

SISTER MERCY



“A powerful front woman, backed by a searing band and impressive 4-part vocal harmonies set Sister Mercy apart from the crowded field of blues rockers.” Peter Dammann, Artistic Director, Waterfront Blues Festival

“It has been my pleasure working with Sister Mercy on several occasions. Their artistry is rock solid and what I love the most is the wonderful feedback I always get from my clients after their show. This band is a winner!!!” Becky Johnson (Sterling Talent)

“Sister Mercy’s soulful, sultry songs suddenly but smoothly transition to funky blues rock in a way that keeps you on the dance floor for hours”. Michelle Bean (Owner-Catfish Lou’s Blues Venue)

“From their opening song, Brown’s powerful vocal delivery and range were quite impressive live, and watching her was mesmerizing at times. A strong performance by a great band with deep roots in the Oregon music scene, when you need your fix of some great gospel-tinged, smoky R&B, go see this band!” John Alcalá – Vortex Magazine

HIGH ENERGY Rhythm and Blues BAND featuring APRIL BROWN

SISTER MERCY, fronted by the mesmerizing vocal prowess of April Brown, is a powerful award-winning blues band that mixes traditional sounds with updated funky beats and a rock edge. Vocal harmonies are the key in the unique quality of the band, with Scott Garcia (guitar), Roger Espinor (drums), John Webb (bass) and Debby Espinor (keys) each adding to the depth of the band's sound with their tight harmonies. Their 2019 album "**Diamonds**" is gaining international acclaim for powerhouse vocals and original songwriting and they're currently working on their next album, due out in early 2020. Winner of the Cascade Blues Association Journey to Memphis 2015, and 2017, Sister Mercy went on to compete in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis and placed in the semi-finals in 2016 and 2018. Nominated for the Best New Band and Best Contemporary Blues Band by the Cascade Blues Association, Sister Mercy will have you dancing the days and nights away.

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[YouTube “Tell Mama” SISTER MERCY](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Honors

International Blues Challenge Semi-Finalist 2018
Best Contemporary Blues Band Muddy Awards Nominee Cascade Blues Association 2017
Journey to Memphis Winner 2018
Best New Act Muddy Awards Nominee Cascade Blues Association 2015
Journey to Memphis Winner 2016
International Blues Challenge Semi-Finalist 2016
Beale St, Memphis TN - Tin Roof and Blues City Café (as part of the International Blues Challenges in 2016 and 2018)

Festival Appearances

Waterfront Blues Festival (2015-2019) • Sherwood Concerts in the Park (2019)
West Linn Concerts in the Park (2019) • Hillsboro Concerts in the Park (2019)
Camas City Concerts (2019) • Sunbanks Music Festival (2018)
Gorge Blues and Brews (2017-2018) • Cathedral Park Jazz Festival (2016)
Marylhurst Concerts on the Green (2017) • Gresham Music Monday (2014-2017)
Gresham Art Walk (2014-2015) • Kingston Concerts on the Cove (2015-2019)

Club Gigs

Catfish Lou's Blues Club • Gemini Bar and Grill • The Secret Society • Vinyl Tap Bar and Grill
Trail's End Saloon • Vie de Boehme • Duff's Garage • Highway 99 Blues Club (Seattle, WA)
Maryhill Winery (Goldendale, WA) • Red Lilly Winery Jacksonville, OR • Numerous Private and Corporate parties.

ALBUMS

Hold on Honey 2020 (working title)

[Diamonds 2018](#)

[Head over Heels 2016](#)

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