

*Kellie Rucker* (USA) and *Richie Arndt* (DE) share a longtime musical and personal friendship. For more than 30 years, Kellie has been a traveler of blues and roots music. In spite of her 1,52 m she is a real "big number" in the international blues scene, strong on the harmonica in blues and varied styles and an excellent singer with a fantastic stage presence.

Born in Oklahoma City, her family moved often. Her American musical roots extend from Texas to California, and points in the East. While living in Los Angeles, toured up and down the West coast, sharing the stage with with many of the "big names" such as Dizzy Gillespie, Stephen Stills, Albert Collins, ZZ Top, Little Feat and B.B. King. She published several albums under her own name in the US. Today she lives in Florida and often travels "the big lake" to be working, recording and touring with European musicians.

Richie Arndt, **blues, roots,** rock guitarist and singer from eastern Westphalia is a well-known constant of the German blues scene. Winning several German Blues Awards as "Best Singer" (2018), "Best CD" (2016), "Best guitarist" (2022) and winning the German Blues Challenge (2018) with his band has brought him international success besides touring throughout Germany. Richie has also impressed audiences playing concerts in the US, Ireland, Russia, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Switzerland.

Kellie played on Richie Arndt's "Train Stories" album, as singer, writer and harmonica player, and on his new CD "Moments electric" with Gregor Hilden. In 2023 the first joint Live CD "Rockin 'Americana" of the *Richie Arndt Band feat. Kellie Rucker* was released on FUEGO!

It is always fascinating seeing and hearing these two musicians and friends play together. Don't miss it!

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