

Kaspar 'berry' Rapkin & the Swampdogs



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ABOUT THE BAND

After travelling to New Orleans at 18 to perform and record across the crescent city, Kaspar & The Swamp Dogs have gone on to deliver their swamp-gospel-inflected blues to audiences across the UK, Europe and the United States year after year since 2018. Whether performing as a full trio, stripped-back duo or solo, the project is built around a raw, dynamic live experience.

In 2024, their single *The Notion* debuted on BBC Radio 2, followed by a Main Stage appearance at Red Rooster Festival and then a 13 gig tour across the Deep South, home of the blues. Since then, the band have continued to build momentum through touring, releases and high-profile live performances.

Together, Kaspar & The Swamp Dogs blend deep blues tradition with a modern edge, drawing from The Mississippi Delta, New Orleans and anywhere between while delivering a sound that feels immediate, unique and contemporary.



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **BBC RADIO 2 AIRPLAY, INCLUDING PREMIERES ON CERY'S MATTHEWS' BLUES SHOW**
- **2026 UK BLUES AWARD NOMINEE (YOUNG ARTIST AWARD)**
- **UK BLUES CHART #1 - HEART SHAPED BOX (COLLABORATION WITH THE CURSE OF K.K. HAMMOND) & WALK WITH ME THROUGH THE FIRE**
- **MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCE AT RED ROOSTER FESTIVAL (C. 7,500 AUDIENCE, MULTIPLE ENCORES)**
- **PERFORMED AT BLUE FRONT CAFÉ, BENTONIA, MISSISSIPPI (WORLD'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY RUNNING BLUES CLUB) AND MANY MORE LEGENDARY VENUES IN THE DEEP SOUTH USA.**
- **CROWDFUNDED AND SELF-BOOKED 21-DAY USA TOUR**
- **300,000+ YOUTUBE VIEWS**
- **12,000+ ONLINE FOLLOWERS**
- **VIRAL METALLICA TIKTOK REPOST OF NOTHING ELSE MATTERS**
- **SIGNED RELEASES WITH SPIRITUAL RECORDS**
- **CURRENTLY SIGNED TO JUKE JOINT IN THE WOODS RECORDS**

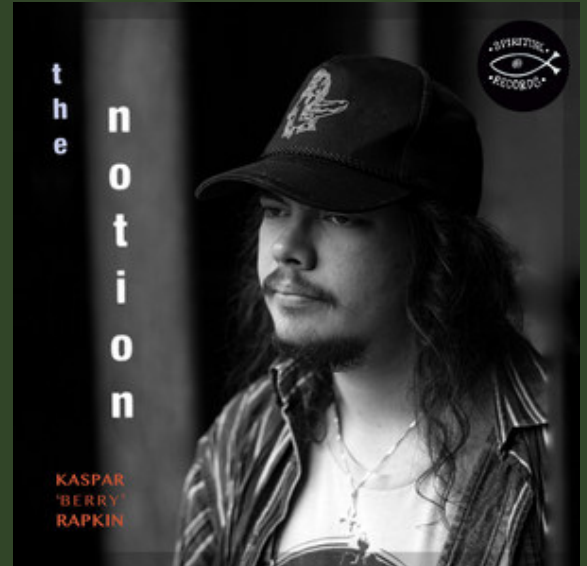
RECENT RELEASES

The Notion (Click To listen)

Released March 1, 2024 – Spiritual Records

A driving blues track built on slide guitar and impassioned vocals, drawing influence from Duane Allman and Mississippi Fred McDowell while sitting comfortably alongside modern blues artists such as Christone “Kingfish” Ingram.

- Produced by Jack Trouble (Spiritual Records, Camden)
- Mixed & mastered by Wayne Proctor
- Premiered on BBC Radio 2



It Is What It Is (Click To listen)

Released May 31, 2024

A soulful, gospel-tinged blues track with a strong melodic structure, paired with a stripped-back B-side.

B-side: Ain't That A Livin'

A raw, vocal-and-guitar tribute to Georgia bluesman Blind Willie McTell, recorded in the spirit of early 1920s blues.

- Produced by Jack Trouble
- Mixed & mastered by Wayne Proctor

Walk With Me Through the Fire (Click To listen)

Released March 21 2025 –

Collaboration with The Curse of K.K. Hammond

Kaspar features on Walk With Me Through the Fire, a collaborative release with The Curse of K.K. Hammond. The track received BBC Radio 2 airplay on Cerys Matthews' Blues Show, following the duo's UK Blues Chart #1 collaboration Heart Shaped Box. The release further cements Kaspar's position within the contemporary UK blues scene. This release also hit #1 on the iTunes blues charts.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Kaspar & The Swamp Dogs are currently preparing the release of their second full-length album — an eleven-track record exploring themes of death, travel and salvation.

The album will be supported by extensive UK and European touring, with a renewed focus on original material and storytelling, continuing the band's mission to push British blues forward while remaining rooted in its deepest traditions.

The album is blues, while in a completely unheard style unique to the Swamp Dogs.



The first single from this release is called “VICES”. A hard hitting blues about addiction and the inevitability some addictions may cause. Filled with speedy slide playing, train beats, and banjo rolls.

VICES releases on May 8th 2026.

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SHOWREEL ELECTRIC BAND

GUITAR & CELLO

SOLO

RED ROOSTER PERFORMANCE



LIVE SETUP(S)

FULL ELECTRIC BAND (TRIO): VOCALS / GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS

FULL ACOUSTIC BAND (TRIO): VOCALS, RESONATOR, CELLO, WASHBOARD

DUO: VOCALS / GUITAR & CELLO OR WASHBOARD

SOLO: VOCALS & RESONATOR GUITAR

ALL FORMATS ARE ACTIVELY GIGGED.