

RUBEN HOEKE BAND 2016 - 2017 TOUR

“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. Since starting out in 1992 he has shared the stage with lots of national and international top musicians in the Netherlands, but also during festivals in Denmark, USA, Germany, Belgium, Estland, Ireland, Luxembourg and The Dutch Antilles. Ruben is known to be one of the best guitar players around and brought the Dutch Blues and Rock to a higher level. In 2004 he forms his own '**Ruben Hoeke Band**'.

Besides the fulltime job of being a hardworking musician, Ruben writes articles for music magazines like '**Music Maker**', '**Guitarist**' and '**GitaarPlus**'. He did interviews with, for instance, **Slash, BB King, Johnny Winter, Jools Holland, Randy Newman, Buddy Guy, John Mayall, Sam Brown & Walter Trout** and hosted the radio program 'Live & Puur'.

He gives guitar workshops, produces albums, and he's often performing as session musician. Through the years he played in several bands like; **Skelter, JURA, Kenneth Harder, Roberto Jacketti and the Scooters, Thé Lau & Band**, organizes jam-sessions and releases albums in various types of music. Ruben is co-owner of **MZM productions**, for which he organizes festivals and arranges bookings for the **RHB**. In 2004 Ruben starts his own band.

In 2006 the **Ruben Hoeke Band** releases it's debut album '**SUGAR**' ('Tour de France album' and 'Best sold R&B album 2006'). Ruben is 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**. 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.

On March 23rd 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 the **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. 2015 sees a change in the bands line up. Besides Ruben the band is completed with his brother **Eric Hoeke** on drums, vocalist **Lucas Pruim** and bass player **Paul Brandsen**.

By the end of April 2016, the **RHB** starts working on their fourth 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 will be released through Butler Records, September 23, 2016.


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 touring and playing it's repertoire filled with **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"** (Lust for Life)
- **"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)
- **"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)
- **"Dream away to good times"** (Bluesmagazine)
- **"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)