

# Big Smooth and the Hell Raisers

Jumpin', Rockin', Boogie Blues



## **A Little History....**

Big Smooth was created to fill a void at festivals, events and fairs. Too many acts tend to play slower material that has a buzz kill effect on the crowd. Too mellow, soft or sometimes boring . NOT BIG SMOOTH!

Veteran performers with many years of stage experience, Big Smooth & the Hell Raisers are an up-tempo, rockin, harmonica driven, boogie blues band that gets the house rockin'. Think of us as your festival's relief pitcher who comes in and throws 97 mph fast balls. No sleepy stuff here.

We pride ourselves on being the wake up call your event needs. High-Energy, Foot-Stompin', Hand-Clappin', Rump-Shakin' music that makes you want to dance. We get the joint jumpin'!

### **Here's a review of the band from John P. Bayerl, PhD, one of the judges at the 2014 Detroit Blues Challenge**

...Next up was party-blues band Big Smooth & the Hellraisers. I gave them very high marks right off the bat for realizing that they were in a competition, not another show. So many bands now days dress in jeans and tee-shirts that it's sometimes hard to tell the band from the crowd. Not so with this band and their quirky blend of aloha-chic and bowling-shirt couture wardrobe. Somehow, it works.

Most of the bands started slow and built up during their sets. Not so with Big Smooth, who kicked it off by saying "We're Big Smooth and the Hellraisers, and THIS is what WE bring to the party" before launching into a full-speed, hard-driving blues number that reached out and punched the crowd right in the face. There was no doubt that these guys came to make a statement.

Backing up their bravado was a deceptively great band. One of the quickest and most tasteful drummers of the night coupled with some complex, sometimes funky riffs on the 5-string bass give the band all the energy they need to maintain their high-octane performance through the show. The guitar work blended complex rhythm with blistering blues licks, shifting seamlessly between styles and sounds with ease.

And then there's Big Smooth. A powerful vocalist and one of the best harp players I've heard in a long time, he somehow finds time to dance all over the stage, never standing still for a moment. Between an infectious smile, big-guy dance moves and a handful of Mardi-gras beads for the crowd, it is impossible not to have a good time at a Big Smooth show. THAT'S what they bring to the party.





Caseville Blues Festival

Digital Press Kit



Arts, Beats and Eats



Alpena Blues Festival



## Venues that we have played....

Niagara Falls Blues Festival N.Y. (largest in the state)  
Arts, Beats and Eats (3 times )  
St Mary's Polish Fair (3 times) fair discontinued  
Westland Blues, Brews and BBQ  
I Chews The Blues (Davison, MI)  
Alpena blues fest  
Caseville blues fest (4 times)  
Tawas/Chub  
South Lyon Blues and BBQ  
Jackson blues fest  
Taylor blues fest  
Adrian Blues and Brews (2 times)  
Crank's for Cancer benefit  
Wounded Warrior benefit  
Scorpions M/C bike rally  
Arsenal Harley Davidson  
Razzles Blues Night w/Little Ed and the Blues Imperials  
Tenny Street Station w/Rod Piazza  
George and Harry's Mardi Gras Party  
Woodward Dream Cruise  
Pistons post game at the Palace  
Dearborn Firefighters Ball  
Lilly's (northern Mississippi)  
Callihan's Toys for Tots  
Black Swamp Blues Society-blues challenge winner  
Ferndale Pride  
Cannapalooza, Lincoln, MI  
Turtle Lake Resort

## Booking Info

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