

Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets featuring Sam Myers



Over the past 12 years, the partnership of Anson Funderburgh and Sam Myers has developed the reputation as one of the most authentic and original blue bands touring today. Anson Funderburgh, a Texas native, has spent the majority of his life playing the blues, with influences from blues legends

such as Freddie King, Albert Collins and Jimmy, Reed. He has earned the respect of fellow blues musicians, and is often called upon to lend his tremendous guitar talents to their recording projects. Sam Myers, with roots going back to the legendary Jimmy Rogers and Elmore James, brings that authentic Delta blues harmonica sound to the band. Recording since the late 1950s, Myers, the band's lead singer, has developed a unique style in his harmonica playing. "When Sam joined the Rockets (in 1986), we created something that's different and unique," said Anson, "With him, we have both the tradition of blues and the contemporary elements of our sound. I think Sam is as good a blues singer as there is, and his harp playing has its own sound. Sam's a real stylist in the truest sense of the word." Anson Funderburgh and Sam Myers have taken their two distinctive Texas and Mississippi sounds and intertwined them over the past decade to create what has become one of the most successful stories and partnerships in contemporary blues. Together, along with their band The Rockets, they have won eight prestigious W.C. Handy Awards. They will be playing at the Bayfront Blues Saloon in Superior on Friday after the Festival.

Michelob Golden Draft Stage
Friday • 5:00 p.m.