



# BLUES NOTES

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**THURSDAY, MAY 6th**  
A TRIBUTE TO CHUCK BERRY

ALBERT CASTIGLIA

**MIKE ZITO AND HIS BIG BLUES BAND**

JOANNA CONNOR

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**JOSH HOYER AND SOUL COLOSSAL**  
Album Release Parties for *Natural Born Hustler*  
Friday, April 30th - 6:30 and 9 pm shows • The Jewell, Omaha  
Thursday, May 13th @ 6 pm • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha

BSO Presents  
**Chicago Blues Guitar Legend Lurrie Bell**  
Fri May 21st - 6:30 and 9 pm shows  
**Hector Anchondo Band Back Home Concert**  
Sat. May 29th - 6:30 and 9 pm shows  
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**TAB BENOIT**  
Whiskey Revue  
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**Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials**

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**Danielle Nicole**

Featuring  
Danielle Nicole Band  
Rex Granite Band feat. Sarah Benck  
And the return of BluesEd

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**THE BLUES SOCIETY OF OMAHA PRESENTS  
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Unless noted otherwise, all shows are 6 pm and at Stocks n Bonds, 8528 Park Drive, Omaha.

May 6th ..... Mike Zito with special guests Joanna Connor and Albert Castiglia (\$20 adv. / \$30 dos)  
May 13th ..... Josh Hoyer and Soul Colossal (\$10)  
May 20th ..... Blues is Back Guitar Showcase (\$15)  
May 21st - **Friday 6:30 and 9 pm shows at the Jewell**  
Lurrie Bell (\$15)  
May 27th ..... Stocks n Bonds presents Live Wire @ 8 pm (\$5)  
May 30th - **Sunday 3 to 10 pm** ..... BSO Riverfront Blues Festival  
feat. The Danielle Nicole Band, Rex Granite Band  
and the return of BluesEd (\$15 - adv. tix at Eventbrite.com)  
June 3rd ..... Gerard Delafosse and the Zydeco Gaters (\$15)  
June 10th ..... Save Omaha Stages Show at Rathskeller Bier House  
with Dustin Arbuckle, Matt Woods and Matt Cox (Free Show!)  
June 17th @ **The Jewell** ..... Bruce Katz (\$15 - 6 to 9 pm show)

## Why Join the Blues Society of Omaha with Your Membership Donation?

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 dues-paying members. BSO's mission is "Keepin' the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies in the country. With the help of your tax-deductible donation we continue to promote blues music, blues musicians, and live music venues & events. Among our many projects and accomplishments are these:

- BSO promotes musicians and venues by maintaining a comprehensive live music calendar on our website, omahablues.com. BSO also distributes free monthly news flyers with calendars to numerous public gathering spots to inform the general community of live music shows in the area.
- BluesEd is a non-profit youth artist development program created and sponsored by Blues Society of Omaha. The BluesEd program began in 2001 to provide opportunities for young musicians to learn blues music in a series of workshops and to play with other students in a band format. Our BluesEd bands always are impressive and they have performed at some of the finest festivals & venues in and around Omaha.
- The Blues Society of Omaha has hosted an annual Nebraska Blues Challenge competition for local bands since 2011. All of the participating bands are showcased in judged public events as they compete for a package of prizes and the honor of representing BSO at the International Blues Challenge competition held in Memphis. All of the winning Nebraska bands have gone on to receive national attention and acclaim while making BSO proud!
- BSO produces and/or sponsors various music events throughout the year.
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- In conjunction with Toy Drive for Pine Ridge, BSO hosts an annual toy drive and concert fundraiser for the children of Pine Ridge Reservation.
- BSO regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need.

### As a member and donor, you are entitled to great membership benefits:

- Free subscription to "Blues Notes", our monthly newsletter that will keep you abreast of blues events in the area, blues CD reviews, and other articles of interest to blues connoisseurs!
- E-blasts with late-breaking blues news.
- Special pre-sale and discounted tickets to select events.
- Discounts offered by generous local businesses.
- Pride in belonging to a group dedicated to "Keepin' The Blues Alive"!

