



Biography

For nearly 3 decades, Kevin Burt, Iowa Blues Hall of Fame member (class of 2019), has been mesmerizing audiences with his powerfully smooth and soulful vocals. Paired with his unique harmonica and guitar presentation and his quick wit, Kevin engages with his audience touching their souls while tickling their funny bones.

On January 5, 2024, Kevin Burt will be releasing his new album *Thank You, Brother Bill: A Tribute to Bill Withers* (Gulf Coast Records), the second album for the label, featuring soulful singer/guitarist/songwriter Kevin Burt and his band, Big Medicine, with CD pre-order available now.

"Kevin Burt has been a force for years and is finally getting the International recognition he so deeply deserves," says Gulf Coast Records founder Mike Zito. "His voice is commanding and soulful and his songs are honest and from the heart. On his new album, Kevin resonates his soul with the music of Bill Withers. They have a connection deeper than their voices. This album is a must for all Bill Withers fans and will bring Kevin Burt to the masses."

"Listening to Bill Withers tell a story or sing a song for me is one and the same," adds Kevin Burt. "It instantly attaches itself to my soul. Mr. Withers told me in a roughly two-hour conversation we had many things that (pardon the pun) lean on today. One of those nuggets of insight was to 'tell the stories that make me feel most vulnerable, that's what people connect with.' His story relates to my story. His songs relate to different points in time in my life like no other as an artist. I hope to someday have an impact on someone else's world the way Mr. Withers has had an impact on mine. I hope that you enjoy the stories/songs as much as I have over the years. These are some of my favorites, not just because of the words or the story, but because of their attachment to my own personal story, I hope that I did the songs justice. Big love, Brother Bill Withers, and big love to you all."

Over the years, Kevin Burt has won numerous awards and played many festivals, both solo and with his band. Competing with 235 bands & solo/duo acts from around the world, he absolutely crushed it at the Blues Foundation's 34th International Blues Challenge (IBC) in 2018, taking home top honors in three categories: first place in the Solo/Duo category; the Cigar Box Guitar Award recognizing him as the best guitar player in the Solo/Duo category; and the Lee Oskar Award for Best Harmonica Player. In 2019, Kevin was nominated for a Blues Music Award for his debut album, *Heartland and Soul* (Best Emerging Artist Album) and was inducted into the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame. In 2020, his Gulf Coast Records debut recording, *Stone Crazy*, was nominated in four categories for The Independent Blues Awards: Best Soul/Blues Album, Song ("Stone Crazy") and Vocalist, as well as a nomination for Gateway Artist of the Year. He was also nominated for Best Soul/Blues album for the Blues Blast Awards, as well as the Artist on the Rise Award. Additionally, he was awarded in 2021 the Bobby Rush Lifetime Achievement in Entertainment by the Jus' Blues Foundation. That year he was also nominated for Acoustic Artist of the Year at the Blues Music Awards.

During his career, Kevin Burt has performed across the country and internationally at many of the most-storied music venues, as well as such major festivals and events as Chicago Blues Festival, Jazz Aspen Snowmass, Waterfront Blues Festival in Portland, OR, Telluride Blues Festival, Victoria Jazz and Blues Festival in Canada, Mississippi Valley Blues Festival, Heritage Blues Festival in Wheeling WV, Bayfront Blues Festival in Duluth MN, Big Blues Bender in Las Vegas, Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Reading Blues Festival, International Blues Cruise- Marseille, France, Huuhkajavori Blues Festival in Finland, Duvel Blues in Belgium and Grolsch Blues Festival in Germany.



Kevin is a self-taught musician (vocals, harmonica, and guitar) whose smooth, warm vocal presentation sets a mood of relaxed exhilaration, with a welcome mixture of serious music and infectious humor that audiences of all ages seem to enjoy. His voice and presence are powerful. His unique delivery ranges from the sweetest, fullest, juiciest come-on to the most playful growl. Most people have been introduced to him as a one-of-a-kind solo performer; however, he is a remarkable entertainer and front man with his band, Kevin Burt & Big Medicine, with featured guitarist Ken Valdez, who is, himself, a masterful and revered musician in the Minneapolis music scene. The rhythm section of Eric Douglas (drums) and the incomparable Scot Sutherland (bass) provide a solid foundation for a soulful, funky, blues experience. When you have the Blues, Kevin Burt & Big Medicine might not cure you, but they will make you feel better!

Thank you, Brother Bill - Credits and Track listing

Kevin Burt - Guitar, Harmonica, Lead Vocals

Scot Sutherland - Bass

Ken Valdez - Lead/Rhythm Guitar, Background Vocals

Eric Douglas - Drums/Percussion

Tracks:

1. Who is He (and What is He to You)?
2. Kissing My Love
3. World Keeps Going Round and Round
4. Just the Two of Us
5. I'm Her Daddy
6. Ain't No Sunshine
7. Lean On Me
8. Let Us Love
9. Another Day To Run
10. Grandma's Hands
11. The Same Love That Made Me Laugh
12. Hope She'll Be Happier
13. Thank You Brother Bill - written by Kevin Burt

Hi-res album: <http://www.markpuccimedia.com/Kevin-Burt-Hi-Res-Cover-scaled.jpg>

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Along with touring, Kevin is committed to keeping the Blues alive with his Blues in the Schools program. His focus with this program is making Blues “relatable” to kids and engaging them with stories and songs as well as sharing the history of Blues and how it has influenced all genres of music. Kevin also encourages the kids to play! He authored [Just Play It! Harmonica Method by Kevin Burt](#) in partnership with West Music which introduces students grades 4-8 to playing basic cross-harp blues harmonica. He also collaborates with high school bands – to not only play the notes but to feel the music to tell the story.



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Products: <https://kevinburtmusic.bigcartel.com/>

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Gulf Coast Records: <https://www.gulfcoastrecords.net/>

Videos

- **Blues Foundation International Blues Challenge – January 2018**
[Eleanor Rigby \(COVER\) - J. Lennon and P. McCartney](#)
- **Live for Blues Moose Radio – Oct 23, 2019**
[Stone Crazy \(ORIGINAL\) - K. Burt](#)

[Thank You \(ORIGINAL\) - K. Burt](#)

[Real Love \(ORIGINAL\) - K. Burt](#)

[Long Train Runnin \(COVER\) - T Johnston/Doobie Brothers](#)

[All Along the Watchtower \(COVER\) - B. Dylan](#)

Reviews

Stone Crazy (Gulf Coast Records)

Released October 2020

- [Rock & Blues Muse](#)
- [Bluesdoodles Cutting Edge Music Reviews](#)
- [Making a Scene - The Independent Music Magazine](#)
- [Suncoast Blues Society](#)
- [Music Fest News](#)
- [The Blues Highway 61](#)
- [Take Effect Reviews](#)
- [Sounds of South \(Germany\)](#)
- [Rhythm & Booze](#)

Heartland & Soul (Little Village Foundation)

Released October 2018

- [Living Blues Magazine](#)
- [BluesBlast Magazine](#)
- [Making A Scene - The Independent Music Magazine](#)
- [American Blues Scene](#)
- [Philly Cheeze Rock & Blues Review](#)
- [RockTimes \(Germany\)](#)
- [The Blues Highway 61](#)

