# Electronic Press Kit – July 2022.

## Biographies:

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## Long Bio' …

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Blacktop Deluxe formed out of their ashes in 2013 immediately carving out their Blues/Rock heritage.

As a recording & live band Blacktop have played alongside many of the Icon's of their genre including Deep Purple, Joe Bonamassa, Walter Trout, Focus, Thunder, Wilko Johnson, Wishbone Ash & many more.

And you don't get to rub shoulders with those kind of artists without good reason.

Eleven Albums/Singles later (excluding live & bootleg recordings) 2017 saw the hiatus of Blacktop Deluxe while Keith released his first solo Album 'That's The Vibe' in 2019 to critical aclaim.

Then along came Covid …… BUT now lockdown's over and 'Blacktop Deluxe' are back !

Back to their original 'power trio' roots with Guitarist & vocalist Keith Howe awesome new raft of material, while drummer Alan Ibbotson and bassist Matt Roberts are back with more power (and tattoos) then ever, delivering a super-tight and aggressive rhythm section to serve up a live set that simply isn't to be missed.

So keep your eyes open for dates & catch them when you can because the guys are back, bigger and bluesier than ever.

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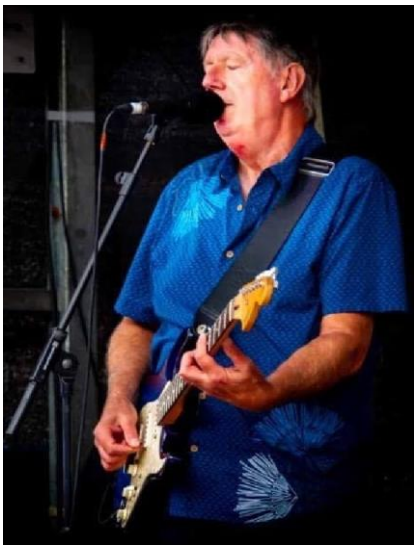
# Photographs:

**Here is a small selection of Blacktop Deluxe photographs, Logo's and Posters for press use, for more please contact us at:- blacktopdeluxe@btinternet.com**



**Keith**

**Alan**

**Matt**

**Band**

**Logo 1**

**Logo 2**

**Logo 3**

# Videos:

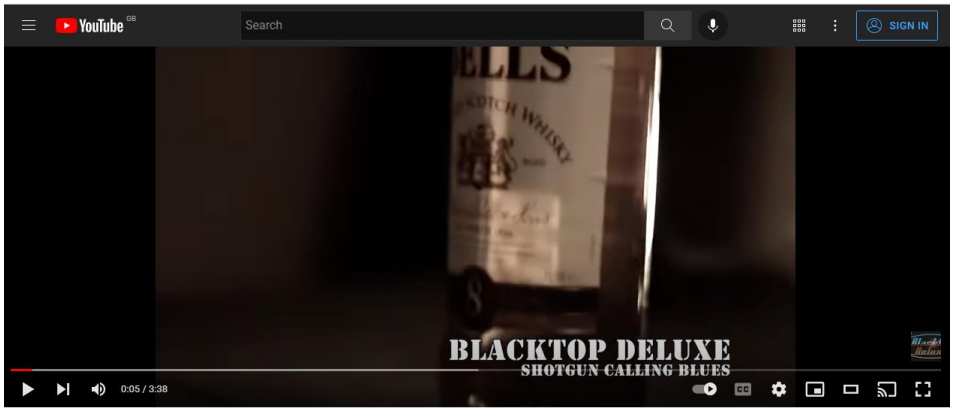
**Here's a short selection of Blacktop Deluxe Video's, for lots more, please check out the Blacktop Deluxe You Tube page on:**

https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCtL8vp2rHQzP3ppx6_G8Djw

**'Putting out Fire' – from the three track EP 'Dark Horses'.**

**https://youtu.be/zEJByUh_FoI**

**Shotgun Calling' Blues**




**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGpubMGL7Rw**

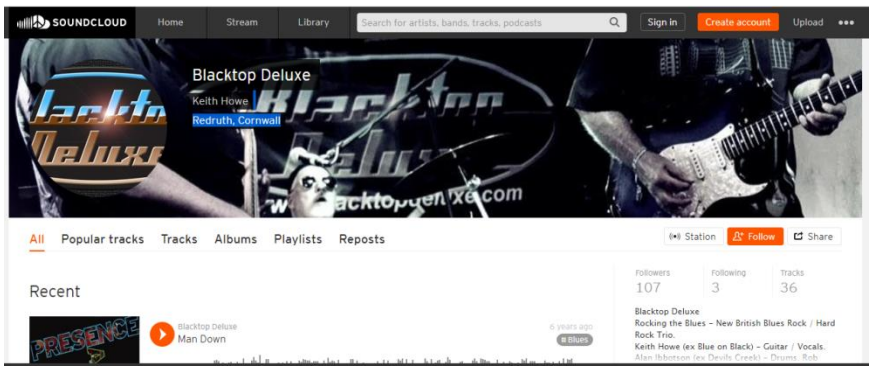
**Always Been a Sinner**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_LisSuh10ew**

