



## **100% Pure Blues/Rock**

### **Short Bio**

Riff Diamond is a new blues/rock band from (Northern) Ireland. We play mainly original music and a few classic covers with our own style added in. We aim to embody the "old-fashioned" values of well-crafted melodies and harmonies, thoughtful lyrics and virtuoso musicianship and try to steer clear of the bland, mass-produced, over-engineered and marketing-driven 'pop' that has held sway for (in our opinion) too long.

The band takes its inspiration and influences from many classic and modern exponents of blues and rock including (to name just a few) Gov't Mule, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, David Gilmour, Joe Bonamassa, Etta James, Muddy Waters, Warren Haynes and so many, many more. Did we mention that we believe in sheer musical talent and virtuoso playing?

After a soft start, we launched ourselves properly in the latter half of 2015 and have been learning our trade ever since in pubs and clubs all over Northern Ireland and parts of southern Ireland as well. We issued our debut album "Sapphire" in late 2016 and are looking to make the next step forward in our music careers.

The band is (from L to R above) **Conal O'Donoghue** (Lead Guitar), **Becky Baxter** (Vocals), **Dom McAreavey** (Bass) and **John McNulty** (Drums). Becky is a student with a characterful and powerful voice, Conal and Dom are both music students and John is our veteran who has played with other bands previously. If Conal looks familiar, it may be that you saw him as a finalist in the original Sky TV series of "Guitar Star".

More information is available on our website and our facebook page: see details below.

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