

Johnny Boy Kunk: FULL BIO

Johnny Boy Kunk IS the manifestation of true Mississippi gritty blues in human form. Having chased hounds after coon and bear in the Sierra Nevada mountains, spent years in blue-collar welding shops, and given up an entire normal life just to plant his musical roots in the Mississippi Delta; Johnny Boy Kunk (John Kunk) has lived a life of the working class and salt of the Earth people. With inspirations of the first documented Delta blues players such as Charley Patton and Robert Johnson, Johnny returned from the state of MS and began his musical career as a hollering bluesman sliding his guitar riffs and shouting all up and down the streets of downtown Boise ID. As a young man with minimal guitar experience, he had himself gigs as somewhat of a historical act playing tunes and covers of the blues legends, but as the gig frequency grew and the skills increased he became the one of a kind bluesman the blues hadn't seen before. Inspired by the unique droning and moving tunes of hillcountry blues (R.L. Burnside, J.R. Kimbrough, MS Fred McDowell) Johnny began to explore his own sounds of both guitar and vocals and returned to the Delta to play the Mississippi Juke Joint Fest 2019 to do more studying. The changes in him were obvious and the need for diving into his own style was more apparent.

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