Kevin Burt

BIO

Kevin Burt is a Waterloo, Iowa native and self-taught vocalist, guitarist, and harmonica player whose big, conversational baritone has drawn comparisons to Bill Withers and Aaron Neville. A solo performer at heart, he builds a full evening from just voice, acoustic guitar, and harmonica, with an audience rapport compared to B.B. King.

Burt is the first performer in International Blues Challenge history to win all three Solo/Duo categories in a single year, was inducted into the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame in 2019, and won the 2026 Blues Music Award for Acoustic Artist of the Year.

His latest solo album, *This Trip* (Gulf Coast Records, 2026), strips the music back to its essentials. *Blues Matters* called it “an understated but deeply affecting album from a master storyteller, reminding us that some of the most powerful blues comes from simply telling the truth,” while *Get Ready to Rock* praised songs given weight by his “big sounding conversational style baritone vocal” and “pivotal use of acoustic guitar and harp.”