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Band Bio:

The Madtown Mannish Boys are a Madison-based Blues band who are steeped in Chicago-style Blues, including artists like Muddy Waters, Junior Wells, Paul Butterfield, and Little Walter. They perform with raw exuberance and driving rhythms that make you want to boogie. Some of their tunes are harmonica-driven, played with gritty fervor and intense energy. Others are soulful ballads, heavily influenced by the likes of Otis Redding and Sam Cooke. This mix of styles and genres makes for an entertaining and dynamic show that you won't want to miss.

Andy Smith has a powerful and soulful voice, reminiscent of some of the greats from Blues and R&B. Paul Schwoerer wields his harmonica with a chip on his shoulder and his vocals are gripping and yet smooth. Jesse "Honey Boy" Steinberg injects melodic flurries of guitar riffs into the lively grooves laid down by Tim Payne (bass) and Nate Morenek (drums). Adam Pryor (keys) is one of the most sought-after Blues keyboardists in the Midwest, with endorsements from Hammond, Korg, Rev33, and Stay Stands.

The Mannish Boys have played at a variety of joints and festivals, including AtwoodFest, Bacon, Beer, & BBQ Festival, Brink Lounge, Breese Stevens Field, Capital Brewery, Chain O'Lakes Blues Fest, Cheel, Chief's Tavern, Club Tavern, Come Back In, Concerts at the Portage, Covered Bridge Days Festival, Crystal Corner Bar, Edgewater Hotel, Fisher King Winery, Fiery Foods Festival, Flatted Fifth, Frequency, Gibson Music Hall, Harmony Bar, High Noon Saloon, Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall, Knuckle Down Saloon, Lancaster's Brews and Blues Festival, Lone Girl Brewery, Lyran Society Concert Series, Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival, Nomad World Pub, North Street Cabaret, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Orchard Lawn, Prairie Lakes Blues Fest, Red, White, and Blues Festival, Riverfront Rendezvous Festival, Rockin' Marathon, Sun Prairie Blues Festival, Tyrannena Brewing Company, Vintage Brewing Company, Wisconsin Brewing Company, WORT Festival, and Yahara Bay Distillery.

Rave Reviews:

The next big thing in Blues coming out of the Capital City!! Always a HUGE CROWD and always a great show!!...It is a very rare thing, and rarer as the years go by, to have a new Blues band come on the scene with such energy, purpose and talent. I haven't seen such a thing in many, many years.

- Chris Kalmbach, owner of the Knuckle Down Saloon

Helmed by the vocals of Andy Smith and Paul Schwoerer, who also plays the harmonica, MMB recalls the style of greats like Muddy Waters, injecting it with fresh vitality. Their 2017 LP, Old Dog, contains forlorn ballads such as "Love Her With A Feeling," alongside brusque send-offs like "Get Out Of My Life Woman."

- Isthmus Magazine

...this local ensemble has become favorites across generations through a busy performance schedule, solid musicianship, and a variety of material with origins in the Blues of the 1960's and early 1970's.

- Max Ink Magazine