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MARK HUMMEL AND THE BLUES SURVIVORS

with Rusty Zinn & Grammy winner Billy Flynn!

Wed., April 13th
@ 6 pm
Zoo Bar

Thurs. April 14th
@ 6 pm
The Jewell, Omaha



TOO SLIM AND THE TAILDRAGGERS

WED. APRIL 20TH
@ 6 PM
ZOO BAR, LINCOLN
THURS. APRIL 21ST
@ 6 PM
STOCKS N BONDS,
OMAHA

FRI. APRIL 22ND @
7 PM
VANGUARD ARTS,
SIOUX CITY



SKYLA BURRELL BAND

Thurs. April 28th @ 6 pm
Philly Sports Bar and Grill - La Vista



The Rex Granite Band feat. Sarah Benck w/ Hector Anchondo Solo

Thurs. April 7th @ 6 pm • Philly Bar and Grill Backroom, La Vista

STAN & THE CHAIN GANG MEMPHIS SEND-OFF FOR THE 2022 IBC'S

• Thurs. April 21, 2022 6 to 9pm Show — The Jewell, Omaha •

TOMMY CASTRO with SOULFUL FEMME

Monday, April 11th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, Lincoln

MEZCAL BROTHERS

CD Release Party for "Live at the Zoo Bar"
Friday, April 8th @ 5:30 pm • The B Bar, Omaha

The Bel Airs

FRI., APRIL 29TH @ 5 PM • ZOO BAR

SAT. APRIL 30TH @ 6 PM • THE JEWELL, OMAHA

THE BLUES SOCIETY OF OMAHA PRESENTS LEGENDARY THURSDAY BLUES MATINEES AND MORE.

April 7th - Thurs. - 6 pm @ Philly Bar and Grill Backroom
The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck
with Hector Anchondo Solo (\$10)
April 8th - Fri. - 5:30 pm @ The B Bar Mezcal Brothers
CD Release Party! (\$8)
April 14th - Thurs. - 6 pm @ The Jewell Mark Hummel's
Blues Survivors w/ Rusty Zinn & Billy Flynn! (\$15 adv. \$20 dos)
April 21st - Thurs. - 6 pm @ Stocks n Bonds Too Slim and the
Taildraggers (\$10)
April 28th - Thurs. - 6 pm @ Philly Bar and Grill Backroom
Skyla Burrell Band (\$10)
April 30th - Sat. - 6 pm @ The Jewell The Bel Airs (\$15)

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.
- BSO is a contributor to and supporter of Playing With Fire, a series of free outdoor concerts held each summer in Omaha since 2004.
- BSO provides support to The Zoo Bar, Lincoln's legendary and award-winning blues venue. BSO is a sponsor of the annual ZooFest music festival.
- 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"!

Please consider switching to the GREEN VERSION of Blues Notes. You will be saving the planet while saving BSO some expense. Contact Susan Keith at membership@omahablues.com to switch to e-mail delivery and get the scoop days before snail mail members!



BLUES ON THE RADIO:

Mondays 1pm-3pm on KIOS 91.5 "Blues in the Afternoon" with Mike Jacobs

Mondays 8 to 9 pm Blues Street Caravan

Saturdays at 7 pm Juke in the Back with Matt The Catt

You can listen to the live stream at www.kios.org

Sundays 9am-Noon on KIWR 89.7 Rick Galusha's "PS Blues"

Podcast now available on Spotify

<https://anchor.fm/pacific-street-blues-and-american>

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Monday – 3:00-6:00pm "World Gone Wrong Blues"

Tuesday – 3:00-6:00pm "Group W Blues"

Wednesday – 3:00-6:00pm "Highway Blues" • 8:30-10:00pm "Radio Gumbo"

Thursday – 3:00-5:00pm The Blues Kitchen

Friday – 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-6:00pm "Reclamation Blues"

Saturday – 6:00-7:00am "Beale Street Caravan" • 7:00-8:00am "Juke in the Back"

Sunday – 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"

The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck with Héctor Anchondo Solo (\$10)

Thursday, April 7th @ 6 pm • Philly Bar and Grill Backroom • 8116 South 84th Street, La Vista

Join us as we host a victory celebration for two winners of Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards. Check out a new to us venue, featuring food and drink specials with live music in the new Backroom.