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Thursday – 3:00-5:00pm "Blue Water Mixtape"  
Friday – 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-6:00pm "Hudson Blue"  
Saturday – 6:00-7:00am "Beale Street Caravan" • 7:00-8:00am "Juke in the Back"  
Sunday – 2:00-4:00pm "Back at the Chicken Shack"





**OMAHA Blues SOCIETY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 6th**

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His Big Blues Band**

**"A TRIBUTE TO  
CHUCK BERRY"**

*featuring*

**ALBERT CASTIGLIA**

*and*

**JOANNA CONNOR**

*is coming your way Omaha!*

Sponsored by the  
Blues Society of Omaha,  
"A TRIBUTE TO CHUCK BERRY"  
will take place at  
**Stocks n Bonds Omaha** on  
**THURSDAY, MAY 6th @ 6:00PM.**

Advance tickets available  
now at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)  
\$20 adv. / \$30 dos.

**Check out B.J. Huchtemann's column Hoodoo Blues monthly in the Omaha READER  
for info on upcoming shows and other news in the roots-blues music scene.  
Look for B.J.'s byline under the Music tab at [thereader.com](http://thereader.com)**

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# What's New with BluesEd?

We're BACK!! BluesEd is celebrating their 20th Season this spring after taking the previous summer off due to the pandemic. We currently have 30 musicians in four bands that attended our first (and hopefully last!) Virtual Kick Off Meeting. We greatly missed the annual photo opportunity but everyone was so excited by the prospect of performing again, that nobody seemed to mind!

This year, the bands range in size from 5 to 10 musicians and we welcomed 13 new members over the last 2 years. We offered all seniors from the 2019/2020 cohort the opportunity to extend their eligibility for one year due to the cancellation of last season. Our decrease from six bands to four was largely due to attrition and lingering covid concerns.

The bands have begun rehearsing for the upcoming season using current CDC social distancing guidelines while wearing masks in well-ventilated areas. It's an exciting time for getting to know our new musicians and putting together new set lists. We're excited once again to be working closely with BSO on venues and performance opportunities during the spring and summer months. There is no other youth musical development program like this in the world that is dedicated to "Keeping The Blues Alive".

## There are many ways to support our program:

Come listen to our bands play. There is a public calendar on our website [www.bluesed.com](http://www.bluesed.com) which will list all our per-

formances. This will be updated shortly as we firm up our dates and venues.

Attend our annual BluesEd Showcase on Sunday, July 11th at The Slowdown.

Consider making a donation via our website by clicking on the "Donate" button.

Volunteer. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our performances and major events. Contact [directors@bluesed.com](mailto:directors@bluesed.com).

Attend our BluesEd Finale at The Waiting Room Lounge on August 1st.

Purchase BluesEd merchandise on our website (including our 20th Anniversary t-shirt) when our BluesEd store goes "live" for two weeks at the end of May.

## Be a BluesEd Ambassador!

If anyone you know is interested in booking one of our bands, have them visit our website and click the link at the bottom of the home page "Request A Performance".

If someone you know is interested in auditioning for next year's 2022 cohort, have them click the "Audition Form" at the bottom of the Audition Tab on our website.

We continue to thank all the members of BSO for your support of this award winning program.

*Pamela and Michael Klein, Directors*

# THE BLUES IS BACK GUITAR SHOWCASE!

**Thursday, May 20th @ 6 pm (\$15) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha**

Omaha is blessed with some great local and regional guitar players, and it's not often that we have this level of talent on one stage.

## Featuring:

**Kris Lager, Craig Balderston, John Fairchild, Howard Mahan, Brandon Hudspeth, Nick Schnebelen, Hector Anchondo, Shawn Holt, Ben Curran and more!**

All great players, join us for a great show!





# Josh Hoyer and Soul Colossal CD Release Parties!

Thursday, May 6th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, Lincoln

Thursday, May 13th @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha



Night after night at their live shows, Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal leave it all on the table, bringing crowds palpably authentic music. This is a real working band; music for the people, by the people. You hear the veracity in Hoyer's voice. You hear the strife of a guitar amp being pushed to its limits. You hear keyboards hammering notes home while emboldened horns soar over the top of a rhythm section akin to a freight train. The raucous funk and smooth soul emanating from the stage dutifully pays homage to the past soul giants while simultaneously charging forward, piloting themselves into the modern era. This is soul music.

