

Quotes

“That all-too-rare total package- a creative vocalist, harp player, songwriter, and showman.” -Living Blues Magazine

“All the fat and no filler, just killer stuff!” -Bushdog Blues Blog

“To hear the harmonica of Greg Izor howl through “Millvale, PA” in such short order is another revelation altogether: those wailing tones connect ... directly to the blues.” -Allaboutjazz.com

“A Monster on harmonica.” -Making a Scene

“A faultless set, full of passion and energy, with a bright harmonica playing and excellent singing!” -La Hora Del Blues

“Greg’s chromatic harmonica solos are a force of nature: highly imaginative, dancing on the edge of crazy, but always with masterful control. He is an expressive lyricist with a charismatic, relaxed delivery.” -Blues In Britain

“Izor is definitely taking the blues in new directions while honoring their roots along the trip.” -Blues Music Magazine

“Tough blues, country ballads, and Cajun waltzes come together in an album that showcases Izor’s unique approach to Southern music.” -BlueBeat Music

Bio

Greg Izor is recognized as one of the important new voices in the American Roots music world. With the release of several acclaimed albums, and incendiary live performances, he has established himself as a force to be reckoned with. Izor’s songwriting and playing are not to be missed, described as “a broad musical backdrop covering all kinds of roots American rhythms.”

Izor cut his teeth playing blues in New Orleans, Louisiana, playing along the gulf coast and in famed clubs such as Tipitina’s and The Maple Leaf. He held a long residency at both the famed Spotted Cat on Frenchman St and the Funky Pirate club on Bourbon St. There in New Orleans he learned first hand, mentored by Johnny Sansone and playing with legends like Eddie Bo, Jerry “Boogie” McCain, Henry Gray, Wolfman Washington, Oliver “La La” Morgan, and Clarence “Gatemouth” Brown, and was a member of the house band at Gate’s BBQ joint in Slidell.

Later Izor moved on to Austin, Texas where he quickly made a name for himself in the Blues and Country scenes. Playing with local legends like Pinetop Perkins, Gary Primich, Derek O'Brien, Denny Freeman, Paul Oscher, and Marcia Ball, and joining forces with musicians of his generation such as Mike Keller, Josh Fulero, Willie Pipkin, Gary Clark Jr, and Nick Curran, Izor further developed his chops. Izor held many high-profile residencies, at Antone's, Evangeline Cafe with The Peacemakers, with the Jo's House Band, and with the Little Elmore Reed band at the East-side juke joints TC's Lounge, and King Bee Lounge. At this time Izor also joined Anson Funderburgh and the Rockets, following in the footsteps of his hero, Sam Myers.

Izor's extensive touring has led to his strong reputation as an intense, dynamic performer. His singing and harmonica playing consistently stun audiences and he brings a fun, good time energy to his performances. A festival favorite, he's played The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Fest, The King Biscuit Blues Fest, Cazorla Blues Fest, Moulin Blues, Nidaros Blues Fest, and many others. His intimate club performances can reveal another more personal side of his music, whether playing alone or with his band of hand-picked musicians, on a big stage or in a club, every performance is personal and distinct. He is also a favorite of the dance community, whether for swing dancers, two-steppers, or blues dancers, performing regularly at the Austin Lindy Exchange and the Austin Blues Party.

Greg Izor has also released a number of critically acclaimed self-produced albums. Reflecting his background in Blues, Country, Swamp-pop, Cajun, and R&B, his self-penned songs are danceable and capture his unique approach. He has written for and produced a number of recordings for other artists, including with the Royal We, and Itziar Yagüe's multi-award nominated "Girl Like Me." His upcoming album, "Sustained Winds," will be available on For the Road Records late Spring 2024.

Izor will be touring Europe in support of the upcoming album "Sustained Winds," throughout the summer of 2024, with special appearances at the Herradura Music Festival, Trandal Blues Fest, and Zelzate Blueshappening.

Recordings

The Ground

Homemade Wine (With Marco Pandolfi)

The 1314

Close To Home

I Was Wrong

Friends of Lazy Lester- Lazy Lester Forever

Jack And The Box- Walk That Walk

Paul Oscher and Miss Lavelle White- Dirty Dealin Mama (Single Version)

Not Over Yet- Axioms of Life

Rosie Flores- Simple Case of the Blues

Andy T Band- Double Strike

Gabe Stillman- Just Say The Word

Dany Franchi- Problem Child

Joanna Ramirez- On My Way

Karl Denson- Gnomes & Badgers

The Jackalope All-Stars- Jackalope All-Stars

United By Music- Yes We Can Can

Friends Of Lazy Lester- Lazy Lester Forever

Johnny Burgin & Quique Gomez- Dos Hombres Wanted

The Peacemakers- The Peacemakers

Black Mountain Water- Fly Fly Away

Charley Crockett- The Valley

Iker Piris- Electra

Eric Lindell – Change In The Weather

Chris Ruest – No 2nd Chances

Charlie Terrell and the Murdered Johns – Alabama Steampunk Blues

Little Elmore Reed Band – Live at TC's Lounge

Jamie Krueger – Til The Sun Won't Shine

John Creech – Remember

Charlie Cruz – Cool Cat Charlie

Carson Brock – Signs

Rob Meehan – Here

Bret Coats – Music for the People

Twilight Trio – Finally Made It Home

Chris Robertson – The Need For Tweed

Jim Adams – Don't Step On My Rhythm & Blues

Mighty Mike Schermer – Blues In Good Hands

Various Artists feat. Bonnie Raitt – Even Kids Get The Blues

Various Artists – Sin City Social Club Volume 13

Various Artists – Gezellig Volume 2

Musicians Greg has been fortunate to play with:

Eddie Bo • Pinetop Perkins • Guitar Shorty • Sonny Rhodes • Earl Poole Ball • Big Joe Burrell • Marcia Ball • The Edge (U2) • Gatemouth Brown • Eddie C. Campbell • Gary Clark Jr. • Ruby Jane • Alan Haynes • Charley Crockett • Jimmi Mayes • Kirk Fletcher • Jimmy Hicks • Gary Primich • Nick Curran • The Fabulous Thunderbirds • Henry Gray • Members of the Samples • Jerry McCain • Lil' Buck Sinegal • John Cleary • Rod Hodges and Joe Cabral (The Iguanas) • C.C. Adcock • Warren Storm • Soul Rebels • Big Sam • Harold Brown (WAR) • Anders Osborne • Walter "Wolfman" Washington • Oliver "La La" Morgan • The LeRoi Brothers • Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears • Rosie Flores • Joe Gunn • Derek O'Brien • Denny Freeman • Lazy Lester • Earl Poole Ball • Mike Morgan • Curtis Salgado • Delbert McClinton • Paul Oscher • Jerry Portnoy • Johnny Nicholas • Whitey Johnson • Nick Nixon • Tommy Shannon • David Torkanowski