

Alan Black



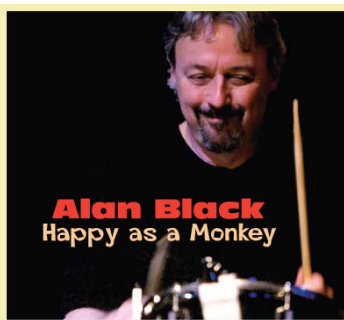
Club-goers in Peterborough, Canada, know that they're in for some great music if Alan Black is in the house. For years he's been the backbeat of the best blues, R&B and rock bands in this hip university town, notably Jackson Delta, Buzz Thompson, and Max Mouse and the Gorillas. Alan wows audiences with his ability to play drums and harmonica simultaneously and soulfully. Fans appreciate his heartfelt singing and songwriting and know that he has appeared at every major Canadian festival, been nominated for two Junos, and toured Scandinavia and the UK with the likes of Tracy Nelson and Mose Scarlett.

"Black as well as being a great blues drummer, also plays harmonica and sings – frequently in the same song." (The Toronto Star, CAN.)

These days, it's easiest to catch this talented guy on stage in Al Black and the Steady Band, which offers up New Orleans funk and echoes of the early blues masters. With a rhythm section that includes Black on the drum kit and Andy Pryde on bass, the groove is hypnotic. Together with Gary Peeples on guitar, this core band weaves Rock 'n' Roll and Caribbean rhythms together in songs that can bring to mind The Meters and Little Feat.

For decades now, Alan Black has been the backbeat of Peterborough in bands like Stonebridge Blues Band and The Rocket Revue. International audiences have heard him with Colleen Peterson, Larry Garner, Pinetop Perkins, Serena Ryder, Andrew Shedden, Gene Taylor, Pat Temple, Washboard Hank and many others.

Now he's fronting Al Black and the Steady Band and won Roots/Blues Band of the Year at the 2013 Wire Awards. Also in 2013, Alan was inducted into the Peterborough Pathway of Fame.



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"Happy as a Monkey is a brilliant collection of blues songs with a dash of folk and roots..." "It is one of the best albums this year!" (www.ROOTSTIME.be) Belgium

"...a joyous blast...has a terrific good time feel...excellent album... very pleasing indeed." Dave Drury, Blues Matters (Britain) Aug. / Sept. Issue 61

"...very honest and genuine." (Marty Kool, KXCI 91.3 FM, Tucson, Arizona)



Alan Black & The Steady Band

Alan Black, Founding member of:

- 2 time Juno Nominees, Jackson Delta
- The Peterborough Folk Festival
- The Peterborough Musicians Benevolent Association
- MusicPeterborough

