

Buckmiller | Schwager Band

Their story began in 2015 when Tom Buckmiller and Brian Schwager were introduced by a mutual friend and band mate. These two ambitious musicians crossed paths and joined forces on many stages and with multiple bands before forming The Buckmiller | Schwager Band in early 2019. Today they've grown in popularity by consistently delivering their electrifying originals and authentic blues classics in a wide range of venues throughout the Midwest. Whether you're witnessing their high energy duo/trio group or the power of their full band, they consistently engage the audience with their own hard-driving, personalized recipe for the blues.

- Winners - Iowa Blues Challenge (2021)
- Semi-finalist - International Blues Challenge (2022)
- Nominated - Blues Blast Magazine "Emerging Artist Debut Release (2022)
- Winners - Best of Story County "Live Music Artist" (2023)

Their debut album, *To Memphis and Back* has attained much acclaim. Original titles like *Whiskey Man*, *Thrill of the Thrill*, and *Black Jeep Blues* demonstrate Buckmiller's immense creativity and song-writing skills. His stand-out vocals combined with Schwager's off-the-charts lead guitar playing have resulted in unparalleled record sales for the band. According to Phillip Smith from Philly Cheeze's Rock & Blues Reviews: **"It's plumb terrific. *To Memphis and Back* is a solid-as-hell album, and I certainly look forward to hearing more from the Buckmiller | Schwager Band."**

Their sophomore album "*Live at xBk*" recorded on April 6, 2023 to a venue full of enthusiastic blues fans delivers new songs, old favorites, and covers capturing the energy and essence of their live show. "*Live at xBk*" brings constant energy and dedication to their mission of keeping the blues alive. Dan Ray with Iowa Public Radio had this to say: **"This crash course felt like going back in time, like the whole audience got loaded onto a bus to tour the best musical moments of the '50s and '60s...or perhaps of 1973, which was 49 and a half years ago."**