

Tina Cossey Band

Bio Brief

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Tina Cossey, a California native, started performing at the age of five. Being no stranger to the gypsy life, she performed and was inspired by all types of music. As a child, her dad would play the blues and though she didn't know it yet, it would become a part of her life. At the age of eight Tina's roots would be planted in Arkansas where she evolved and found her sound in the blues. Her soul has always loved blues with the heartache and pain that it conveys, but she was ultimately drawn to the hope that it also offers.

Josh Parks, Lead guitarist, found his home with the Tina Cossey Band in 2023. Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Josh began playing the guitar at 13. After moving to North Little Rock in 2016, Josh's music revealed influences of rock, blues, reggae, and soul. Josh says "I play the Blues because I was born to be a musical healer. The Blues is the root of so many kinds of music and is possibly the most healing kind of music. It hooked me the first time I heard it. It's what I am. It's in my blood. It's what I was born to do."

Slide/rhythm guitar, Jared Admire, grew up in Little Rock and was around music from an early age. He heard his brother play guitar and mom and sister play piano, but he didn't really get serious with guitar until after playing saxophone in the school band. During that time, he discovered improvisation. Jared played and learned the fundamentals, but around age 15 he had dropped the horn altogether and was fully focused on playing guitar. Being inspired by many different styles of music, he strives to have an eclectic multi-genre sound.

Bass player, Ryan A. Hinman, grew up near Texarkana in the small town of Hooks, TX. He started playing music on the trombone at the age of nine. In high school, he picked up bass guitar then later the 6 string, and started writing his own songs. The Blues has always been an important aspect in his musical journey, as it has taught him about the freedom and diversity in music even with a limited set of chords.

Drummer, Darius Blanton, is a multi-talented multi-instrumentalist. Born in Little Rock, he started playing music at the age of six. He began playing various instruments including drums. Darius started playing blues to be able to express himself. In his words, he "always plays from the heart".