded 2 albums in the past but none of them have ever felt or sounded as good as this - it is kind of a reflection of where I am at in my life' - I am very proud of this album and what I now have for the world to listen to is up there with the music of my heroes who inspired me to play." Billy TK Jnr.

Special guest support act for this tour is up and coming blues kiwi guitar star Robert Lock and his power blues trio. Auckland based Robert Lock counts Peter Green, Muddy Waters and Billy TK Jnr himself as influences on his playing career. Robert passes comment **"This is a real opportunity for me and I look forward to supporting Billy to make this a great show - it's really exiting'**.

Billy TK Jnr and The Groove Shakers with The Robert Lock Power Blues Trio will be performing at selected venues across New Zealand March and April before heading to Europe.

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Here are some reviews:

'You have to concede that this album is a career high point, very high from someone long deserving recognition' - **Graham Reid - Music Reviewer - Elsewhere.co.nz**

'Billy TK Jnr brought the incendiary axemanship and then some! - Sydney Blues & Roots Festival Review' - **Samuel Fell - Rhythms Mag - Australia.**

"I never expected him to be this good! He's got the whole blues guitar thing down."
George Thorogood.

'Billy TK Jnr is Amazing.' **Jimmy Barnes.**

'Billy's like SRV on steroids' **Ian Moss.**

"N.Z's world class kiwi rocker Billy TK Jnr" **Austin Texas Music Monthly.**

Show Details:

Support act - Robert Lock Power Blues Trio - 1 x 90 min set.

Main act - Billy TK Jnr & The Groove Shakers - 1 x 1 hour and 30 min set or 2 sets.

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