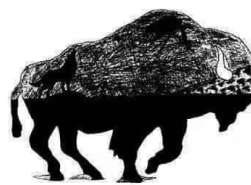
Hoyer formed Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal in 2012 in famed blues town Lincoln, Nebraska. The award-winning five-piece band includes some of the area's most revered and accomplished musicians. Joining Hoyer (keyboards/vocals) is Blake DeForest (trumpet), Mike Keeling (bass), Benjamin Kushner (guitar), and Harrison ElDorado (drums). Inspired by the sounds of Stax, Motown, Muscle Shoals, New Orleans, Philly and San Francisco, the band continuously crosses musical boundaries both in style and era, and joins forces each show with a common goal - to have the crowd dancing so much they forget even their smallest troubles.

On March 26, 2020, Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal released *Natural Born Hustler*, their 5th studio album and first album with new label partner, Color Red. The album was recorded in May and November of 2019 at Color Red studio in Denver, CO. *Natural Born Hustler* was recorded and produced by Color Red co-owner and guitarist of The New Mastersounds, Eddie Roberts. The pairing of Roberts and Hoyer turned out to be a perfect union of sound and writing and the band has finally captured the realness of their live shows with

Color Red. Recorded straight to tape with minimal overdubbing, the album is all about Soul and Vibe. Available worldwide in record stores, on CD and Vinyl, and on all streaming platforms, the album has received rave reviews internationally including American Songwriter, saying "fans of the retro music associated with the Daptone and Coalmine labels will gravitate to this... Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal perfected their approach on stage where it counts, infusing these performances with an electrifying, pulse pounding and well, colossal presence."

*From the Artist's website.*

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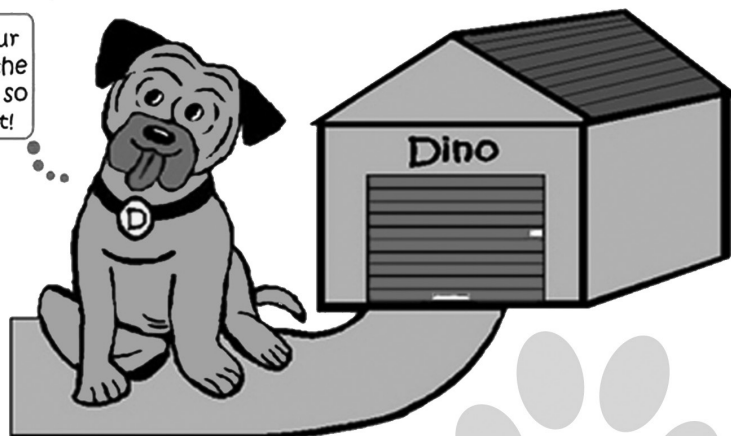
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and

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# BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

## [Sat May 01]

Rhythm Collective (Reggae) @ Junkstock (4:00 pm) (Junkstock)  
 Daniel and The Deliverance at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Mountain Heart at Holland Center Outdoors (7:00 pm) (Holland Center Outdoors)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Sun May 02]

The Metropolitan Area Youth Jazz Orchestra at the Holland Center Outdoors (7:00 pm) (Holland Center Outdoors)

## [Wed May 05]

Mike Zito & His Big Blues Band @ The Zoo Bar (6:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 Blue House with the Rent To Own Horns @ Bogie's West (6:30 pm) (Bogie's West)  
 Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)  
 Pete Fucinaro Quartet at The Jewell (7:30 pm) (The Jewell)

## [Thu May 06]

Mike Zito & His Big Blues Band Tribute to Chuck Berry (feat. Joanna Connor & Albert Castiglia) @ Stocks 'n' Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)  
 Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal @ The Zoo Bar (6:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 Sailing in Soup at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

## [Fri May 07]

Hector Anchondo @ Junkstock (11:00 am) (Junkstock)  
 Matt Cox Band @ Junkstock (4:00 pm) (Junkstock)  
 Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials @ The Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 Rocky Athas Band @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)  
 Devon and Lisa Fulton @ The Hopyard (6:00 pm) (The Hopyard)  
 Mitch Towne Featuring Special Guest Kyle Asche at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

