

Dominic Schoemaker

Downtown Stories (Debut EP)

After playing as a guitarist for the blues bands "White & Blue" and "Cattlefood" since 2009, I realized that I wanted to go my own way - to write my own songs and perform my own music, in essence to design the show myself.

I wanted to go on, not just to play in small bars and clubs but take my career to the next level in playing established venues like Volkshaus, Mühle Hunziken, Schüür, the big Blues Festivals are to be the next locations.

When I have something in my head, I give it all to reach it. In teaming up with producer With Marco Jencarelli (Philipp Fankhauser, Soundfarm Studios), I found the right person to help we toward taking that next step.

Eighteen months ago Marco listened to my demos and gave me tips on what to do. One of them was, "Your English must be better." I decided to spend three months in Chicago. These three months and a collaboration with Bob Stroger as well as the victory at the Promo Blues Night in Basel reenforced my decision to focus entirely on the music.

Marco and I met regularly over the the next months as new ideas took shape and in December 2016 we recorded the foundation for my first solo release in SOUNDFARM studios.

Also involved in these sessions were Richard Spooner on Drums, Angus Thomas on Bass, and Chris Heule on Keys. In January 2017 the overdubs were completed.

Downtown Stories, my debut solo EP, is a collection of seven songs, six of which are original compositions. It's a blues-saturated album with a breath of fresh air inspired by my travels and experiences in Chicago. My sound is electric Blues from the Chicago school. The protagonists of this style, my inspirations, are the ancestors of the blues, BB King, Albert King and Albert Collins, who have accompanied me in spirit since the beginning of my blues career.

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