

RUBEN HOEKE BAND 2019

“A great mix of Soul, heavy Rock, Pop, stompin’ Boogie and dirty Rhythm & Blues!”



Guitarist **Ruben Hoeke** is a famous name in the Dutch Blues, Pop and Rock music scene. Besides being the son of piano player Rob Hoeke, the legendary Dutch Boogie-Woogie & Blues master, Ruben stands his own ground since starting out in 1992. He has already shared the stage with lots of national and international top musicians. Not only in the Netherlands but also during festivals in Denmark, USA, Germany, Belgium, Estland, Ireland, Luxembourg and The Dutch Antilles. As of today, Ruben is considered to be one of the best guitar players around and definitely raised the Rock & Blues bar in Holland.

Besides the fulltime job of being a hardworking musician, Ruben finds time to write articles for music magazines like **‘Music Maker’, ‘Guitarist’** and **‘GitaarPlus’**. He did interviews with a.o. **Slash, BB King, Johnny Winter, Jools Holland, Randy Newman, Buddy Guy, John Mayall, Sam Brown & Walter Trout** and hosted the radio program **‘Live & Puur’** for a couple of years. He gives guitar workshops, produces albums, and he’s often performing as a session musician. Through the years he played in several original material bands like; **Skelter, JURA, Kenneth Harder, Roberto Jacketti and the Scooters, Thé Lau & Band**, organizes jam-sessions and released ten albums in various types of music. Ruben is co-owner of **MZM productions** for which he organizes festivals and arranges bookings for the **RHB** and founder at **Red House**. In 2004 he forms his own **‘Ruben Hoeke Band’**.

In 2006 the **RHB** releases their debut album **‘SUGAR’** (‘Tour de France album’ and ‘Best sold R&B album 2006’). Ruben is immediately voted **‘Best Dutch Guitar Player’** by his colleague musicians and receives an official certificate because for his ‘great know-how as being a pro guitar player’.

In 2010 the award winning RHB-album **‘COEXIST’** was released. Both RHB albums feature guest appearances of some of Holland’s finest musicians. In that same year Ruben performs with **Jan Akkerman** (Focus) and **Gary Moore** in a sold out **Heineken Music Hall Amsterdam**. During the summer of 2011 a planned cooperation with guitarist Mick Taylor was cancelled when Taylor was asked to rejoin the Rolling Stones on tour. In March 2013 the third **RHB** cd entitled **‘LOADED’** is presented to a sold out crowd

at the **Paradiso, Amsterdam**. In February 2014 Ruben is voted **‘Best Blues-Rock Guitarist Benelux’** by readers of the influential **‘Guitarist Magazine’** and he also restarts his semi-acoustic **JURA**-project.

April 2015: Ruben wins a prestigious **‘Dutch Blues Award’**. In the same month **JURA** releases their new album **‘River Songs’**. In November Ruben receives the first prototype of the new **‘Radix RH signature’** guitar which is built in Jakarta, Indonesia.

By the end of April 2016, the RHB starts working on their fourth original album. During the summer Ruben is asked to join singer **Beth Hart** on a worldwide tour but he chooses to stick with his own music. **‘Sonic Revolver’**, the new long awaited RHB-album is released in Europe and is widely considered to be ‘one of the best albums of 2016’.

2018-2019: During the ‘25 tour’ the RHB records a double live album (**‘25 LIVE’**) released in June. By the end of the year all the way to spring 2019 Ruben joins the **‘Knight of the Guitar Tour’** with a.o. famous Dutch guitarists like **Jan Akkerman, Anton Goudsmit, Leif de Leeuw, Leendert Haaksma** and **John Hayes** from **Mother’s Finest**. Meanwhile he starts recording the sixth RHB album **‘All Saints’** which will be released on November 1, 2019.

In the summer of 2019 Ruben starts **‘Red House’** in favor of an orphanage in Ecuador led by legendary mixer/producer Erwin Musper. Most key musicians in the Netherlands have already offered Ruben their help.

