## **Sunny Bleau and The Moons**

A Little Sweet Jazz, and lots of Hot Blues!

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The band, Sunny Bleau and The Moons, is led by the powerhouse alto-vocals of Sunny Bleau and guitarist/composer/producer Nicholas Cocco. Based in Oxford, Michigan USA, the duo penned and released four full length studio albums and multiple singles between 2021 and 2025 receiving very positive press and radio play for both their studio endeavors as well as their dynamic live performances. Working as both a Duo group and with their full band, Sunny Bleau and The Moons perform over 60 shows per year, in multiple states from Michigan to Florida and from Tennessee to New York!

On August 10, 2024, Sunny Bleau and The Moons joined the Endless Blues Records family and immediately began work on their 4th feature album 'Passion and Regrets.' Recorded in Memphis, TN in October of 2024 and Produced by legendary bluesman Mick Kolassa, the 10-track album combines beautifully crafted and purposeful lyrics with soaring melodies and instrumentation. The album officially released January 31, 2025. In the first three months of the album's release, the band has seen incredible growth because of the album's success. The album and singles from the album have charted on all three major Blues Charts: Living Blues, The Big Blues Chart and Roots Music Report



### The Sunny Bleau and The Moons Band consists of:

Sunny Bleau: Vocals and Harmonica, Nicholas "Nic" Cocco: Guitar, Jon "Starky" Staercke: Bass, Mark Croft: Piano, Organ and Horns, Paul G. Sikorski: Drums and Percussion

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Sunny Bleau and The Moons is from the metro Detroit, Michigan area. Since 2021, the band has been performing full length concerts comprised of jazz, blues, blues rock, traditional blues, and acoustic blues. Their touring has taken them throughout the Midwest and East Coast. Sunny Bleau and The Moons have twice opened for chart-topping Billboard Artist, Anthony Gomes, and Blues Music Award winner, Thornetta Davis! Sunny Bleau and The Moons have rocked audiences from Memphis to Detroit and Chicago to Philly. They have played iconic venues like The Blind Pig (Ann Arbor, MI), The Token Lounge (Westland, MI), Martha's Midway Taven and Dancehall (Mishawaka, IN), Brauer House (Lombard, IL) as well as King and Union and Alfred's on Beale in Memphis, TN. Sunny Bleau and The Moons perform as a five-piece band or as a duo without missing a beat.

"Breakfast Served Cold" (2021), "Slow Burn" (2023) and "Bag of Tracks" (2024). "Breakfast Served Cold" earned Top 10 Album status in Blues Music Magazines Top 10 Albums of 2021 with four songs reaching number one of the RMR singles charts.



#### LISTEN TO BREAKFAST SERVED COLD NOW

In 2023, the band release its second full-length album, "Slow Burn", which debuted at #4 on the Top 50 Blues Rock Album chart and #29 on the Top 50 United States Album chart. Additionally, multiple singles from the album reached #1 on the US singles charts.



#### LISTEN TO SLOW BURN NOW

In 2024, Sunny Bleau and The Moons release their third album, "Bag of Tracks" which debuted at #26 on the Blues Rock Album charts, and at #50 of the Top 50 United States Albums chart. Bag of Tracks also saw the band receive their first award nominations from the Michigan Music Awards for Album and Best Live Performance ("Little by Little Live").







From 2022 through 2024, the band has played over 60 shows per year and made many weekend journeys performing as far south as Memphis, TN, as far Northeast as Lake George, NY, as far West as St. Louis, MO and as far East as Philadelphia, PA. Each trip was a "Weekender." After being invited to perform at the regional Women in Blues Showcase in Gainesville, FL in May of 2024, Sunny and Nic organized their first official routed tour. The self-produced tour began in Youngstown, OH, and moved through multiple performances in Wheeling WV, Gainesville, FL, Panama City, FL, Memphis, TN and Jacksonville, IL before

The second to last performance of the tour at Main Street Sound listening room in Memphis, TN. Mick Kolassa along with Doug McCloud and others were in attendance. Mick said that he was "making up for missing our performance at Women in Blues." But more was in the works. Mick heard several of the tunes that were being planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> album and the wheels started turning.

"Moonbeam" is the band's 40-foot Home-Away-From- Home. She can sleep up to 7 bandmates!

returning home.

However, Nic and Mick continued to talk post-IBC.