Outstanding Blues:

The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck

Artist of the Year: Héctor Anchondo

The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck, delivers a powerful show with a sound that blends a vintage Blues Rock vibe with contemporary, in your face Roots Rock. Lead singer Sarah Benck's unique vocals and the dual guitar attack of Benck and slide guitar master Rex Granite draws the audience in from the first note. The band is touring in support of their fourth album "HOUSE" which will be released early in 2022.

Sarah Benck began her musical journey as a teen and has become a mainstay in the booming Omaha, Nebraska music scene for more than two decades. Benck performed as a multi-instrumentalist with several award winning Midwest bands, before fronting her own band Sarah Benck and the Robbers, where she handled lead vocals and lead guitar. Her voice is defining and powerful, a blend of the great women of the Blues as well as the most memorable female rock icons. Her and Granite create songs about life, their spiritual journey and emotions everyone can relate to.

The slide guitar appears to be an extension of Rex Granite... each note that he coaxes from the guitar moans, cries and soars off the strings. His mysterious persona behind the dark glasses and wide brimmed hat give the band a unique visual stage presence. He is an old soul that grounds the band both musically and spiritually.



The duo are supported by a seasoned rhythm section of Dain Armbrust on bass and drummer Anton Divis. Their sound is hard to put in a box, they will fit the bill in almost any club or festival, satisfying Blues enthusiasts, older rockers and fans of the new age roots scene.

The band won the 2017 OEAA award for Omaha's Best Blues Band as well as the 2018/2020 IBC Nebraska Blues Challenge. They were semi-finalists at The International Blues Challenge in Memphis TN.

*From the Vangarde Talent Agency website
<https://vangardetalent.com/>*

HÉCTOR ANCHONDO

For Héctor Anchondo, the third time really became the charmed one. Anchondo entered the 2020 International Blues Challenge in the solo/duo category and came away with the top prize: winning the solo/duo category. He also took home the Memphis Cigar Box Guitar Award for best guitarist in the solo/duo competition, where he performed representing the Blues Society of Omaha. It was Anchondo's third year performing at the IBC as the BSO's artist. In 2015 the Héctor Anchondo Band made the semifinals (from about 250 artists down to 50 semifinalists) and in 2016 the Héctor Anchondo Band went all the way to the finals, playing in the top eight bands chosen by judges from the week of performances.

Being a winner in the International Blues Challenge is a prestigious honor. For Anchondo, it was the culmination of over two decades of work. "Winning this feels like the reward for having stuck with music for 24 years."

*From the Artist's website
<https://www.hectoranchondo.com/>*

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What's New with BluesEd?

The 21st season of BluesEd will officially Kick Off during our first meeting at Philly's on April 10th. We are excited to welcome 17 new musicians to our four bands (Blue Sunday, The Redwoods, Us and Them Blues Band, and Vertigo). The returning musicians are working closely with our new students to put together set lists and begin rehearsing 1 - 2 times a week to prepare for performances at venues, private events, festivals and community gatherings.

Our bands are also looking forward to five BluesEd clinics in April thru June. Each clinician will have a focus this year to ensure musicians are learning the basics of jump line, 12/8, shuffle, funk and R&B blues. We have also scheduled several workshops with professional musicians and will offer additional instrument-specific clinics during the season.

There is no other youth musical development program like this in the world that is dedicated to "Keeping The Blues Alive". We are grateful for the Blues Society of Omaha and our outstanding Clinicians (Hector Anchondo, Craig Balderston, Carlos Figueroa, Bucky McCann, Glen Smith) for your support of this award winning program. There are many ways YOU can support our program:

- **Come listen to our bands play! Mark your calendars this summer:**
- BluesEd bands opening at Music For The City on May 21,

June 11, July 23, August 20

- Friday Night at Midtown Market on May 13 and June 24
- All four bands performing at annual Taste of Omaha on June 5
- BluesEd Showcase at The Slowdown, June 12th, including Judges Jam
- HOPS for Harmony at Werner Park on June 29
- Shadow Lake Concert Series on July 15
- Playing with Fire on July 16 and August 13
- BluesEd Finale at the Waiting Room Lounge on July 31. All bands will perform, followed with the traditional "Senior Jam"
- **Requesting a Performance (RAP) on our website (www.BluesEd.com). Our bands are looking forward to scheduling many additional performances that range in size from small private events to festivals with several thousand people.**
- **Consider making a donation via our website (www.BluesEd.com) by clicking on the "Donate" button.**

We hope to see you this summer!

