

# REVEREND RAVEN

AND THE CHAIN SMOKIN' ALTAR BOYS FEATURING WESTSIDE ANDY

Bringing crowds to their feet at the hardest to please and sophisticated night clubs in the Midwest, Reverend Raven and the Chain Smoking Altar Boys play traditional blues, straight up with a big dose of passion. With smoking grooves, served up with hot harmonica and smooth stinging guitar they play original songs peppered with nods to Slim Harpo, Little Walter, Jimmy Rogers, Billy Boy Arnold, Junior Wells and the three Kings.

Born and raised on the south side of Chicago, the Reverend has been playing the blues since 1971 when he first saw Freddie King play at the Kinetic Theatre in Chicago. After a 15-year hitch in the Navy, he moved to Milwaukee where he began a long friendship and collaboration with Madison Slim, long time harmonica player for Jimmy Rogers.

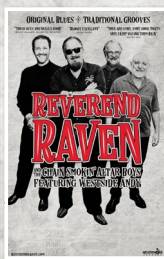
Since 2015, the band has featured Westside Andy on harmonica. Andy is one of the premier harp players to come out of Wisconsin along with Jim Liban, Steve Cohen, Madison Slim, Matthew Skoller and Cadillac Pete Rahn. Hohner lists him as an endorser alongside Rod Piazza, Toots Thielemans, and Corky Siegel, among many other greats.



## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Wisconsin Music Industry (WAMI) award for best blues band in 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2015 –and– People's Choice Award in 2006, 2008, 2010
- Voted the Best Blues Band In Milwaukee by *The Shepherd Express* Reader's Poll in 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017
- 2011 Blues Blast Music Award Nominee for "Band of the Year" and "Song of the Year"
- 2016 Blues Blast Music Award for "Live Blues Recording"
- 2016 Independent Blues Award for "Best Live CD"
- Reverend Raven's and Westside Andy's 2015 Albums both hit the Root Music Reports Top 30
- 20th Anniversary CD, *My Life*, hit #1 on the Roots Radio Music Chicago Blues Chart
- 2018 Blues Blast Award Nominee for "Band of the Year" and "Vintage/Historical Recording"

## POSTER & PHOTO DOWNLOADS



## VIDEO PLAYLIST



## DISCOGRAPHY AND SONG SAMPLES



“They are very, very good. That's why I keep having them back

BUDDY GUY

“Bloody Excellent

HUGH LAURIE

“Rev. Raven & the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys nail it on 'My Life'

AMERICAN BLUES SCENE

“Andy blows harmonica on a virtuoso level...

TOM HYSLOP  
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