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His vocals conjure up images of another one of his heroes, James Harman. Chris is one of your hosts for the monthly Juke Joint Jam at the Bradfordville Blues Club since its inception June 2021. Some of you may remember him from the Blue Monday Jam at The Pearl Oyster Bar, where he caught the ear of, and became friends with, the late, great Pat Ramsey.

Chris has been on a 30+ year journey, honing his craft, playing with many of the most notable blues bands in the Tallahassee, FL area. In 2021, he launched his solo project "JC and The Backscratchers", a roots Blues combo featuring songs from the 40s to the present, with influences such as Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Junior Wells, Gary Primich, James Harman, Rick Estrin and Kim Wilson; among many others.

Backscratchers: Jack Straub - Bass,  
Deb Berlinger - Drums  
Zavian Orton - Guitar

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# John Christopher "JC" (Chris) Balding JC and The Backscratchers

3 CDS as the harp player and vocalist

2020 IBC Regional Winner (Solo/Duo)

Playing the Harp since he was 14 years of age

Co-host Juke Joint Jam @ Bradfordville Blues Club, Tallahassee, FL since June 2021

Member North Central Florida Blues Society, First Coast Blues Society, Suncoast Blues Society and Wiregrass Blues Society

## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

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- B.B. King's Blues Club Orlando - Orlando, FL - 2016
- Bradfordville Blues Club - Tallahassee, FL - 2012 through 2023
- Florida Folk Festival - White Springs, FL - 2013, 2014, 2015
- Florida Jazz & Blues Festival - Tallahassee, FL - 2016
- International Blues Challenge - Regional Event - Gainesville, FL - 2019
- Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival - Perry, FL - 2015, 2016
- Tallahassee Jazz & Blues Festival - Tallahassee, FL - 2013, 2016, 2018
- The Alley Blues -Sanford, FL - 2016, 2017
- The Moon - Opening band for Tab Benoit - Tallahassee, FL - 2016, 2018, 2019
- The Moon - Opening band for Tinsley Ellis - Tallahassee, FL - 2016
- The Moon - Opening for Ally Venable - Tallahassee, FL - 2022
- The Moon - Opening for Elle King - Tallahassee, FL - 2
- Blues in the Lot Festival - Port St. Joe, FL - 2018, 2019
- Blues On Reid Festival - Port St. Joe, FL - 2020
- Ground Zero - Clarksdale, MS - 2020
- Backyard Blues Festival - Tallahassee, FL - 2018, 2022
- Opening for Mr. Sipp & The True Believers - Tallahassee, FL - 2022

## LINKS

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Website: <https://www.jcbackscratchers.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/jcandthebackscratchers>

Video/You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/@jcandthebackscratchers>

Calendar of Performances:

<https://www.jcbackscratchers.com/shows>