

## Blasting The Roof Off The Bottleneck Blues Tavern

It's full in The Bottleneck Blues Tavern and the band are 5 minutes late getting on stage.

The singer apologises explaining that the curry he ate earlier was hotter than he'd expected. "It feels like someones been hoddin' a blowtorch tae ma erse" he adds in his Scottish brogue, before ripping into the first number of the evening –

"Roadrunner". From that moment – the first bar of the first song to the last note of the last encore – they do not let up once.

"THEY" are DASHBOARD ANGELS:

Four guys who grew up loving, listening to, learning and playing good solid hand-made Blues, Rock, and Rock 'n' Roll.

For the two hours DBA are onstage the crowd are dancing, clapping, singing, swaying, and cheering almost to the point of lunacy. Definitely to the point where your humble correspondent has had his shirt ripped after someone

(unintentionally) spilled their beer over it. It's no holds barred with cracking originals ("S.O.S.", "Free & Easy") performed alongside corking versions of Jimmy Reed's "Shame Shame Shame" Willie

Dixon's "You Need Lovin'" and a rendition of Floyd's "Money" which would stop Waters and Co. dead in their tracks.

There's no fakery or jiggery-pokery either. It's valves amps, Telecaster, Les Paul

(Gold Top with P90s – heavenly), Ricky (Lemmy's bass of choice), thumping drums and a voice that could knock down walls. All the ingredients are there to make a night of Rock and Roll A FLIPPIN' GREAT NIGHT OF ROCK AND ROLL.



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Before signing off, the singer informs us that the band needs "a wee bit o' kip" before embarking the following day on a weekend European Tour. Darmstadt, Germany (in a prison no less), Dornbirn, Austria, and Lausanne, Switzerland on the Lake Geneva Shoreline (now where have we heard that line before?).

Then they start a riot with "Riot In Cell Block 9".

A couple of quick beers, photos and autographs with the very happy punters, gear in the van and then off into the night. This is Rock and Roll and DASHBOARD ANGELS are flying the flag so that everyone can see it.

Check them out where and when you can.

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