## [Sat May 08]

Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials @ the Zoo Bar – 2nd show! (5:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 Andy William & The Nebraska All Stars, Latin Music at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Hector Anchondo @ Full Fledged Brewing Company (7:00 pm) (Full Fledged Brewing Company)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)  
 Blue House with the Rent To Own Horns @ Copacabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

## [Wed May 12]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)  
 Etienne Charles and Creole Soul at The Holland Center (7:30 pm) (The Holland Center)  
 Blue House @ Barnato (8:00 pm) (Barnato)

## [Thu May 13]

Josh Hoyer and The Soul Colossal CD Release @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)  
 Ninja Phunk's Open Jam @ The B. Bar (7:00 pm) (The B Bar)

## [Fri May 14]

Luther James Band @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)  
 Sailing in Soup at Ozone (6:30 pm) (The Ozone Lounge)  
 Mitch Towne Trio with Special Guest Saxophonist Adam Larson at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Kris Lager Band @ The Dam Bar (7:00 pm) (The Dam Grill & Bar Outdoor Stage)  
 Max Carl @ Barnato (8:00 pm) (Barnato)

## [Sat May 15]

Tyi Hakeem & Brown Suga R&B/Soul at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Wed May 19]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## [Thu May 20]

The Blues Is Back Guitar Showcase @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

## [Fri May 21]

Hector Anchondo @ The Hop Yard (12:00 pm) (The Hop Yard)  
 Backseat Delilah @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)  
 The Blues Society of Omaha Presents Chicago Blues Guitar Legend Lurrie Bell at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Devon and Lisa Fulton @ The Bellevue Eagle's Club (7:00 pm) (Bellevue Eagle's Club)  
 Rhythm Collective @ the Dam Bar (7:00 pm) (The Dam Grill & Bar Outdoor Stage)  
 Sailing in Soup @ Fala's Treasures & Coffee House (and Beer) (7:00 pm) (Fala's Treasures and Coffee Shop)  
 Swampboy Blues Band @ Soaring Wings Vineyard and Brewing (7:00 pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

## [Sat May 22]

Big Daddy Caleb & The Chargers @ The Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 Marcus Lewis, Mitch Towne & David Hawkins at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck / Soul Tree at The B. Bar (7:00 pm) (The B Bar)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)  
 Kris Lager Band @ The Marquee (9:00 pm) (The Marquee)

## [Tue May 25]

Smith & Myers at the Holland Center Outdoors (7:00 pm) (The Holland Center Outdoors)

## [Wed May 26]

Singer Songwriter, Andre Vander Velde (Solo) at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## [Thu May 27]

Guitarist Tim Kobza Album Release at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Ninja Phunk's Open Jam @ The B. Bar (7:00 pm) (The B Bar)  
 BSO is a proud sponsor of Leftover Salmon w/ Aaron Kamm & The One Drops @ Falconwood Park (7:00 pm) (Falconwood Park)

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# BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

## [Fri May 28]

Wags and the Recess Players @ The Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 OLUS @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)  
 Nikki Boulay sings Bonnie Raitt at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Jason Moran and The Bandwagon at The Holland Center (7:30 pm) (The Holland Center)

## [Sat May 29]

Swampboy Blues Band @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)  
 Hector Anchondo Band Special Concert at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Sun May 30]

Danielle Nicole, Rex Granite Band feat. Sarah Benck, & BluesEd @ BSO Riverfront Blues Fest (3:00 pm) (The Dam Grill & Bar Outdoor Stage)  
 David Diaz Project @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)  
 Sweet Tea Music @ Slattery Vintage Estates (7:00 pm) (SlatteryVintage Estates)

## [Mon May 31]

The Infamous Stringdusters @ Falconwood Park (5:00 pm) (Falconwood Park)

## [Wed Jun 02]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## [Thu Jun 03]

Gerard Delafosse and the Zydeco Gators @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

## [Fri Jun 04]

Alexis Arai y Su Grupo Latino at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

## [Sat Jun 05]

Rhythm Collective – Taste Of Omaha @ Elmwood Park (3:30 pm) (Taste of Omaha at Elmwood Park)  
 Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing – 17th Annual Blues, Beer, and Hot Air Balloon Festival (5:30 pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)  
 Ancient Greek Gods @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)  
 Juke Butter Funky Soulful Jazz Trio at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck / The Grace Giebler Project @ Reverb Lounge (7:00 pm) (Reverb Lounge)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Sun Jun 06]

