

# LUCA KIELLA CHIELLINI – FULL BIO (2021)

*"A rollicking good time in high octane fashion,  
(Luca) knows how to let the good times roll"*

MIDWEST RECORDS (USA)

*" He's got the beat, feel and vibe"*

JAZZ WEEKLY (USA)

*" Great lyrics with a strong voice and fine playing  
makes you realize this is a very talented singer-songwriter."*

BLUES MATTERS MAGAZINE (UK)



## ABOUT

Luca Kiella Chiellini left all he ever knew when he was 26 years old. With nothing but his suitcase, his keyboard, and the big dream of making his mark in the music industry in the United States. All the way from his home in the countryside of Italy he found his way to Chicago.

Eight years later not only has he made his mark but continues to do so. After touring worldwide in over 50 countries and 4 continents, recording with his band and with Grammy Award winning artists, and even having the pleasure and honor of playing for former President Barak Obama, Luca keeps sharing his story through his music.

Recipient of the prestigious 2019 Blues Music Awards with the Welch Ledbetter Connection, Luca Kiella delivers high-energy performances combining funk, soul, and blues with New Orleans grooves. A piano and Hammond Organ virtuoso, Luca Kiella showcases his vivid and intense songwriting, strong vocals, and unique musical and personal heritage.

## LUCA KIELLA

Luca Kiella launched his solo career in 2019 releasing his debut Ep "Figure It Out". The diverse and upbeat album was well received worldwide by critics, radios, and fans, securing him spots in established venues and festivals nationally and internationally.

The new album "Ready for You" is set for release on October 22nd, 2021, on Cypress Road Productions. The new work features 12 original songs showcasing fresh and unapologetic songwriting with stories about love, heartache, hardships, and today's society.

Luca Kiella features in the new record one of Chicago's finest rhythm sections and powerful horns lead by Bonerama's trombonist Mark Mullins, recorded at New Orleans' historic Esplanade Studios.

"Ready For You" presents a diverse and mature sound showcasing visceral songwriting, tight grooves, and an expertise on the piano and Hammond Organ that touches the feelings of any blues, funk, and soul lover.

In 2018 Kiella founded and hosted the "Chicago Blues Piano Contest", the first talent contest honoring and preserving the tradition of the prestigious piano style from Chicago. Amid the judges were Erwin Helfer, Marty Sammon (Buddy Guy), and Sumito Ariyo Ariyoshi (Billy Branch and SOB).

He performs regularly at the NAMM Show (the largest music product trade show in the world), showcasing instruments for the prestigious brands he endorses: Mogami Cable, Radial Engineering, Gator Cases, Hammond USA, Westone Audio and Lounsberry Pedals.

## **CYPRESS ROAD PRODUCTIONS**

Alongside his recording and touring work with his band, Luca Chiellini writes and produces original music for television, motion picture, and advertisement campaigns. Among his most recent placements: Flash Mob Tower (music for the flash mob of the official reopening of the iconic leaning tower of Pisa after the Covid 19 lockdown, event covered by the major media sources worldwide) and the jingle for the annual convention of the NGO Emergency.

## **NOTABLE PAST PERFORMANCES**

Luca Kiella had the pleasure of **PERFORMING WITH** Buddy Guy, Sinead O'Connor, Toronzo Cannon, Popa Chubby, The Welch-Ledbetter Connection, Curtis Salgado, Vanessa Collier, John Primer, Honey Island Swamp Band, Matt Schofield, Victor Wainwright, Lurrie Bell, The Kinsey Report, Deitra Farr, Lil' Ed, Matthew Skoller, Carl Weathersby, Joanna Connor, Debbie Davis, Norah Jean Bruso, Wayne Baker Brooks, Big James and the Chicago Playboys, Jamiah Rogers, Demetria Taylor, Mike Wheeler, among others.

Kiella had the honor of **SHARING THE STAGE WITH** B.B. King, Booker T and the MG's, Jon Batiste & Stay Human, Doyle Bramhall II, Bobby Rush, Blues Traveler, Bob Weir, Shemekia Copeland, Robert Randolph, Butch Trucks, John Hammond, Betty Wright, Latimore, C.J. Chenier, Terrence Simien, Sonny Landreth, Joe Louis Walker, Foghat, The Sheepdogs, Samantha Fish, Millie Jackson, Royal Southern Brotherhood, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Rick Estrin, Vasco Rossi, Elio e le Storie Tese, among others.

Over the years, Kiella has appeared on major **TV** and **RADIO NETWORKS**: ABC, WGN TV, FOX 32, "The U", WXRT Radio, Sirius XM.

He performed at the Democratic National Convention 2016 for former President Barack Obama and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

He performed at some of the most prestigious blues and music **FESTIVALS** in the world:

- New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival
- Chicago Blues Festival (main stage)
- Big Blues Bender
- Legendary R&B Cruise
- Joe Bonamassa KTBA Cruise
- European Blues Cruise
- Montana Folk Festival
- Curacao Blues Festival (Nederland Antilles)
- Tampa Bay Blues Festival
- Philadelphia Folk Festival
- White Mountains Blues and Boogie Festival
- Festival International du Blues de Mont Tremblant (CAN)
- Windsor Blues Fest (CAN)
- Calgary International Blues Festival (CAN)
- Jazz a Vienne and Cahors Blues (FR)
- Cazorla and Bejar Blues Festivals (SP)
- Jimiway Festival (PL)
- Heineken Jammin' Festival, Pistoia Blues Festival (IT)

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