BluesEd Leadership Team

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Mark Hummel and the Blues Survivors with Rusty Zinn & Grammy winner Billy Flynn!

Wednesday, April 13th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, Lincoln

Thursday, April 14th @ 6 pm (\$15 adv. \$20 dos) • The Jewell, 1030 Capitol Ave. Omaha • Adv. tickets @ jewellomaha.com



"Mark Hummel is a Harmonica Virtuoso. He is one of a handful of the Best Players ever on the Instrument".

– *Blues Revue Magazine*

"Mark Hummel is one of the very top notch guys on the Blues Harmonica scene today. He's a great traditional player."

– *Billy Boy Arnold*

"Hummel, a specialist in West Coast Blues, knows a thing or two about how to please an audience."

– *New Yorker*

Mark Hummel's Blues Survivors w/Rusty Zinn & Billy Flynn. "This is a rare pairing of guitarists Rusty Zinn & Grammy winner Billy Flynn with the amazing rhythm section of Wes Starr (drums) & Randy Bermudes (bass). Top it off with Grammy Nominee, two time Blues Award winner Mark Hummel on harp & vocals and you have one of the heaviest blues bands on the planet!"

Mark Hummel, Rusty, Billy, Wes Starr & Randy Bermudes' resumes include touring and recording with Asleep at the Wheel, Fabulous Thunderbirds, James Cotton, Otis Rush, Jimmy Rogers, Jimmie Vaughan, Snooky Pryor, Kim Wilson, Delbert McClinton, Marsha Ball, Brownie McGhee, Charlie Musselwhite, Charles Brown, Eddie Taylor, Legendary Blues Band, Luther Tucker, Jimmy Dawkins, Omar and the Howlers, Anson Funderburgh and many more.

Hummel's latest album (2020) is a tribute to Bluebird/RCA Victor blues musicians of the 1930s and 1940s. Entitled Wayback Machine it features Joe Beard, Billy Flynn, Kid Andersen, Rusty Zinn, R.W. Grigsby and the Deep Basement Shakers. This is Hummel's 29th release and 10th for Electro-Fi Records.

From The Jewell Website, <https://jewellomaha.com/>

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Lincoln
Fri. May 6th
doors @ 7, show @ 8
See theroyalgrove.com
for tix and info

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Wednesday, April 6th @ 6 pm
Kris Lager Band

