

BACK IN THE SADDLE

BACK IN THE SADDLE is a new, all-star Western band! This exciting new group was formed by Berné “Frenchy” Poliakoff and L.A. “Durn” Tuten, both from Cowboy Envy. Cowboy Envy was a very well loved and critically acclaimed Western band that toured extensively, won numerous music awards and was featured on the Putumayo Records compilation, “Cowboy Playground.”

BACK IN THE SADDLE features two new members. Grammy nominated Jazz singer extraordinaire, “Gallopín” Gwen Hughes, brings stellar vocal and performance skills to the band. Guitarist “Ramblin” Rick Hinkle is master of all things stringed. They join “Frenchy” and “Durn” as the core of BITS.

Berne, “Frenchy”, is an accomplished singer/songwriter/performer who is comfortable with a wide range of musical genres from Jazz to Folk to Country. She has composed many of the songs that make up the band’s repertoire. Her onstage comedy styling is famous. LA “Durn” Tuten is THE bass player in Georgia and can play superbly in any genre. He’s also a fine singer.

We also have amazing guest artists who perform with the band on a regular basis. Our fabulous accordionist, Matt “Kickin” Kaminski, is also the organist for the Atlanta Braves and a much in demand keyboardist. He even plays in a Polka band! And the outstanding fiddle player, “Tijuana” Tim Higgins, always amazes audiences with his incredible fiddle “chops”. “Maverick” Micah Cadwell, of Cigar Store Indians, sometimes joins us with his great guitar styling. “Gamblin” Gabe Granitz, a member of Bonaventure Quartet, often shares his accordion prowess with the group.

BACK IN THE SADDLE’s repertoire covers a wide range of musical styles: traditional Cowboy songs; Western Music classics from 1920’s to 1950’s; Western Swing favorites; television and movie Cowboy songs from the 1950’s and 1960’s. “Frenchy” has contributed many original songs that are always audience favorites. The band is always on the search for great songs from this rich American musical genre.

Fair warning, BACK IN THE SADDLE is fronted by two fiery redheads, “Frenchy” and “Gallopín” Gwen! Danger, danger!

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