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# MAJOR BACON

## New Orleans Blues Rock™



**M**ajor Bacon is the rarest of bands – one which transports their fans and first time listeners to that happy place with their unique New Orleans Blues Rock™ sound. Beautiful guitar solos by leader Dave Renson guide this super-tight power trio. Live music lovers find exactly what they're looking for in this true guitar legend and rock solid rhythm section.

The name "Major Bacon" came way back when Dave was a boy. He found an old desk placard reading "Major Bacon," his maternal grandfather, an Army major in World War I who passed away before Dave's birth. As Dave honed his guitar skills, his ultimate goal was to one day front a band bearing the name Major Bacon.

That day came when he and fellow Pat Ramsey & the Blues Disciples member Eloise Davis formed Major Bacon after Pat succumbed to terminal illness in 2008. Dave and Eloise now needed a drummer; Bill Hjortsberg filled those shoes. Eloise knew Bill from the New Orleans music scene; his sense of time, precise touch, and Southern rock background completed Dave's vision.

Find out why Major Bacon has been called "... New Orleans' best kept secret, as far as bands go," by Stephen Klein, host of WWL-TV's Channel 4 Eyewitness Morning News Weekend Sound Check. Klein went on to say: "They're a three-piece band. You close your eyes; you'll swear there's 10 people on stage. They're that good! They're awesome!" So what are you waiting for?



MAJOR BACON  
**PRESS QUOTATIONS**  
SEE WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY!

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Dave Renson, I'll tell you what man I've been listening to you guys for a couple of years now and I don't think you have ever sounded better my friend.

Yes indeed, Major Bacon. Dave Renson I'll tell you what man you're killin' it up here at WWOZ 90.7 FM!

If other music venues are listening ... you ought to be talking to these people, okay, I know I would.

Dave, that was awesome, that was an original composition by you and the late Pat Ramsey?  
Outstanding, I'll tell you what.

I don't just like it I love it! Okay, so get on over to the Banks Street Bar tonight and catch Major Bacon.  
–**"Jukebox" Jack Lyles, Disc Jockey, WWOZ 90.7 FM, WWOZ.org, New Orleans, July 27, 2011**

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Head out ... go over to Banks Street Bar and listen to Major Bacon, I mean, what a night!  
–**James Hines, former president, New Orleans Blues Society/Voodoo Blues Krewe, WWOZ 90.7 FM, WWOZ.org, New Orleans, July 27, 2011**

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Major Bacon, New Orleans' best kept secret as far as bands go. It's a Blues band, they have great guitar riffs, a lot of guitar solos – kind of reminds me of a jam band, if you will.

They're a three-piece band. You close your eyes, you'll swear there's 10 people on stage. They're that good! They're awesome!"

–**Stephen Klein, "Weekend Sound Check," WWL-TV Eyewitness News Morning Show, New Orleans, Sept 16, 2011**

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Gig of the Fortnight ... New Orleans' Major Bacon bring their hypnotic groove to Hogs Breath ... The band pushes the boundaries of blues into rock, fusion even a touch of jam band.

–**"The Beat: Music, Concerts, Recordings, etc.," The Beachcomber, www.BeachcomberDestin.com, Destin, Fla., April 12-25, 2012**



## MAJOR BACON: ABOUT THE BAND

# DAVE RENSON

## GUITAR AND VOCALS

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**D**ave Renson is quickly recognized by the unmistakable tone that defines his New Orleans Blues Rock™ style. Dave started playing guitar at the age of 10, influenced early on by rock guitar gods Jeff Beck, Jimi Hendrix and Johnny Winter, as well as blues legends B.B. King and Albert King. He moved to New Orleans in 1976 and has

played with many of New Orleans' great musicians since then.

Dave played with late harmonica legend Pat Ramsey (a 2011 posthumous inductee into the Blues Hall of Fame) in Pat Ramsey & the Blues Disciples, a national touring act for more than a decade. Pat played on the "White Hot & Blues" album with Dave's guitar idol, Johnny Winter, back in the '70s, and the Blues Disciples repeatedly opened for Johnny for incredible shows in Florida.

