



The Busters

The Busters always bring a refreshing mixture of original and traditional blues to their performances. This is a guitar- and harmonica-driven band featuring solid three part harmony that makes for a very unique blues sound. Their shows move into high gear with their hard driving electric blues/rock that gets the audience out of their chairs and on to the dance floor. Continually drawing on different musical genres, they feature a strong mixture of blues and rock from the

1960s, with artists such as Paul Butterfield, Charlie Musselwhite, and Muddy Waters. The high-energy harmonica attack of Kim Ellerman is balanced by his ability to play slow and soulful when the song calls for it. Rick Olson and Mike Mattson are co-founders of the group. Both sing and play electric and acoustic guitar, with Rick leading on most of the vocals and Mike handling most of the lead guitar work. Andy Livingston's passionate vocals and steady bass lines speak the very essence of the blues, and Glenn Thomas' drumming keeps the band on a constant rhythmic track. Mattson and bandmates Olson and Livingston have been playing together for over 20 years. They hooked up with Ellerman in 1991 and Thomas in 1992. The Busters released their first CD in 1997 called "Waiting For The Tide" which featured some excellent original blues. If you like your blues with a little rock & roll edge, The Busters will definitely light a fire under your feet. After the festival on Saturday night, the Busters will also be appearing inside the Bayfront Blues Saloon in Superior.

Famous Dave's Stage
Saturday • 11:30 a.m.