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Reorganized Country Show Band Constantly in Demand

Burnt Biscuit's Resurgence in the past Two Years Has Personified the Country and Southern Rock Genres

JUPITER -- When Burnt Biscuit first formed about seven years ago this reporter was fortunate enough to have witnessed one of their first shows - at Abacoa Town Center on the Green. We were captivated by their strong and together country sound.

Today, after reorganizing two and one-half years ago, Burnt Biscuit is in a league of their own, having personified the Country and Southern Rock genres and becoming one of the most sought after and entertaining country show bands around. Consequently, they have developed a huge fan base.

This resurgence of Burnt Biscuit is somewhat astonishing, yet understandable, because the group is comprised of seasoned musicians, all loving what they do. It's astonishing because they were good to begin with and we would have called them a show band then. But, the band then does not compare to the band of today, therefore it is understandable that

they would have a large following due to their excellent musicianship and solid performing qualities.

"Our main thrust," Roger White, keyboardist/vocalist and band founder, advised. "is to produce a different and high energy treatment of commercial country and southern rock songs



Roger White, founder of Burnt Biscuit demonstrates his showmanship on the keyboard.



Burnt Biscuit in performance at Uncle Mick's

designed to get the audience involved. We are a show band and are called upon to appear before large corporate events, festivals, fairs, concerts, etc."

Burnt Biscuit rarely plays clubs anymore because they are fulfilling two to three engagements a week at all sorts of special events. However, the band is presently on a monthly rotation at Uncle Mick's in Jupiter, where we caught them for the photos used in this report. Also, they do an occasional gig at Renegades in West Palm Beach. Typically, though, headlining the Martin County Fair, which they did, recently, and performing at the Hobe Sound Barbeque, which they will do July 9, are more symbolic of the type of engagements they prefer and book.

The band personnel consists of Roger White (keyboards, vocals), Mike Burns (bass, vocals) Anthony Finney (vocals and rhythm guitar), Brian Cain (guitar, harmony vocals), Bobby Wlos (Steel Guitar, harmony vocals) and Rene Rivera on the Drums. All members of Burnt Biscuit have come from professional music backgrounds and have toured with groups based in Nashville, Atlanta and Miami. Due to the versatility of the band's musicians, they have a large repertoire and can play music ranging from old school rock and roll to jazz. However, their forte is modern country and southern rock. They have played on the same billings as Heartland, Carolina Rain, Alan Jackson, Hank Williams Jr., Trace Adkins, Josh Gracin, Mark Chesnutt and Vince Gill.

The remarkable thing about Burnt Biscuit, however, is the professionalism demonstrated while on stage. Each musician stands alone, presents himself well and blends with the others perfectly. Although White and Finney are born showmen and extremely talented, the other musicians do not slouch. They're equally as good on their respective instruments and can demonstrate effective touches of showmanship exactly at the right moment making a Burnt Biscuit show totally fascinating and fun. Together, the band is flawless. Individually, the various personnel integrate well, unifying the entire performance.

White and Finney are the lead vocalists. Finney has a certain style that is entrancing and very listenable. His guitar work is amazing. While White is, perhaps, one of the top keyboardists in South



Steel guitarist Wlos, drummer Rivera and keyboardist White mix it up.

Florida, his vocals are lighter - effective - but more earthy. Between Finney, Burns and Cain the three guitarists become a show unto themselves. Each plays off one another and there is never a hesitation. Not many top area country bands have a steel guitar player, so Wlos is special and shines when called upon. As a drummer, Rivera takes the lead and the rest of the band follows.

Currently, Burnt Biscuit is working on their latest CD, which will feature all original songs. They can be followed on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. For more information go to their website: www.burntbiscuit.com. For bookings, call (561) 601-3801.



Anthony Finney feels every song.



Burnt Biscuit's Brian Cain (guitar) and Mike Burns (bass) get it on during one of the sets at Uncle Mick's