

Band Bio.

The Paul DesLauriers Band

is made up of virtuoso guitarist and singer **Paul DesLauriers** and the masterful rhythm section of **Greg Morency** on bass and **Sam Harrisson** on drums. Their latest release, the aptly titled ***Relentless (June 2016)***, is a genuine blues-rock escapade featuring 10 original new songs encompassing their most original and powerful work to date. Recently crowned **Entertainer of the Year, Electric Act of the Year, Bassist of the Year** (Greg Morency) and **Drummer of the Year** (Sam Harrisson) at the **20th annual Maple Blues Awards** held in Toronto on January 23rd 2017, in January 2016 the band also took **2nd place at the 32nd International Blues Challenge**, the world's largest gathering of blues acts, organized by **The Blues Foundation**. Held in Memphis Tennessee, they rose to the top to take the runner-up title in the band category in a world-wide competition that saw 119 bands competing for a spot on the podium.

Released to unanimously excellent reviews, their self-titled 2014 album reached the **#1 spot on the iTunes Canada Blues Chart** within a month! They are currently touring Canada and the USA in support of the album with notable performances past and present that include the **Big Blues Bender in Las Vegas NV**, the **Montreal International Jazz Festival**, the **Tremblant International Blues Festival**, **Ottawa BluesFest**, **White Mountain NH Boogie N'Blues Festival**, **Heritage Music Blues Festival in Wheeling West Virginia** and the **Daytona Blues Festival** among many others.

Undeniably part of Canada's musical elite, all three members are regular nominees and winners at the **Maple Blues Awards** and **Quebec Lys Blues Awards**. Paul DesLauriers is the **Winner of 2 Maple Blues Awards** in 2014, including **Guitarist of the Year** and **winner of 5 Lys Blues Awards in Quebec**. Greg Morency is a two-time winner of the **Maple Blues Award for Bassist of the Year**. Sam Harrisson is the **Maple Blues Award Drummer of the Year** for 2017 and is the winner of a record-holding **9 Lys Blues Awards in Quebec for Musical Performance** .

In June 2013 they released "Enter The Gate" with sitar maestro Anwar Khurshid, a unique acoustic meeting between the Blues and Indian Classical music. The group won the "Best In Festival" award after their performance at the Tremblant International Blues Festival in July 2013.

Relentless album charts:

Roots Music Report

Canada

Weekly Top 50 Canada Album Chart: #2

USA

Weekly Top 50 Blues Album Chart: #10

Weekly Top 50 Blues Rock Album Chart: #7

2016 Top 200 Blues Rock Album Chart: #37