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Celso Salim Turns Up the Heat with New Single “Mr. Monkey”



Celso Salim turns it up on “Mr. Monkey,” a heavy blues-rock burner fueled by thick riffs, a relentless backbeat, and pure power-trio swagger, with Mike Hightower on bass and Dan Potruch on drums. Blending old-school bite with modern punch, Salim delivers fiery guitar leads and soulful vocals, while the lyrics capture the feeling of shaking off what’s been holding you back.

Celso Salim is an exciting emerging talent in the blues-rock scene, making waves with his remarkable musicianship and electrifying performances. Influenced by traditional blues and the iconic sound of the 1960s and '70s, Celso began playing at age 6 and made his stage debut at 14. Originally from Brasilia, Brazil, he moved to Los Angeles in 2014, quickly becoming one of the most sought-after guitarists in the area.

Celso has shared the stage with blues greats Magic Slim, Larry McCray, and Jimmy Hall, and has opened for legends including B.B. King and Joe Bonamassa. Across six solo albums, he has earned five Independent Music Awards and placed 3rd at the 2019 International Blues Challenge. More recently, he has toured with Blues Beatles and Bull Y Los Bufalos, collaborated with guitarists Johnny Stachela and Artur Menezes, and released About Time with Darryl Carriere, which was named one of The Big Blues Chart’s Top 100 Albums of 2024.

Produced by Mike Hightower and Salim himself, “Mr. Monkey” is an independent release and will be available on all major platforms on July 14th, 2026.

Listen to the track via this private link: www.celsosalim.com/mrmonkey

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