



## The Busters

**T**he Busters, one of Duluth's best good time blues bands, always bring an entertaining mixture of original and traditional boogie and blues to their performances. Drawing on elements of Texas, West Coast, and Chicago blues, the band's musical recipe is ripe with a blues rock flavor guaranteed to get any audience on their feet and out to dance. Featuring three-part vocals on many songs, the Busters love to shift gears into soulful,

heartfelt ballads. At times their blues takes on an eclectic and folksy appeal. Rick News Olson and Mike Mattson, co-founders of the group, have been playing together for 25 years in the upper tri-state region. Both sing and play electric and acoustic guitars. Bass-man Anthony "Tony Stone" Livingston, also sings, plays some guitar, and contributes to the Busters "feel good" approach to playing their music. Tony joined Rick and Mike almost 20 years ago, after being a part of several fine Duluth area acoustic groups. Drummer Glenn Thomas joined the group in the fall of 1992. Glenn provides the essence of steadiness with his rock solid timing and groove. He contributes his several decades of experience where he played with a number of rock and rhythm & blues bands. The band has opened for the late legend Luther Allison, Jimmy Thackery and the Drivers, and Anson Funderburgh. Their newest CD, which is called "Waiting For The Tide," features some outstanding original compositions. If you like your blues with a little rockin' edge, The Buster's will certainly light a fire under your feet. They are also playing inside the Bayfront Blues Saloon on Saturday night after the festival.

Famous Dave's Stage  
Saturday • 11:30 a.m.