

"Sometimes, the only thing that can soothe your soul is some of those good ole, down-home blues from somebody that sings 'em, and sings 'em well. If that's what you need, then you came to the right place, 'cause, straight outta Chicago, we are proud to present our review for one of the biggest, purest, voices in all of the contemporary arena, Sugar Queen." -The Nashville Blues and Roots Alliance, USA



Michele Denise, known as Sugar Queen, is a versatile American blues vocalist and songwriter currently based in the Netherlands.

Sugar Queen's smoldering vocal styling and charismatic stage presence captivates. From Chicago Blues, gospel and soul, the audience rides on a blues journey with tales of her African-American roots.

Previously working in the US and Asia, Sugar Queen broke on the European Blues music stages in 2017 performing at a large number of major festivals and clubs. Sugar Queen also opened for top musicians such as Keb Mo. She has found international success with 4 self-written albums and performed at many festivals and clubs in Europe.

Sugar Queen released the third eagerly-

anticipated 2021 "Better Days". It is an originally written personal narrative which explores her African-American roots. "Better Days" was a bull's eye in the US where the CD stormed the blues charts. The album placed #1 in the Chicago Blues Roots Music Charts in 2022.

Anyone who has seen blues and jazz singer Sugar Queen perform live on stage in recent years will undoubtedly have left the venue or festival tent with the sensation of having attended a memorable and overwhelming concert.



Discography



340 Blues (2017)



Sugar Queen "LIVE" (2019)



Country Revival (2018)



Better Days (2021)

- 2018 Sugar Queen's debut CD "340 Blues" ranked #9 in the RMR Top Chicago Blues Albums
- 2019 "Sugar Queen LIVE" ranked #10 in the RMR Top Chicago Blues Albums
- 2020 "Sugar Queen LIVE" ranked Top 25 in the RMR Top Chicago Blues Albums
- 2021 "Better Days" ranked #4 in the RMR Top Chicago Blues Albums
- 2022 "Better Days" ranked #8 in the RMR Top Chicago Blues Albums

"340 Blues, placed in the Top Ten album of the year on Chicago-style blues charts, and five of its tunes received major airplay. Her follow-up, Sugar Queen LIVE, continued her ascendency." -Marty Gunther, Chicago Blues Guide, US "Sugar sings her heart out, as she does consistently throughout this excellent release. I advise you to check out Sugar Queen and her talented band – you won't be disappointed." -Norman Darwen, Blues in Britain

"De Straight Blues Band maakt de naam waar: onvervalste recht-toe-recht-aan blues. Het is een uitstekende band met zeer ervaren muzikanten. En de stem van Sugar Queen hangt tussen soul en blues in." -Eric Campfens, MaxazineNL

[&]quot;...le dernier album de cette excellente vocaliste, très orienté Chicago Blues, est une superbe réussite." - Daniel Leon, Soul Bag, FR



European Club Highlights:

MUDDY'S CLUB - DE
LABORATORIUM -DE
BRASSERIE WENSEL-LU
CHABAH - DE
8 BAR -CH
CAFE VERKEHRT - DE
B'SHARP -DK
BLUES-SPHERE - BE
EVRECY BLUES CLUB - FR
BANANA PEEL - BE
SALLE DES FETES - FR
KIELZOG THEATRE -NL
JAZZ CAFÉ MIERLO - NL
JAZZPODIUM DJS -NL
DE STEIGER -BE

CULTUREEL CAFE DE AMER - NL
TIVOLIVREDENBURG - NL
DE PATIO - NL
HONKY TONK JAZZ CLUB - BE
MEC STAF VERSLUYS - BE
LE CENTRECULTUREL D'ENGIS-BE
KASTEEL VAN RHOON - NL
DOS AMIGOS - CH
DE GOUDSE SCHOUWBURG - NL
THEATER dE MOLENBERG - NL
SUNDAY BLUES - GROLLOO
BLUES KITCHEN - DE

European Festival Highlights:

MAIA BLUES FEST - PT
GERMAN BLUES CHALLENGE FESTIVAL - DE
COIMBRA EM BLUES - PT
TEXEL BLUES - NL
ROOTSFEST - BE
BLUESNACHT - DE
BREDA JAZZ FESTIVAL- NL
BLUES ROUTE - NL
MUZIEK OP RHOON FESTIVAL - NL
CULEMBORG BLUES FESTIVAL - NL
YELLOWTIME MUSIC FESTIVAL - BE

HAGELAND BLUES AND ROOTS - BE KROMMERIJN FESTIVAL - NL BLUESFESTIVAL DELFT - NL SOUTHERN BLUES NIGHT - NL BLUES ALIVE BOXMEER- NL ROSBLUES FESTIVAL - NL BLAUBLUES FESTIVAL - BE BLUES IN WIJK - NL DIAS DO JAZZ - PT DELFT BLUES -NL BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL -DE
BLUES AND JAZZ RALLYE - LU
MORE BLUES - BE
KWADENDAMME BLUES FESTIVAL - NL
BIG RIVERS FESTIVAL - NL
JJ MUSIC HOUSE BLUES FESTIVAL- NL
BRIELLE BLUES FESTIVAL - NL
BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL - LU

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