

The Ragtime Jug Orchestra



Alan Draisey

John Anderson

‘All Around Men for all occasions’

John Anderson – vocals, 6 & 12 string & National guitars, banjo, ukulele, kazoos and jug

Alan Draisey – vocals, 6 & 12 string guitars, Dobro, mandolin, ukulele, bass, harmonica, clarinet, washboard and percussion

John has been playing music since a 'friend' convinced him that just blowing into a jug would bring wine, women and wealth. Sadly, he still harbours secret hopes, although the wine has never seemed the problem. Fully recovered from taking a career too seriously, he spends an unhealthy amount of time on ebay's guitar pages and playing on his instruments. He is a keen supporter of the European Blues Association and researches African American Music (Warning! He could tell you about this at length).

Alan spent his formative years playing clarinet in various amateur orchestras before falling for the popular delusion that playing the guitar was better for picking up girls. After a number of years in the barren wasteland of business he returned to music as a means of solace, if not financial support. He has played a wide variety of musical styles over the years and will turn his hand to anything except Country & Western, which he says leaves a nasty taint on his guitar

The RJO has been playing at events, parties, blues, folk and acoustic clubs, pubs and bars around Bristol, the Welsh Borders, South Wales, the Midlands and their home patch of Gloucestershire and the Forest of Dean since 1999. Recent Festival appearances include the *Upton Blues Festival*, *Swanage Blues Festival*, *Leicester City Blues Festival*, *The Big Session Folk Festival*, *Two Rivers Folk Festival*, *The Musician Bluegrass and Old Timey Festival* and *Gloucester International Rhythm & Blues Festival*.

They have supported many well-known artists, including: Bob Brozman, Guy Davis, Paul Geremia, Dave Kelly, Steve James, Lazy Lester, Michael Messer, Big Bill Morganfield, Michael Roach, Philadelphia Jerry Ricks and Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan.

The ***RJO*** run the ***Blue Front Blues Room*** acoustic venue (www.bluefrontbluesroom.org) and present ***Blue Front Blues*** on Forest of Dean Radio (1521 & 1503 MW @ www.fodradio.org)

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