Swampboy Blues Band @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)

## [Tue Jun 08]

Reverend Horton Heat & Dale Watson @ The Zoo Bar (6:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)

## [Wed Jun 09]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)  
 Reverend Horton Heat & Dale Watson @ Barnato (8:00 pm) (Barnato)

## [Thu Jun 10]

Michael “Gooch” Gurciullo Quartet at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Ninja Phunk's Open Jam @ The B. Bar (7:00 pm) (The B Bar)  
 Tab Benoit Whiskey Bayou Review @ Slowdown (8:00 pm) (Slowdown)

## [Fri Jun 11]

Sailing in Soup @ Breezy Hills Winery (Minden, IA) (4:00 pm) (Breezy Hills Winery)  
 Bobby Messano @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

## [Sat Jun 12]

Union County Strings @ the Malvern, Iowa Concert Series (6:00 pm) (Malvern City Park)  
 Kelley Hunt at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Wed Jun 16]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## [Thu Jun 17]

The BSO Presents The Bruce Katz Band at The Jewell (6:00 pm) (The Jewell)

## [Fri Jun 18]

Bruce Katz @ The Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (The Zoo Bar)  
 The Lao Tizer Quintet Featuring Eric Marienthal at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)  
 The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck @ “Downtown Live” in Sioux City (7:00 pm) (Sioux City Public Museum)

## [Sat Jun 19]

Omaha Freedom Festival – Juneteenth Celebration at Malcolm X Memorial Foundation Amphitheater (12:00 pm) (Malcolm X Memorial Foundation Amphitheater)  
 The Bel Airs @ the Malvern, Iowa Concert Series (6:00 pm) (Malvern City Park)  
 Swampboy Blues Band @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)

## [Sun Jun 20]

Andy Frasco & The U.N. @ Barnato (8:00 am) (Barnato)

## [Wed Jun 23]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## [Thu Jun 24]

Ninja Phunk's Open Jam @ The B. Bar (7:00 pm) (The B Bar)

## [Fri Jun 25]

Sailing in Soup at Ozone (6:30 pm) (The Ozone Lounge)

## [Sat Jun 26]

Sailing In Soup @ the Malvern, Iowa Concert Series (6:00 pm) (Malvern City Park)  
 David Diaz Project @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)  
 Rhythm Collective – Outdoors Caribbean Night @ The Holland Center (7:00 pm) (The Holland Center Outdoors)  
 Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm)  
 Blue House with the Rent To Own Horns @ Copacabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

## [Sun Jun 27]

Swampboy Blues Band @ Heron Bay (6:00 pm) (Heron Bay)

## [Wed Jun 30]

Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q (7:00 pm) (Tavern on Q)

## OPEN BLUES JAMS

**ZOO BAR HOUSE BAND AND OPEN JAM**  
**Mondays @ 7 pm • May 3rd, 24th and 31st**

**B BAR OPEN JAM – hosted by Ninja Phunk**  
**7:30 pm Every Other Thursday**  
**April 29th, May 13th and 27th**



— *Blues Society of Omaha Presents* —  
**Chicago Blues Guitar Legend Lurrie Bell**

*Friday, May 21st – 6:30 and 9 pm shows (\$15) • The Jewell, 1030 Capitol Ave. Omaha*



Born in 1958, the son of famed blues harmonica player Carey Bell, Lurrie Bell picked up his father's guitar at age of five and taught himself to play. He was clearly gifted. In addition, he grew up with many of the Chicago blues legends around him. Eddie Taylor, Big Walter Horton, Eddie C. Campbell, Eddie Clearwater, Lovie Lee, Sunnyland Slim, Jimmy Dawkins and many more were frequent visitors to his house. They all helped to shape and

school him in the blues, but none as much as his father's long-time employer Muddy Waters.

By seventeen Lurrie Bell was playing on stage with Willie Dixon. In 1977 he was a founding member of The Sons of Blues with Freddie Dixon (son of Willie) and Billy Branch. The band recorded three standout tracks for Alligator Records' Grammy nominated Living Chicago Blues series. In 1978 Bell joined Koko Taylor's band and stayed for several years, honing his chops and learning the ropes of being a traveling musician. He continued to work with his dad

as well, recording the 1984 Rooster Blues album *Son Of a Gun* and several other titles for UK's JSP Records. Not only was Bell recognized as an exceptionally talented guitarist and musician, his knowledge of different blues styles, his soulfulness and his musical maturity delivered write-ups in publications such as *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*.

