

## BIO - SKIDDERS - PRESS KIT VERSION.

Skidders (aka Steve Skidmore) is an English guitarist who writes and records music in blues, rock and jazz genres. His motto “He can’t sing, but he can play the guitar”, whilst borders on reality, means most self-penned songs are instrumental allowing him to showcase his unique style and sound. This also ensures compositions are well suited to TV and Film ‘sync’ use.

But Skidders’ pedigree doesn’t end there. Projects and ventures are numerous and eclectic. He's half of duo Bukechi, who were BBC Introducing's Band of the Month (see article [here...](#)), played alongside Dexy’s Kevin Rowland and supported the likes of Midge Ure, Roger Chapman (Family), John Power (the La’s); The Feeling, Jon Gomm & Ellie Goulding.

After completing his third album, 'Friends & Family Vol. 2', current work includes session guitar work for artists including Cotswold’s legend Andrew James and composer Kylolus. Although playing live has been put on the back burner somewhat during the Covid pandemic, Skidders' fourth album, 'Feckem Hall' will be a long term project starting in 2022 and geared towards playing live.

## BIO - SKIDDERS - WEBSITE VERSION.

Skidders (aka Steve Skidmore) was born in Smethwick, in the Black Country at the centre of England. As well as a solo artist and songwriter, he plays guitar with vocalist Sammi Roberts, née Houston in the critically acclaimed acoustic duo, Bukechi (above right). Bukechi were BBC Introducing's Band of the Month July 2009 ([article here...](#)).

Skidders is also a session musician, playing electric, acoustic & bass guitar for various artists such as Anatasha, Andrew James, Malc Evans, Nathan Bennett, Kylolus, Lloyd McGrath and Coventry band, Beneva. He also plays blues harp, keyboard and percussion on recordings, all of which he produces. Skidders has also played alongside Dexy's Midnight Runners' Kevin Rowland (above left).

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Co-writing songs with Sammi for Bukechi (album "Welcome to Suburbia"), he also writes songs for solo projects, such as albums "Skidderslectric", "Friends & Family" and "Friends & Family Vol. 2" (electric Rock, Blues & Jazz).<br>

"I've been to many concerts in my time - Santana, Pink Floyd, TYA, Rory Gallagher, Eric Clapton - you name them", said Skidders, "but the one that stood out overall of them, was Hank Marvin at the Royal Spa theatre in Leamington. It was so emotional and showed me exactly where my musical roots are".

Skidders' taste and influence, as can be heard in his music, is far more diverse and includes:-

The Shadows;  
The Beatles;  
The Stones;  
Creedence Clearwater Revival;  
Ten Years After;  
Led Zeppelin;  
Black Sabbath;  
TYA;  
Eric Clapton;  
Pink Floyd;  
Rory Gallagher;  
Santana;  
Dr Feelgood;  
Robben Ford;  
KT Tunstall and more ...

Recently, jazz has been a greater influence in his playing and included Bukechi sessions celebrating Ella Fitzgerald 'Song Book' compositions and also more jazz flavoured rock (check out "Bobby Dazzler" on the album "Friends & Family Vol. 2". He has appeared on several singles, EPs and albums, such as Anatasha's self-titled and critically acclaimed EP and Malc Evans "Wake up my Soul" EP.

For ever eclectic, many projects have included 'Claptout & Acoustic' performing Eric Clapton's MTV "unplugged" songs; 'Pi\$\$ed up Steve' playing Seasick Steve songs; and a sessions of Robert Johnson songs.

"I will always have one project or another on the go.", explained Skidders, "I expect my next project will either be an album of jazz standards or possibly a more 'raw' and less-eclectic album, with a greater focus on rock/blues. Who knows where the wind will take me?".

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