



Recent Independent Reviews

"These Crooks are less about stealing than honoring their R&B, blues and rock 'n roll influences--loose and fun and thoroughly earnest is their approach. Guitarist Russ Hartig has exceptional chops: whether playing Hendrix, Presley, Cream, or Freddie King classics, he nimbly and seemingly effortlessly switches genres and goes beyond imitation to make established tunes sound both immediately familiar and notably his own. The reliable rhythm section seques easily across the genres Crook County explores, and multi-instrumentalist Pat Fiege (harp, keys, guitar, sax) is an affable and inviting front man with enough vocal growl and melody to span the band's catalogue. Plus, you can tell he's enjoying the hell out of playing this music the band so obviously loves. Before you lock them up, give the Crook county Blues Band a listen."

--former Illinois Entertainer Editor in Chief Michael C. Harris.

Shazam! Excellence in every regard!

The 22nd Annual Garlic Party was fantastic, due in no small part to the amazing talent and energy of the Crook County Blues Band! Guests commented all night long on how great the band was and how much they were enjoying the music. The dancers among us couldn't help themselves -- they rolled up the rugs! From Patrick's first response to my gigsalad query to their leavetaking at the end of the night, the band was friendly, flexible and professional. I highly recommend this wonderful group. We had a blast!

Reviewer: Denise McIntosh Chicago, IL

Event Date: November 18th, 2017

"Crook County Blues Band was so great! They were incredibly talented and the crowd loved them. They were very professional and fun and played a well variety of songs to keep the crowd engaged. I would definitely book and recommend them in the future."

--MJ Wild Fire Harley

"They were simply the best!!! They are talented, were engaging & played great blues music, we had around 80 guests & they all loved the CCBB. I'd definitely recommend them & book them again."

--Susana Ortiz - Current Cook County Judge

"The band exceeded our expectations. The music was fantastic. We will hire them for future events. Felt like they were part of the family. Loved them !!! "

Steve M. from Walworth, WI

Fantastic fun and friendly band. Grateful for you guys to come and play at our exhibition, it really livened things up and you were fab! Thank you

Victoria A. • October 6, 2017

Great band! Thank you guys for providing great energy at our wedding cocktail hour! You had people dancing every minute you were there!

Natasha V. October 21, 2017