

## Bill Lawrie and Paul Gioia Biography

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Bill Lawrie and Paul Gioia have played for many years as part of blues band Tin Dog as well as having solo careers. In this new duo, Lawrie and Gioia delve into the rich acoustic piano and guitar blues of pre-war America.

Piano blues was popular in the twenties, and duos with guitar weren't uncommon, particularly because of artists like Leroy Carr, Scrapper Blackwell and Big Bill Broonzy. Much less so these days, and Lawrie and Gioia are aiming to plug that gap.



Their new CD, **Dead Cat Blues**, is unique for an Australian release, focusing particularly on early piano and guitar blues, and featured recently in the Australian blues and roots charts. The CD showcases some remarkable tunes, interpreted faithfully by Lawrie and Gioia, but with their own particular take, of course. The music is, in turns, driving, quirky, and virtuosic.

Lawrie and Gioia have recently played at Western Australia's Fairbridge and Bridgetown Festivals to rave responses. This music is the real deal!