Arriving back home, Nic began sending Mick scratch tracks for the new album, none of which impressed Mick until "Two Glasses of Whiskey on Ice." That is when the Nic, Sunny and Mick Kolassa began working in earnest on the concept for the new album. On August 10, 2024, Nic Sunny and Mick finalized their plans and 'Passion and Regrets' began to take shape! In October 2024, Sunny, Nic and Mick traveled to Memphis to record the album.





Sunny and Nic at High/Lo Recordings in Memphis, TN

PASSION AND REGRETS

The album released January 31, 2025, to great expectations and has lived up to them. Receiving numerous reviews from around the world and played on multiple radio stations including Sirius XM's Bluesville beginning April 12, 2025. The Album has charted on all major blues radio charts.

Read Some of The Reviews!

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Michaels Music Log
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PASSION AND REGRETS

# **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**



#### **Lyricist and Lead Singer**

American Singer-Songwriter, Kelly Brock, is "Sunny Bleau". Sunny Bleau is originally from Scottsdale, AZ but now resides in Oxford, MI. The sultry, gregarious, and personable woman called "Sunny Bleau" is known for her straightforward lyrics, passionate performances, strong vocals, and playful personality. Kelly was given the nickname "Sunny" when she was a child. In 2019, Sunny met Producer and Guitarist, Nicholas Cocco, and the two began writing songs. Sunny started performing alongside Nic at Senior Homes in the Detroit area where she would sing jazz and blues standards and play the kazoo... the gateway drug that would open her up to the harmonica! Now, Sunny incorporates her passionate harmonica solos into their recorded music and live stage shows.



#### Music Director/Producer/Guitarist

Playing Guitar since the age of 7, his mother told him that if he learned "Malaguena" by Ernesto Lecuona, he would be allowed take guitar lessons and soon after, he was able to play her favorite song, and by the age of 17 his heart and head was focused on jazz, blues, fusion, and progressive rock which led him to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston. While at Berklee he had incredible teachers that inspired him and met many folks that he would perform with over the years. Since his Berklee days, he has gotten to play music with many artists, toured and recorded at studios in New York, LA, and Nashville. Nic has traveled extensively, working as a professional side man, studio musician, producer, and arranger. He has over 100 published works, is a member of ASCAP and has worked with multiple acts, artists, and producers throughout his musical career. Nic is the founder of CoccoMusic, LLC and Co-Founder of Underdog Music and Publishing with Kelly Brock.



#### **Bass Guitar**

A third-generation musician, Jon "starky" Staercke, was born and raised in Michigan. He discovered his passion for music at the age of 17 when he picked up his first guitar. With a natural talent for learning songs by ear and with guidance from some very learned friends, Jon quickly honed his skills. After retiring from a distinguished 22-year career in the US Navy, he returned to his home state and has been immersing himself in the live music. Jon Began playing in various bands, showcasing his versatility on acoustic guitar, electric bass, lead and backing vocals as well as drums. Influenced by the blues, rock and country, Jon has developed a unique sound that resonates with fans. His energy and style bring a vibrant presence to each venue he performs at.



#### **Keyboards and Horns**

Mark Croft is an accomplished musician, composer, keyboardist and trumpeter who has shared the stage with many of Detroit's elite including Aretha Franklin, Martha Reeves, Gladys Knight, the Spinners, and Luther "Bad Man" Keith. as well as some noteworthy non-Detroit based artists including Blood Sweat and Tears and The Guess Who. A graduate of Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, Mark returned to Detroit and fostered a 30-year education career in the Detroit Public School system as a teacher, band and orchestra director. Today, In addition to Sunny Bleau and The Moons, Mark is also the Director of the Detroit Metropolitan Brass Ensemble.



#### **Drums and Percussion**

Paul Sikorski is a versatile, seasoned professional musician and highly experienced Jazz, Blues, Blues-Rock, R&B Soul drummer with extensive music education, recording session and live performance experience. Receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Percussion Performance from Wayne State University in 1975, he studied under Sal Rabbio the Principal Timpanist of Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Paul has toured extensively throughout the US and Europe with both bands and musical tour companies including being the principal percussionist for the musical "Anything Goes" featuring Sid Ceasar and Ginger Rogers. Paul has toured with and supported a multitude of acts, singers and bands including Comedians Dick Shawn and Bob Hope as well as Magician Harry Blackstone. He has also toured and performed with recording artists such as Pianist Roger Williams, Trombonist Buddy Morrow; Trumpeter Don Ellis and Saxophonists Tex Benecke and Marty Montgomery.

















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