CHRIS DANIELS
& THE KINGS
with FREDDI GOWDY

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HORN-BAND BLUES, FUNK & SOUL · COLORADO · SINCE 1984

GRAMMY NOMINATED
Co-nominee, Best Children's Album

COLORADO MUSIC HALL OF FAME
Chris 2013 · Freddi 2020

"BEST FRONT MEN IN THE BUSINESS"
— Westword

43RD ANNIVERSARY IN 2027
plus 17 years featuring Freddi Gowdy

Chris, Freddi and those wild and crazy Kings are celebrating their 43rd year together, and they sound better than ever! In summer 2027 they'll be touring the US and Europe with the incomparable **Freddi Gowdy** (of the Freddi-Henchi Band). Chris & Freddi recorded the Kings' twentieth album of sweet soul music, wrapped in funk plus neo-soul and rock, called **"40: Blues With Horns Vol. II."** The album received rave reviews all over the world, including: *"'40' is a total delight from start to finish"* (The Music Blast, London, UK).

According to *Billboard*, Chris Daniels & The Kings is *"one of the few acts with enough brass in its gorgonzolas to hit the road as a full-fledged horn band."* The seven-piece, rockin', funky horn band has been compared to *"Little Feat with horns"* by the *LA Times*, *"Louis Jordan meets John Hiatt"* by the *Denver Post*, and *"Keb' Mo' met blazers"* by the Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf*. Daniels has led the band through 20 critically acclaimed albums in the States and Europe.

The Kings have performed with Sheryl Crow, Toto, B.B. King, Uncle Kracker, Neil Young, The Neville Brothers and The Beach Boys, to name only a few, plus they have backed Garth Brooks, Bonnie Raitt, Vince Gill and Amy Grant, to name some favorites. They've also performed for the Queen of the Netherlands, the Democratic National Convention, and Presidents Obama, Ford and Clinton, and they have appeared on VH1, MuchMusic, *Ohne Filter* (Germany) and *Nashville Now* on TNN, plus many more.

Three of their songs broke into the Top 20 on the AC and Triple A (AAA) album charts, with two songs in the AC Top 5. Their music was also featured on the ABC prime-time TV show *Men in Trees* and on tons of local programs, including KUSA-TV, the *Daily Camera*'s 2nd Story Garage and, in Belgium, Brussels One.



Freddi Gowdy & Chris Daniels · photo: Owen Perkins

> *"If you are in the audience or on the stage when Chris and Fred are performing, you know you are in for a great musical ride. It's the party ya' just can't miss!*
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> — BOULDER DAILY CAMERA, 2024



THE 20TH ALBUM

40: BLUES WITH HORNS VOL. II

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BIO & HIGHLIGHTS
43RD YEAR · 2027

GRAMMY NOMINATION

Chris was a co-nominee for a **Grammy Award** for his songwriting on "Welcome to the Shake and Rumble," and as a guest vocalist with Al Jarreau, Dee Dee Bridgewater and Hubert Laws on Mark Oblinger's incredible *Jumpin' Jazz Kids* (Best Children's Album category). He also performed with Al Jarreau during Grammy weekend at the Nokia Theatre.

COLORADO MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Chris and Freddi were inducted into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame in 2013 and 2020, respectively. "Daniels' contribution to the Colorado music scene for over 42 years earned him a place among Colorado's best, like John Denver and Joe Walsh, as did Freddi's years with the Soulsetters." (*Daily Camera*)

In the 1970s Chris was a member of Colorado's first jam band, **Magic Music**, the subject of the 2018 award-winning documentary *40 Years in the Making: The Magic Music Movie* (Amazon Prime and iTunes). The Kings' history includes two Triple A chart Top 10 songs: "When You're Cool" and "I Like Your Shoes."

TOURING FOR 43 YEARS

Daniels has toured the US and Europe extensively since 1990, including:

- **Northwest Passage**, Paris
- **Red Rocks**, Colorado — five times
- **Park Pop**, the Netherlands — with Toto
- **NewWestFest Bohemian Nights**, Colorado — four times
- **Fiddler's Green**, Colorado — three times
- **Mall of America** — with The Beach Boys, twice
- **Marktrock Festival**, Belgium — with The Pretenders
- **Carolina Down Home Blues Festival** — featured artist
- **The Roxy**, Los Angeles — with Was (Not Was) and Al Kooper
- **Douglas Corner**, Nashville — with Sam Bush
- **The Fine Line**, Minneapolis — featured artist
- **The Hot Tin Roof**, Martha's Vineyard — featured artist
- **The Bottom Line**, New York — with David Bromberg
- ***Ohne Filter***, Germany — featured artist
- **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**, Cleveland, Ohio — with Tom Wiggins

SINCE 2010 · WITH FREDDI GOWDY

Highlights include Fiddler's Green, Concert at Sea in Zeeland, the Netherlands, the Down Home Blues Festival in South Carolina, and the night Freddi Gowdy was inducted into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame at the Mission Ballroom.

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY

Chris Daniels served as Executive Director of both the **Swallow Hill Music Association** and the **Colorado Music Hall of Fame**. At Swallow Hill, Daniels coordinated the acquisition of its current location, helping the school and concerts win Governor's Awards for Excellence. In recognition, the board named the concert hall **Daniels Hall**. While at the CMHOF he helped induct 20 artists.

Professor Daniels has taught music business and history at the University of Colorado Denver for the past 20 years, winning two Awards for Excellence.

Producer: He is a record producer of more than 15 albums, recorded at Abbey Road, Muscle Shoals and Caribou, to name only a few. He's sung commercials for various companies, served as a journalist and podcaster for *Colorado Music Buzz*, and hosted *The Fireside Music Chats* during COVID.

Chris Daniels, Freddi Gowdy & The Kings have also played for a variety of community outreach programs and causes, including Inner City Health, breast cancer awareness and numerous environmental causes. Chris has also served as MC of the Telluride Bluegrass Festival for the past 12 years. **Both Chris and Freddi are cancer survivors.**



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