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## Media Bio

### **Dr. Don's Double Dose**

#### **Blues Performers of the Year 2011-12 for NSW & ACT**

Blues, boogies, spirituals, rags & ballads performed by piano player and vocalist Don Hopkins with drummer Rob Grosser from Sydney, Australia.

A Dr. Don's Double Dose performance draws from the rich vein of blues and jazz of the 1920s and 30s through to the R&B, soul and gospel sounds of the 1950s and 60s with an emphasis on the New Orleans, piano styles and songs. Classics and rarities from the blues catalogue are intermingled with Dr. Don originals. The duo's music creates the good-time, barrelhouse and boogie-woogie fun of a blues party night. As well as playing the drums, Rob beats out catchy rhythms on his washboard were needed, to get the atmosphere just right. A Dr. Don's Double Dose performance will most likely get you singing along, dancing or just having a good time to their music.

An influential part of Sydney's Blues scene since the 1970s, Don was inducted into the Goulburn Blues Walk Of Fame in 2002. Don has played piano and keys on many Australian albums over the years, receiving a Chain Award for his work on the Sippin' and Slidin' CD by JR & The Bar Kings. His CD appearances include the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) nominated "Little Story" and "Share This Life" by Jim Conway's Big Wheel. Don wrote and sang the majority of tracks on these CDs.

Rob Grosser started out playing drums in the big band swing style of his heroes before recording and touring with pop, rock and blues bands from the 1970s to 1990s. One of these, The Aliens had two top ten Australian singles. As well as Dr. Don's Double Dose, Rob has performed with many acts live and on CD including, Jon Lord (Deep Purple), Pete Wells (Rose Tattoo), Chris Turner, and a duo with Tim Gaze.