



JAMES & BLACK

GUERRILLA SOUL | AUSTIN & EUROPE

BIOGRAPHY

From the first note, James & Black create the kind of feeling that cannot be manufactured. Bruce James and Bella Black joined forces in Austin, Texas, in 2011 and gave their music a name that perfectly captures its character: Guerrilla Soul - soulful, fearless and ready to connect with an audience anywhere, anytime.

Their sound grows from the deep traditions of Texas, New Orleans and Memphis, yet it is never simply a revival. At the centre are two distinctive voices, vivid storytelling and songs that move freely through southern soul, rhythm and blues, funk, blues and rock. Whether performing as a duo, with longtime collaborator DJ Phil Ross or with a full rhythm section, the song always remains the foundation.

After relocating to Europe in 2012, James & Black built a strong following across Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Spain and France. During those early European years they performed close to 150 shows annually, travelling more than 300,000 kilometres and appearing at major events including the Porretta Soul Festival, Barcelona International Jazz Festival and Baltic Soul Weekender.

Their career highlights include performances alongside Gregory Porter, Fatoumata Diawara, Candy Dulfer, Bobby Rush, Lattimore, Lee Fields, Nikki Hill, Sister Sledge, Lenny Williams and CeCe Peniston. On stage, James & Black deliver music that is intimate and explosive at once - raw American soul with a contemporary, borderless spirit.

"Voices, stories and songs remain the heart of every James & Black performance."

ORIGIN

Austin, Texas - formed in 2011

SIGNATURE SOUND

Southern soul, New Orleans R&B, blues, funk and rock - presented as "Guerrilla Soul."

SELECTED RELEASES

Live at N9 (2012), How Long Is Now (2015) and Live at La Chapelle (2016).