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**55 ROSE  
STREET**



## Southern Red Bird Presents

Southern Red Bird announces the release of the 55 Rose Street album 'Misery.' The album features the extraordinary 55 Rose Street team with Chris Balding on vocals and blues harp, Heather Gillis on vocals and guitars, Rick Brunetti on drums, and Mick Metz on bass.

This excellent album covers a wide range of blues, blues-rock, funk-blues, and country blues. The opening blues-based ballad 'Black Ice' showcases an incredible vocal performance from guest Sarah Mac. The title track at the end features rising star Heather Gillis in a traditional slow blues that highlights her vocals and lap steel guitar, and is reminiscent of the delta birthplace of the blues. In between are blues-rock and country-blues tracks featuring the guitars of Gillis and guest artist former ACM Guitarist of the Year, Nashville's Pat Buchanan. The album also includes shuffle blues and funk blues tracks featuring vocalist and harp genius Chris Balding, and guest artist North Florida's Clyde Ramsey providing his firebrand keys and vocals. All backed by the unrelenting rhythm section of Mick Metz and Gold Record artist Rick Brunetti.

**Chris Balding:** In 1991, Chris went to a local Tallahassee watering hole to catch a gig featuring harmonica master Jerry Portnoy, a veteran of Muddy Waters' band. "That show changed my life," he remembered. Chris has been obsessed with the harmonica ever since. His vocals conjure up images of another one of his heroes, James Harman.

**Rick Brunetti:** Ricky Brunetti grew up loving playing the drums. He was the drummer for Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods when they hit #1 on the Billboard charts with 'Billy Don't Be a Hero'. They went on to score multiple top 10 hits. A few of the top line acts that Rick has played with include Jerry Lee Lewis, Ringo Starr, and Steve Perry.

**Heather Gillis:** Heather is a guitarist/vocalist who currently fronts her own band. She is the complete package as a guitar player, lap steel player, songwriter, singer, and arranger. Heather has played alongside and befriended members of the Allman Brothers, Col Bruce Hampton, Matt Schofield, North Mississippi All-Stars, Aquarium Rescue Unit, The Word, The Lee Boys and many others. In addition to performances with her band, Heather is a full-time member of (Allman Brothers drummer) Butch Trucks' current band, "Butch Trucks and the Freight Train Band".

**Mick Metz:** Mick is a humble North Florida bluesman and bass player with a vision that with the right rhythms and lyrics, and the right team of super talented musicians, he could produce an excellent album. Now it's up to you to decide if he was right.

55 Rose Street is blues studio project written and produced by Mick Metz on bass guitar and features Heather Gillis on guitar and vocals, one of the best front men in the south, Chris Balding, on vocals and blues harp, and Gold Record artist Rick Brunetti on drums. Album recorded at From The Heart recording studio and sound engineered by Rick Ott.

1. Black Ice
2. Ray of Texas Sunshine
3. The Blues Is What I Live With
4. Juke Joint
5. Ain't Got No Pants or Shoes
6. Empty World
7. Devil Done Put Me Out
8. Thunderbolt
9. Misery

### 55 Rose Street

Chris Balding  
Rick Brunetti  
Heather Gillis  
Mick Metz

### Guest Artists

Sarah Mac  
(courtesy of the Sarah Mac Band)  
Pat Buchanan  
Clyde Ramsey

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Engineer Rick Ott

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