

Mark Slate & Rotosphere

Winner Swiss Blues Challenge 2024 & Finalist European Blues Challenge 2025

Soul. Blues. Rock. Pure and Authentic.

Mark Slate & Rotosphere celebrate the release of their **new live album**.

The album features **13 brand-new original compositions** by Mark Slate & Nic Niedermann, with heartfelt lyrics penned by the singer. These are stories of love, everyday life, freedom, and inner peace. Bluesy, honest, and moving. **Sometimes old school, sometimes modern—always captivating and full of groove.** These are songs that stick with you. Songs with hit potential. Recorded live in front of an enthusiastic audience.

Mark Slate, the charismatic blues and soul singer, instantly mesmerises the audience with his powerful voice. Slate, who toured for years with the "Joe Cocker Tribute Show", embodies the raw, earthy essence of the blues. Together with Rotosphere, they deliver original material brimming with musical power. The band **Rotosphere**, active for years under the leadership of guitarist **Nic Niedermann**, regularly accompanies national and international stars such as Coco Montoya, Magic Slim, Matthew Skoller, Susan Tedeschi, and many others at the renowned Blues Festival Baden. Three years ago, Niedermann brought Mark Slate onto the stage during a jam session—and the audience was instantly electric. Since then, the verdict is clear: Mark Slate & Rotosphere is an explosive combination. Fresh, gripping songs blending Blues, Rock, and Soul.

The Success Story:

2024, Mark Slate & Rotosphere won the **Swiss Blues Challenge** at the Blues Festival Sierre.

In 2025, they represented Switzerland at the **International Blues Challenge in Memphis** and shortly thereafter played their way into the **Top 4 in Europe** at the **European Blues Challenge in Split/Croatia**.

The next milestone followed in September 2025: Their first record deal with the prestigious Blues & Roots label **Dixiefrog/Rock'n'Hall** in Paris—home to global stars like Popa Chubby and Eric Bibb. The new live album will be released and promoted across Europe.

Line-up:

Vocals: Mark Slate

Guitar: Nic Niedermann

Piano: Gregor Loepfe

Bass: Mischa Frey

Drums: Eddie Miles Walker