# Music & Audio Links

**Here are some links to our Music pages, a full repertoire can be listened to via our main website.**

**SoundCloud** **https://soundcloud.com/blacktopdeluxe**



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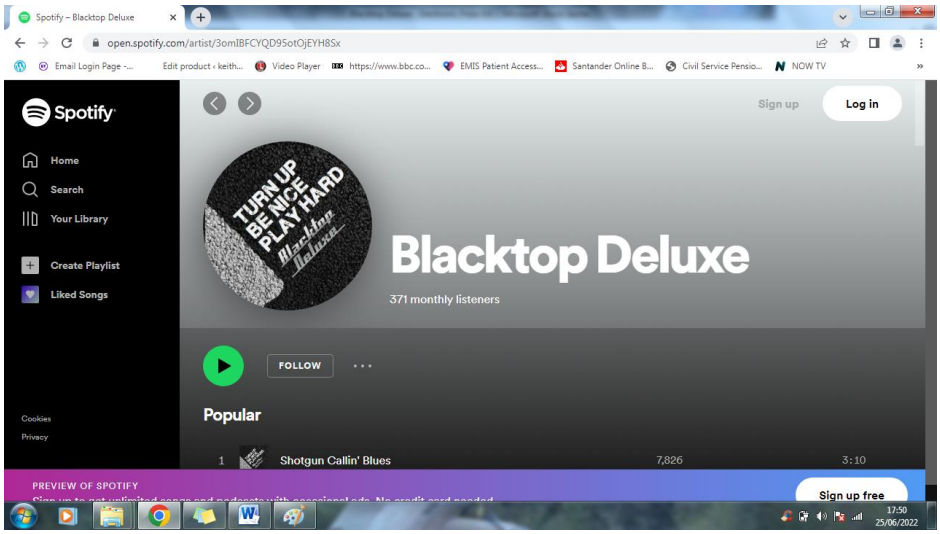
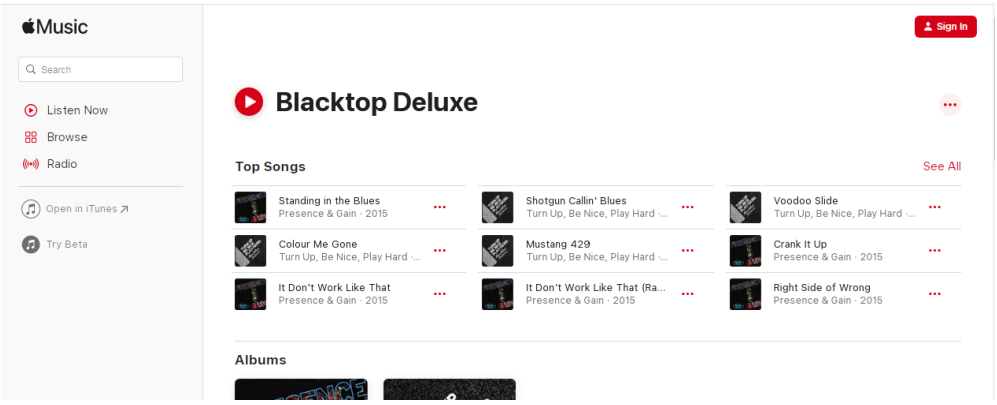



**I Tunes:** [https://music.apple.com/us/artist/blacktop-deluxe/657070643](https://music.apple.com/us/artist/blacktop-deluxe/657070643)



# Social Media Links:

**Here are the links to our Social Media pages:-**

**Twitter:** https://twitter.com/blacktopdeluxe
**You Tube:** https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCtL8vp2rHQzP3ppx6_G8Djw
**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/BlacktopDeluxe
**Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/blacktop_deluxe

# Testimonials/Reviews:

Celebrating over 20 years of sharing stages with "Deep Purple', 'Joe Bonamassa', Focus', 'Wishbone Ash', 'Walter Trout' and many more, ***Blacktop Deluxe*** continue to tour their very own, signature brand of 'Guitar Driven', Blues/Rock.

***"The first time I saw Keith's Band, I thought, 'damn these guys are good'. I wasn't alone – the audience loved them and I am very happy to recommend them.***
***Cheers ig"***

***Ian Gillan - Deep Purple.***

Playing music from Keith's 2019 Solo Release 'That's The Vibe' plus his back catalogue of 10 "Blacktop Deluxe' and 'Blue on Black Albums, the Band is booking a few select dates in the UK and Europe for 2021/2.

***"That's The Vibe' is that rare thing, a beguiling rock-blues album shot through with substance and flair. Check it out you won't be disappointed." *******

***Pete Feenstra – Promoter/Presenter.***

This Band's music ticks all the boxes if you like Rockin' Blues, so don't miss em', cos' when they're gone, they're gone.

***"If they came from Texas or Memphis the press would be falling over themselves with praise; but The Keith Howe Band come from Cornwall so they can't be any good, can they?***
***HELL YES they can!"***

**Rocking Magpie –Music Journalist**