Battling and defeating a series of personal demons kept him out of the studio and off the road for a long spell in the late 1980's, but Bell persevered and re-surfaced in the mid-1990's with a succession of four highly acclaimed records for Chicago's Delmark label.

Since the onset of the new millennium, Bell's profile has been steadily rising. 2002 saw the release of the CD *Cutting Heads* and in 2004 Alligator Records released *Second Nature* an acoustic duet record with his father Carey Bell that was nominated for a WC Handy Award Acoustic Record of the Year by the Blues Foundation in Memphis.

At last count Lurrie Bell has now appeared on over 50+ recordings either as leader or featured sideman. Lurrie Bell's elegant and intense guitar playing and passionate vocals have made him a favorite at clubs and festivals around the world and have earned him a reputation as one of the "leading lights" in the future of the blues.

*From the Artist's website.*

OMAHA'S BLUES FESTIVAL  
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# BSO RIVERFRONT BLUES FEST

Sunday, May 30th – 3 to 10 pm • Dam Bar, 151 Freedom Road, Omaha

Gate Opens at 3pm, Music from 4 to 10 pm • \$15 adv. tickets at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) / \$20 dos

The Blues Society of Omaha presents our Annual Memorial Day Eve Blues Festival! Headlining this year will be 2019 Grammy Nominee Danielle Nicole!

The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck plus BluesEd will join the Danielle Nicole Band.



**Danielle Nicole** began music from the moment she was born. Musical influences from generations on both sides of her parents' families ensured that a love of playing music would continue to be passed among her and her siblings.

Nicole began singing publicly with her parent's bands as a youth and took ahold of her full time in her early 20s.

As a founding member of the "Heavy Blues" sibling band Trampled Under Foot, she and her brothers took top honors at the International Blues Challenge in the US, propelling them into Canada, Scandinavia, Europe, UK and was featured

on several Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruises. It wasn't until 2015 that Nicole set out on her own with over a decade of touring experience in her purse with the release of "Wolf Den" recorded in New Orleans with Anders Osborne.

Nicole's 2017 release of "Cry No More" ushered in not only a heavier sound and style differentiating Nicole's already broadening voice and writing, but also accrued a slew of accolades including a 2019 Grammy Nomination for Contemporary Blues Album; 2 Blues Music Awards for Contemporary Female Artist and her second Instrumentalist ~ Bass, and 3 Independent Blue Music Awards.

**The Rex Granite Band** featuring **Sarah Benck** was the Blues Society of Omaha's winner in the Nebraska Blues Challenge band category in 2020. The 4 piece band made it all the way to the semi-finals in Memphis at the International Blues Challenge.

**BluesEd** began in 2001 by the Blues Society of Omaha and was created to provide opportunities for talented Middle and High School age musicians to play with other students in a performing band format. Now boasting over 200 alumni the program continues to strive to "Keeping the Blues Alive."

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## GERARD DELAFOSE AND THE ZYDECO GATERS

Thursday, June 3rd @ 6 pm (\$15)  
Stocks n Bonds, Omaha



The Zydeco Gators was established by Gerard Delafosse in 2007.

Gerard is a 3rd generation Zydeco Musician. He is the grandson of the late great John Delafosse and the nephew of the legendary Geno Delafosse.

Gerard has been playing the accordion for over 20 years. He first picked it up when he was only 8 years old. He grew up learning from the best, and will surely bring that legendary Zydeco sound that we all grew up loving!

"The band and I mix up our own fresh funky groove from double beats, straight beats, triple beats, waltz, bluesy and slow belly rubbing dancing sounds into the music we play. We also uphold a high standard of professional ethic, while knowing how to entertain even the toughest of crowds!"

### THE BAND

Accordion : Gerard Delafosse

Drums : Garret Jack

Washboard : Dion Guillory

Bass : Justin Bibby

Guitars : Jessie Delgizze and Johnathan Malbrew

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