Media describe Ruben Hoeke as a **‘Worldclass guitarist’** and **‘one of Holland finest players of todays scene’**.

Although Ruben is a guitarist who can relate to several music styles, the Rhythm & Blues and Rock & Roll is something that comes to him naturally and straight from the heart. A journalist once defined the band as **“a mighty blues-formation with an unique sound”** and their performance **“sparkling as hell, like a F16 with its afterburners tuned up to the max”**.

With dozens of great (press) reviews the Ruben Hoeke Band will continue delivering their cooking meltingpot of **Soul, heavy Rock, Pop, stompin’ Boogie and dirty Rhythm & blues!**

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RUBEN HOEKE BAND PRESS QUOTES

- **"Hoeke would kick ass among the best rockbands in the world. A worldclass guitar player."** (Lust for Life)
- **'You want the best, you got the best! The hottest rock in the world... HOEKE!'** (L.O.M)
- **"His guitar skill is of international stature. Time and time again he proofs to be the best blues-rock guitarist in the Benelux and perhaps even across the border."** (Bluesmagazine)
- **"One of todays leading Dutch Guitarplayers."** (Platomania)
- **"Bang on target!"** (Blues Matters UK)
- **"An instant high energy blues rock classic. A six string magnum opus!"** (Neal Vaughan - Australia)
- **"Klasse! Diese Platte sorgt für mächtig gute Stimmung!"** (Rocktimes.de)
- **"His guitar skill is of international astute. The best rock, boogie and rhythm & blues of this time. What a sound!"** (Musicfrom)
- **"Blistering sound, awesome tracks"** (Rootstime.be)
- **"Groovend ab wie eine Rakete...gigantisch...Großartig!... Perfekt!"** (Rocktimes Germany)
- **"Beautiful songs about doubt, love, death, booze..... Sublime music, Amazing"** (Blues uit de Polder)
- **"Hoeke and his band proof that they are still very much a part of the Dutch premier league of bluesrock"** (NHD)
- **"Lots of musical fireworks... A remarkably high performance"** (Krenten uit de Pop)
- **"Beautiful compositions...A true work of art."** (Platomania)
- **"Bluesy, exciting, raw but melodic and highly energetic."** (Welkomlife.nl)
- **"Hard rocking tracks.... Dutch festival organizers know what they have to do!"** (Heaven)
- **"Rips, screams and roars... After Adje van den Berg I don't believe to have ever heard a rockguitarist with such dare and brilliance."** (File Under)
- **"The very best there is to get in this genre, within the Netherlands"** (Zondagochtendblad)
- **"There is no escaping goosebumps"** (Maxazine)
- **"Lonely at the top, within the Dutch Blues and Rockscene"** (Rockportaal)
- **"Premier league of the Netherblues"** (Arrow Classic Rock)
- **"With Ruben Hoeke the Netherlands have a rhythm and blues performer of the highest level"** (Gitaarnet)
- **"A load of greasy hardrock, a pinch of boogie, a touch of gypsy, and a big bone of spicy blues"** (Back to the Roots)
- **"True pearls"** (Fret)
- **"A musical rain of fire that literally burst out of your speakers"** (Rootsville.be)
- **"Truly sublime"** (Bluesrockpagina)
- **"Heaven came down to earth"** (Johannes de Boom)
- **"Powerful and inspired. The audience is amazed and in awe."** (Live XS)
- **"Ruben Hoeke Band. A true phenomenon!!! The talent of this formation needs to be seen, tasted and felt"** (Aktief)
- **"Steam, roar, sweat, stamp Dutch stompin' blues in the highest gear"** (Lords of Metal)
- **"Ruben Hoeke and his band are without a doubt a huge gain for the blues scene within the Benelux"** (mazzmusikas)
- **"The Ruben Hoeke Band is the sensation of the blues scene in the Netherlands"** (Willem Croese)