



THE BLUES MYSTERY - "The Feeling Of Freedom"

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"Felice" Céline Straessle (lead vocals). The Blues Mystery @ 11th Swiss Blues Challenge, Summerblues Festival, Volkshaus, Basel, 01.07..2022. (c) Christophe Losberger

The Blues Mystery - "The Feeling of Freedom": CD-News und Band-Portrait by MICHAEL STECHER

The Blues Mystery are a Swiss blues rock band who released their debut album of the same name in 2013. The album also includes the song "*Back To The Dirty Town*", which made the band famous far beyond Switzerland. The impressive **video** for the song is produced by the Bulgarian **Elina Elistratova** with the art drawings by the Brit **Bob Parker**. She succeeds very well in merging the images of the video with the lyrics of the song. This video has now been viewed over 8 million times. But other artists also created video clips worth seeing with "*Back To The Dirty Town*", for example the Argentinian **Hector F** or the Japanese **Taka Aga**.

The follow-up albums *"Diesel Rock"* (2015) and *"Soul Memories"* (2018) also impress with their southern blues, which inspires with rock'n'roll as well as funk and soul influences.

There will be some reshuffles during the pandemic. **Dan Boulnoix** takes over bass guitar and **Walter K. Thut** switches from bass to guitar. Instead of **Willy Matt**, **Felice** takes over the lead vocals.



With the new line-up, **The Blues Mystery** are re-recording the song *"25 Degrees Below Zero"* from the album *"Soul Memories"* and releasing the song as a single. On this piece, **Felice** proves what an expressive voice she has.

The song "Please Give Me Good News" was released three years ago as the first foreshadowing of the new album – a haunting song that immediately sticks in your ear. The next single *"Godfather Is Blind"* also impresses with the voice of **Felice**, an almost gospel-like choir and a cool blues guitar. And once again **The Blues Mystery** have put a lot of effort into a coherent, convincing video. An amazing number! But it's best to see for yourself:

The Blues Mystery - Godfather is Blind



The third song "*Alone With The Devil*" was released a month ago as an advance announcement on "*The Feeling Of Freedom*". The song shines again with the finest guitar work and a great dramaturgy. After a quiet beginning, the music builds to sheer ecstasy before the guitars return to the theme of the song's introduction, only to start the whole thing all over again. No question, **Felice**'s singing is absolutely world class here too!

The Blues Mystery - Alone With The Devil



In June the band released "*The Feeling Of Freedom*". In addition to the numbers already mentioned, there are eight other songs on the album, of which the rocking songs "*One Of A Kind*" and "*Skirt Chaser*", the funky "*Everybody*" and the title song stand out. But the other songs like "*Movin' On*", "*Nobody*", "*Duality*" and "*My Rainy Mood*" also inspire me.

A great and varied blues rock album - an absolute recommendation for all music fans who love blues and blues rock or who listen to the music world with an open ear.

CD news and band portrait by MICHAEL STECHER

If you want to see the band live in Switzerland this summer, you have the following options:

- **20.07.2023** – Magic Blues, **Avegno** (CH)
- **12.08.2023** – Chablues, **Monthey** (CH)
- **02.09.2023** – Oberi Sounds Good, **Oberwinterthur** (CH)



The Feeling Of Freedom: (Tracklist)

1. „*Movin' On*“
2. „*Alone With The Devil*“
3. „*Nobody*“
4. „*Godfather Is Blind*“
5. „*Duality*“
6. „*One Of A Kind*“
7. „*Please Give Me Good News*“
8. „*Everybody*“
9. „*Skirt Chaser*“
10. „*The Feeling Of Freedom*“
11. „*My Rainy Mood*“

Band Line-Up

- **Felice TBM** : Lead vocals since 2019
- **Irénée Pralong** : Guitar, Backing Vocals
- **Walter K. Thut**: Guitar (seit 2021), Bass Guitar (bis 2019), Backing Vocals, Production and Arrangements
- **Dan Boulnoix**: Bass Guitar, Backing Vocals (seit 2019)
- **Gégé Bonvin** : Drums, Backing Vocals
- **Mary-Lou**: Backing Vocals

If you want to find out more about **The Blues Mystery** :

www.thebluesmystery.com

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