

Bobby Patterson Band

Bluesman singer/ songwriter Bobby "Fat Tone" Patterson's intense delivery of originals excites audiences everywhere. His masterful slide guitar and electrifying leads start the crowd cheering. The respected guitarist was honored by the Inland Empire Blues Society as "Best Blues Guitarist" in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012 and the IEBS Hall of Fame, alongside drummer Bill Bancroft. Bass man Randy Knowles was named "Best Blues Bassist" 2015, 2016. This rhythm section locks into a solid, danceable groove with fast paced blues, getting the dance floor rocking Tom Norton won "Best Blues Keyboardist" 2016, adding to a dynamic, melodic blues style.

Bobby "Fat Tone" Patterson

is a world class guitar player, singer/songwriter with more than 30 years of professional experience. For over thirteen years, he was a moving force of the popular group, "The Fat Tones", as an accomplished singer with a powerful voice and wide vocal range delivered from his heart and soul. Bobby's true passion began with the blues, and is still the fire that burns!

The Inland Empire Blues Society recognized him for "Best Blues Guitarist" in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011 & 2012, an achievement that put him in the Hall of Fame!! He has been nominated or won many other IEBS awards as well. Whether it is electric, acoustic, slide or scattin', his aggressive guitar skills, and unique voice combine to excite audiences at every performance.

Bill Bancroft

is a passionate percussionist that enjoys live performing and boasts an impressive resume spanning the decades and continent. Bancroft provides a solid back line for any genre or band. Hand- picked for the Bobby Patterson Band, Bill compliments this Blues foursome well! Originally from the Inland Empire, his earliest influences began in rock music, before

touring with national Country Music acts such as Freddy Fender, Dottie West and Chris LeDux, before returning the PNW in the mid-80's and joining forces with various local bands.

Bill played in the original Too Slim & the Taildraggers as well as with Pat Coast and many others! Bill was the original recipient of the very first "Best Blues Drummer" award from the IEBS and has won many times over the years, eventually being inducted into their Hall of Fame. As with most artists, his creativity doesn't stop at music. Bill is an engaging actor and model with Big Fish NW Talent. Bill is currently finishing up his first book, soon to be released. Look for that available soon and in the meantime, catch his drumming excellence wherever the Bobby Patterson Band is playing!

Randy Knowles

For the bass player extraordinaire of this group, we have Randy Knowles. He is a veteran musician honing his craft from age 14 when he started playing bass with a professional, award-winning band. Excelling in many styles, he has performed with various local and regional acts in genres including the blues, classic rock, and reggae. His reputation is built on character and a quality talent that the Bobby Patterson Band is grateful to showcase.

The Inland Empire Blues Society named Randy Knowles "Best Blues Bassist" in 2015 and 2016. Randy's personal passions include performing at community events, and his collection of musical instruments, including his '62 Harmony bass, plus the '62 and '78 Fender basses he plays on stage with Bobby Patterson. No band is complete without a great bass player, and thankfully, Randy is capable of making the Bobby Patterson Band all it can be...and more!

Tom Norton

is a funky keyboardist, who rounds out this talented act, providing another layer of musical perfection. Born and raised in Spokane, Tom Norton has lived and performed through the USA during the last 30 years of playing professionally. He plays keyboards with emphasis on Blues, FUNK and Rock n' Roll, but has studied and performed in many genres. Always

involved in music as a performer, session musician, 20-year employee of Korg keyboards and Marshall Amps, and a composer of music for films and video, he's recorded with national artists including George Clinton and Sly Stone, and has led a colorful career while honing his skills. He is the proud recipient of the 2016 IEBS Award for "Best Blues Keyboardist". An impressive painter and artist, Tom exhibits his artwork with local galleries regularly. His presence fuels the Bobby Patterson Band sound dramatically!