

# Jeff Howell's Boogie Du jour



**Boogie Du jour**, is Jeff Howell's newest venture forward; featuring music from his past, and paying homage to the 3 national acts he has played in over the past 35 years. Taking into consideration how bands of that level motivate their audiences, Jeff applies the same elements in any of his own bands. Nothing less than quality-controlled and true to form. This music will be played with the energy and subtleties it deserves. No filler...All killer. Brand new material, fresh off the grill, is also incorporated.

Jeff began his music career as bass player/vocalist touring the east coast with popular, rock bands. Excelling to the ranks of nationals, after meeting Blues Hall of Famer, Kim Simmonds, Savoy Brown, along with Dave Walker, Savoy Brown vocalist. This lead him to

meeting his mate, Roger Earl, of Foghat; with whom he travelled and performed all over the world. He also toured and performed with southern rock legends, The Outlaws, and recorded three of their CD's. In 2010 and 2015, Jeff returned to Foghat, filling in for long-time bassist while on medical leave. During that time, he recorded Foghat's blues cd, *Last Train Home*. It ranked #8 on the top 30 Releases of 2010, on Classic Rock Revisited. Along on this ride is vocalist/slide & electric guitarist Greg "Mize" Meisner; on lead guitar & vocals, Richie Roccisano and Don Pharoah on drums. All three bring their own unique strengths and experience to round out this lineup.



Mize began playing music when his fifth grade teacher taught him four chords on guitar that changed his life. It wasn't long after high school that he was on the road, fronting bands in rock clubs and college campuses. He rocked his hometown of Binghamton, NY for many years, until he became creatively exhausted and relocated to the Eastern shore of Maryland. It was there he realized the power of simplicity and took his music back to its roots. He performed solo throughout the east coast for several years, before returning home.



Richie Roccisano, on lead guitar and vocals has been playing since the young age of 4. He was nearly born with a guitar in his hand. He brings a great ear and great touch to the band. Richie is also a very accomplished producer and recording engineer/owner of Big Time Music studio, Interlaken, NY. He has worked with and recorded hundreds of bands and artists over the past decade, including, Jason Newsted (Metallica), Joe Bouchard (Blue Oyster Cult), Bob Kulick (Kiss), Rob Canavino (Overkill), as well as Jeff' Howells newest cd, *Bon Appetit*.



Don Pharaoh started drumming at the age of 10, honing his skills in his Southeastern PA's high school concert, pep and marching bands. His high school year book noted that Don's dream job was to own a music store which, after years of trucking, he sold his rig and stalked his way into his favorite job as longtime manager of McNeil Music, of Ithaca. Don has had the honor of meeting amazing local and visiting musicians; and gigged with too many to name, performing a variety of genres. Drumming with Jeff is nothing new for Don, as he has played in several of Jeff's bands over the past two decades. So, asking him to join Boogie Du jour made perfect sense. Not only is his drumming stellar, Don's energetic, fun-loving personality is infectious. The dynamic Don adds to this lineup is perfect. After a 5 year hiatus from playing, we're glad Don is back and ready to Boogie.