

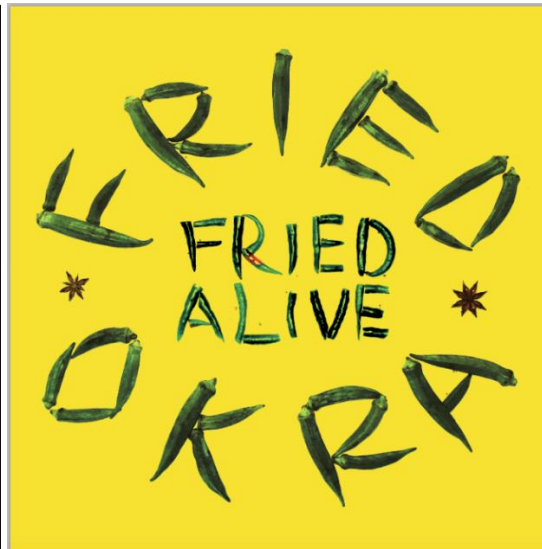


Fried Okra

Fried Okra won The Danish Blues Challenge 2017 and reached the 2. place in The European Blues Challenge 2018.

In 2018 Fried Okra also released a new album - *Fried Alive*. The live album - as the title very much indicates - has gotten fine reviews in Scandinavia. *Fried Alive* is out on itunes/spotify and so on...and for sale as an old-fashioned CD everywhere Fried Okra turns up.

"...takes the listener to small and dusty American roads... drummer Thomas Crawford and bass player Anders Wallin plays a tight groove while lead singer Morten Lunn throughs out dirty guitar riffs..." Jacob Wandam, Bluesnews.dk 2018



" This is the future in blues for me...the vocal of Morten Lunn is kind of hypnotic...Fried Okra should reach an audience far beyond the traditional blues circles with their «alternative blues»..." Johnny Andreassen, Bluesnews, Norway, 2018



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About Fried Okra



Fried Okra (photo: Frank Nielsen)

Fried Okra is a band based in Copenhagen, Denmark. Their music has been called alternative blues. It gets its main inspiration from the Hill Country blues of the North Mississippi. However, nowadays the band write their own material and the live set consists of original songs.

Fried Okra plays regularly in Copenhagen's (and perhaps Scandinavia's) number one blues bar - Mojo blues Bar - and has toured around Denmark and Europe.

In 2018 Fried Okra played Mönsterås Roots and Blues Festival in southern Sweden and Copenhagen Blues Festival. In 2019 Fried Okra returned to Finland and Sweden to play and visited Germany for the first time to play at Eutin Bluesfest. German radio broadcasted the concert in Eutin together with an interview with the band.

[Fried Okra at Deutschlandfunk 2019](#)



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“This is roots music at its root and at its best, sata jänistä!”

Photographer and bluesblogger, Jyrki Kallio, on Fried Okra live at Down Home Kivi blues club in Tampere, Finland. (Jyrkikallio.blogspot.com, march 2019)



The style of Fried Okra is based on the mood and the energy of the music rather than the number of chord changes. Some songs stay in one riff during the whole song – like *One String Love*, played on the diddley bow, a one string guitar originally from Mississippi (Fried Okra's was made in Copenhagen).

As Fried Okra Band they released 4 records and was nominated for a Danish Music Award Blues twice. Fried Alive is the first release under the new name Fried Okra. "Band" has been abandoned - leaving only Fried Okra, the traditional Louisiana dish as the name of the band.

On *Fried Alive* the inspiration from Hill Country Blues – R.L. Burnside, Junior Kimbrough, Robert Belfour etc. - can still be heard bleeding through the 8 original Fried Okra songs.



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For instance *Never Felt Lost*. A ballad in a slow continuous groove with lyrics that tells the story of a man who seems to be lost on a highway in Louisiana.

Or the one-chord shuffle *Copenhagen Coppola*, where Fried Okra touches the subject of their hometown in which the city seems "unfunky" to the narrator on the return from marrying film maker Sofia Coppola in Las Vegas.

New Album in the making

Now, in 2019, Fried Okra has started the recordings for another album. Recorded in central Copenhagen this album will contain 10 (or so) new songs. Look out for the release in early 2020.

Meanwhile *Fried Alive* can be bought at concerts and be heard, streamed or downloaded in your usual online record stores and music streaming services.

Fried Okra can be heard in a live venue somewhere not too far from you.

Fried Okra

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Fried Okra, discography

1. *This is Your Chance, France Baby!* Gateway. 2007
(Nominated for a DMA Folk award).
[This is your chance France, Baby](#)
2. *Black Cherry*. Gateway. 2009.
[Black Cherry](#)
3. *There's a World Outside my Door*. Flatland Records. 2013
[There's a World Outside my Door](#)
4. *Back into the River*. Target Records 2015
(Nominated for a DMA award, Best blues album 2015)
[Back Into the River](#)
5. *Fried Alive*. Live album. Gateway Music. 2018.
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