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Artist Profile



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Previously called the Bluesbug, Gugun & Blues Shelter is an Indonesian blues power trio that is a breath of fresh air in the seemingly dying Asian blues scene these days. Influenced by the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Bettie Davies, and Led Zeppelin among others, the band forced many music fans to take notice of its powerful, flawless genre-crossing blend of blues that incorporate influences from rock, funk, and soul.

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is Gugun (guitar, vocal)  
John Armstrong (bass)  
and Bowie (drums)

Led by guitarist/vocalist Gugun, Gugun & Blues Shelter has released two albums under the Bluesbug moniker "Get The Bug" (2004) and "Turn it On" that has been gaining praises from music critics and fans alike. "Turn It On" was voted as one of the best Indonesian album in 2007 by Rolling Stone Indonesia Magazine and Gugun was noted as one of the most promising local guitar player by the same magazine. In the same year, Indonesia's Trax Magazine also voted Gugun as the best guitar player in South East Asia.

Gugun & Blues Shelter is not only drew the attentions of local music lover only. The band also received attentions from European fans, thanks for years of playing for expatriate fans during its pub-playing days. As the result, Gugun & Blues Shelter was participated in Belfast Big River Blues and Jazz Festival 2008 and played several dates in a four-weeks UK tour at cities like Burnley, Scarborough, and Crewe. Due to the good receptions, the tour was extended to other cities like Leeds, Oxford, York, Rotherham, and culminated in another festival, "Colne Great British R n' B Festival" at the Manchester outskirts. In Asia, recently Gugun & Blues Shelter played several dates in Malaysia in 2008, participated in Singapore Art Festival at the same year, as well as in Indonesia's big festivals such as Java Jazz Festival and JakJazz Festival.



## Currently,

Gugun & Blues Shelter is preparing to embark another European invasion by participating in Skegness Rock and Blues Festival and recording another new album, temporarily titled "Set My Soul On Fire".

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