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TIM GIBBONS

& THE SWAMPBUSTERS

Swamp blues, soul and greasy rock and roll from Hamilton, Ontario. No auto-tune. No fakery.

1996

Sling Blade soundtrack with Daniel Lanois

2018

International Blues Challenge, Memphis

2023

Boogalator, the latest album

3 WAYS

Solo, duo or full band

SHORT BIO

Hamilton's Tim Gibbons plays swamp blues, soul and greasy rock and roll with nothing faked. He played on Daniel Lanois' Oscar-winning *Sling Blade* soundtrack, made records with producer Mark Howard and Cowboy Junkies' Michael Timmins, and took the Swampbusters' sound to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Along the way he's worked alongside Billy Bob Thornton, Dwight Yoakam, Emmylou Harris, Johnny Winter, Robert Gordon, Teenage Head and Sonny Rhodes.

PRESS

"Tim Gibbons has the country bayou blues sound down."

BLUES BLAST MAGAZINE

"This album oozes with that sweat-soaked early country blues."

NATIONAL BLUES REVIEW

"We love your swagger and your style."

RUST MAGAZINE

BOOK THE BAND

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THE STORY

Tim Gibbons is as real as it gets. A Hamilton, Ontario original, he's a writer, actor and musician steeped in a timeless blues tradition, playing solo or with his band The Swampbusters.

He started as a teenage garage-band drummer, switched to banjo and guitar, and got his first paying job backing the dancers at a Hamilton burlesque theatre. Through the '80s he played with The Shakers and The Trouble Boys.

Daniel Lanois brought him to Los Angeles to play bass, drums and organ on the soundtrack for Billy Bob Thornton's Oscar-winning *Sling Blade*, which features Tim's song "Lonely One." He toured Texas with Chris Whitley and released *Shylingo* (1999) with producer Mark Howard.

Back in Ontario he won three Hamilton Music Awards in 2006 and released *Trail of Smoke* (2011) as Cootes Leland with Michael Timmins of Cowboy Junkies. The Swampbusters followed with *Swamp Tooth Comb* (2014), *Swamp Rock Country Blues* (2017) and *Boogalator* (2023), and Tim represented the Grand River Blues Society at the 2018 International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

DISCOGRAPHY

2023	<i>Boogalator</i>	Tim Gibbons & The Swampbusters
2017	<i>Swamp Rock Country Blues</i>	Booze Records
2014	<i>Swamp Tooth Comb</i>	Booze Records
2011	<i>Trail of Smoke</i>	as Cootes Leland · Latent
1999	<i>Shylingo</i>	prod. Mark Howard
1996	<i>Sling Blade OST</i>	Daniel Lanois · "Lonely One"



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WORKED ALONGSIDE

Daniel Lanois · Billy Bob Thornton · Dwight Yoakam · Emmylou Harris · Johnny Winter · Robert Gordon · Teenage Head · Sonny Rhodes · Chris Whitley · Michael Timmins · Mark Howard

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Solo, duo or full band · Stage plot and rider on request

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