Before Pat, Dave played lead guitar for Coco Robicheaux, J.D. and the Jammers, Timothea, the Bourbon Cowboys, and Paula and the Pontiacs. These well known New Orleans bands toured throughout the U.S. and Europe, playing the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival several times during that 10 year period.

Today, Dave focuses solely on making Major Bacon into that dream he had as a kid, a fresh approach to rockin' blues done his way – great sounding, high energy performances guaranteed to get people dancing.



MAJOR BACON: ABOUT THE BAND  
**ELOISE DAVIS**  
BASS GUITAR

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**K**nown for her precise yet funky rhythms, bass player Eloise Davis lives in New Orleans where she regularly performs and records with celebrated local musicians, including Major Bacon, the Parishioners, Butch Trivette & the Roulettes, and Ready Teddy & the Swampdaddys. She also has served as the bassist for Pat Ramsey and the Blues Disciples.

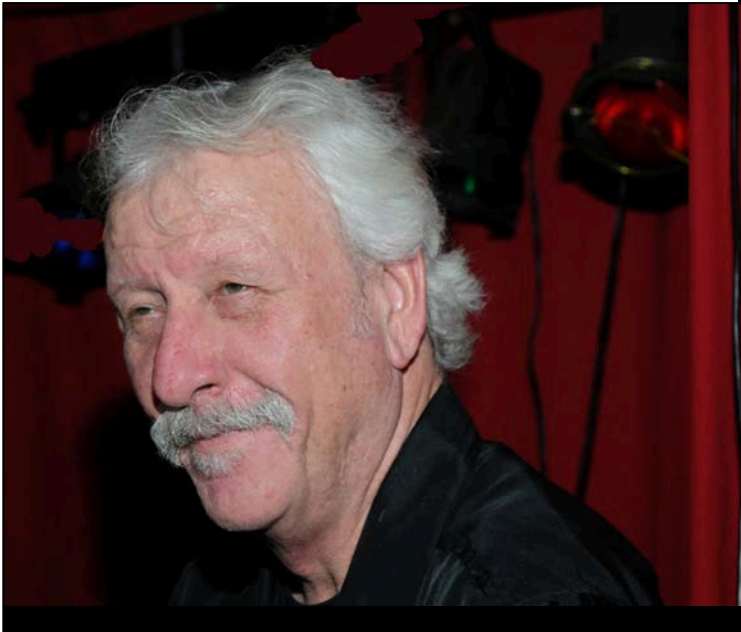
Eloise also has played bass with Big Chief Doucette and the Decibelles, featuring Big Chief Alfred Doucette (an authentic Mardi Gras Indian Chief) fronting an all-woman band of some of New Orleans' most established female musicians. Furthermore, she regularly substitutes in other local bands, such as J.D. Hill & the Jammers.

Eloise plays cello on several albums, including the Parishioners, the Bourbon Cowboys, Burke Ingrassia, and Tommy Gavosto. She has performed as a solo cellist with orchestra and used her music theory education in composing classical and modern pieces. Prior to pursuing music full-time in 2005, Eloise served as an editor and writer for local, regional and international publications for 15 years. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Foreign Service with a focus in Humanities from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.



MAJOR BACON: ABOUT THE BAND  
**BILL HJORTSBERG**  
DRUMS

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**B**ill Hjortsberg grew up in New York City where he learned to play drums. After moving to Atlanta in the 1970s, he did a short stint with the backup band for Percy Sledge. In the early 1980s, Bill joined the Ansel, Strong & Reeves band, a country/rock group that opened for the Allman Brothers Band, Hank Williams Jr., Graham Nash, and Doc & Merle Watson.

Since moving to New Orleans in 2008, he has played with several bands besides Major Bacon such as JD Hill & the Jammers, Butch Trivette & the Roulettes, Ready Teddy & the Swampdaddys, and Mike Darby & the House of Cards. Bill joined Major Bacon in 2009, laying down the beat with Dave and Eloise ever since.