



Gary Kendall: *Bassist/Songwriter/Band Leader/Musical Director/Producer*

Gary Kendall has been a working musician for over 40 years, developing parallel careers in the music business along that long road. A multiple Maple Blues Awards winner, long time and current member of The Downchild Blues Band he has also led The Kendall Wall Band prior to forming The Gary Kendall Band. His work as Musical Director of The Maple Blues Awards has also branched out into The Maple Blues Revue that tours Canada's festivals and concert halls with a show that features this country's blues elite. Along with producing his own recordings, Dusty & Pearl and the current one, Feels Real Strong, he has found time to work in that capacity on releases by Chris Murphy, Ray Edge, David Owen and The Maple Blues Revue. Guitarist/Radio Host, Danny Marks describes him as "Toronto's Friend of The Blues".

Wayne"Shakey"Dagenais: Shakey's been playing piano, organ, percussion and singing backup in GKB for the last few years after returning to Canada from Florida where he worked in Stan Street's band. His Professor Longhair influenced approach to keyboards has become integral to identifying The Gary Kendall Band sound.

Tyler Burgess: Tyler Burgess has the credentials of working with two Canadian music business legends, Stompin' Tom Connors and The Downchild Blues Band. His drumming, harmonica playing, singing and general good vibes add strength and authenticity to the GKB rhythm section.

Darran Poole: Also a member of two time Juno award winners, Fathead, Darran Poole's guitar playing has been described by Gary Kendall as "exactly what I want to hear". Darran also adds his vocals and arranging skills to The Gary Kendall Band

Mike Fitzpatrick and Pete Schmidt, drums and guitar respectively are part of The Gary Kendall Band when subs are needed for Darran Poole and Tyler Burgess. Mike is Gary's rhythm section partner in Downchild and has been part of the studio band for both Dusty & Pearl and Feels Real Strong. Gary and Mike also host Blues Rhythm Section clinics in select music store across Canada. They've played together in a number of bands for over 20 years. Pete Schmidt has worked with Little Bobby & The Jump Starts, Mark "Bird" Stafford, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, David Rotundo and numerous other blues artists. He also plays and records with Shane Scott in his own Blues Approved group. He played on Dusty & Pearl but was residing in Cuba during much of the recording period for Feels Real Strong and was unable to be at any of the sessions