

Jake and The Fundamentals are inspired by Chicago blues, Delta blues, good ol' Rock & Roll, R&B, and everything in between.

In 1965 I took my guitar to Detroit and *tried* to make a living. For a 17 year old rookie from the wilds of Northern Ontario it was like a crash course at "The University of Blues and R&B". Over the next decade I shared the stage with great artists like Muddy Waters, Taj Mahal, Johnny Winter, Doug Kershaw, and worked with many Toronto R&B artists like George Olliver and Bill King.

That experience has greatly influenced The Fundamentals music and style. Since 1995, Jake and The Fundamentals have opened shows for Magic Slim and The Teardrops, Buckwheat Zydeco, Jack DeKeyser, Fathead, Downchild, Walter Trout, the late Jeff Healey and many more at festivals and clubs. I've also gigged with the legendary Dutch Mason, Enrico Crivallero, Danny B., Michael Pickett, Jerome Godboo, David Rotundo, Lee Oskar, Willy "Big Eyes" Smith, Bob Stroger, The Mighty Duck Blues Band and many more.

Jake and The Fundamentals have released six cd's and hope to record again in the near future. Also, I have released two acoustic guitar solo cd's with a few songs getting extensive airplay on C.B.C., satellite blues stations, and F.M. radio.

After all these years of guitar playing it is still a thrill and a true pleasure. Like the man says: "You can't lie down when you're busy getting down."

Jake