Friday, April 8th @ 5 pm
Tony Meza and Chupacabra

Saturday, April 9th @ 5 pm
Wondermonds

Monday, April 11th @ 6 pm
**Tommy Castro with
Soulful Femme**

Wednesday, April 13th @ 6 pm
**Mark Hummel and the
Blues Survivors**

Friday, April 15th @ 5 pm
Mezcal Brothers

Friday, April 15th @ 9:30 pm
Josh Hoyer and Soul Colossal

Wednesday, April 20th @ 6 pm
Too Slim and the Taildraggers

Thursday, April 21st @ 6 pm
Red Elvises

Friday, April 22nd @ 5 pm
Mike Semrad & The Riverhawks

Wednesday, April 27th @ 6 pm
Harper and Midwest Kind

Friday, April 29th @ 5 pm
Bel Airs

See zoobar.com for a full schedule



FIRST TUESDAY FUNDRAISER

with the **Crabby Blues Band**
featuring **Bucky McCann**

Tuesday, April 5th from 6 to 9 pm
Shucks, 119th and Pacific, Omaha

14% of revenue donated to
local Omaha Charity St. Vincent De Paul

FRIDAYS AT THE B. BAR 5:30 PM SHOWS

Apr. 1st Lou DeLuca and the
Delta 88's with
Special Guest Nick Wade

Apr. 8th BSO Presents
The Mezcal Brothers
CD Release Party

Apr. 15th Swampboy Blues Band

Apr. 22nd Scott Moyer Band

Apr. 29th Blue Venue



BLUES IN APRIL & MAY

APR 1

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
The Scallywags @ The Zoo Bar
5:30 pm
Lou DeLuca and the Delta 88's w/special guest Nick Wade @ The B. Bar
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Gunnar Guenette @ The Twisted Vine
8:00 pm
Hector Anchondo @ Daq Shack
9:00 pm
The Hangin' Cowboys w/DUI Dandy's @ The Zoo Bar

APR 2

6:30 pm
Andre Vander Velde with Jaguar James, Singer Songwriter at The Jewell
8:00 pm
Hector Anchondo @ Jefferson's Lounge
8:00 pm
Sweet Tea Music @ Havana Garage
9:00 pm
Rhythm Collective @ The B. Bar
9:30 pm
Terry Parker Band @ The Omaha Lounge

APR 3

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge

APR 4

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Nebraska Jr. & In The Pocket Open Blues Jam @ The Zoo Bar

APR 5

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
First Tuesday Fundraiser w/Da Crabby Blues Band featuring Bucky McCann @ Shucks (119th & Pacific)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Jazz Jam w/The Jazzocracy @ The Zoo Bar

APR 6

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Kris Lager Band @ The Zoo Bar
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Jazz Vocalist Julie Baker Band at The Jewell – FREE Jazz Appreciation Month Show
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q
9:30 pm - 11:30 pm
Vibe Check @ The Zoo Bar

APR 7

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Pete Butler @ The Zoo Bar
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
BSO Presents The Rex Granite Band Featuring Sarah Benck w/Hector Anchondo at Philly's Bar & Grill
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
The Kevin Lloyd Experience @ The B. Bar

APR 8

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tony Meza and Chupacabra @ The Zoo Bar
5:30 pm
BSO Presents The Mezcal Brothers CD Release Party @ The B. Bar
6:30 pm
Hector Anchondo Band, OEAA Winner for Best Artist 2022 at The Jewell
7:00 pm
Tim Koehn (solo) @ Soaring Wings Winery
7:30 pm
Farofa at the Holland Music Club (fka The 1200 Club)
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Jack McLaughlin @ The B. Bar
9:00 pm
The Wildwoods | Aage Birch | The Legumes @ The Zoo Bar

APR 9

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wondermonds @ The Zoo Bar
6:30 pm
Enjoli & Timeless with Special Guest Jus B at The Jewell
7:30 pm
Chicago Plays The Stones at Holland Center
8:00 pm
Santana @ CHI Health Center
9:30 pm
Nik Parr And The Selfless Lovers @ The Zoo Bar

APR 10

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge

APR 11

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tommy Castro w/Soulful Femme @ The Zoo Bar

APR 12

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Jazz Jam w/The Jazzocracy @ The Zoo Bar

APR 13

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Mark Hummel @ The Zoo Bar
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Matt Wallace & Los Montunos at The Jewell – FREE Jazz Appreciation Month Show
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q

APR 14

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Blues Society of Omaha Presents Mark Hummel's Blues Survivors w/Rusty Zinn & Billy Flynn at The Jewell
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Open Jam hosted by Ninja Phunk @ The B. Bar

APR 15

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
The Mezcal Brothers @ The Zoo Bar
5:30 pm
Swampboy Blues Band @ The B. Bar
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Kris Lager Band at The Jewell
8:00 pm
Hector Anchondo @ Daq Shack
9:30 pm
Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal @ The Zoo Bar

APR 16

6:30 pm
Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal at The Jewell
9:00 pm
Rhythm Collective @ Bob and Willie's Wonderbowl
9:00 pm
23rd Vibration @ The Zoo Bar
9:30 pm
Terry Parker Band @ The Omaha Lounge

APR 17

2:00 pm
Tim Koehn (solo) @ Soaring Wings Vineyard
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge

APR 18

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Nebraska Jr. & In The Pocket Open Blues Jam @ The Zoo Bar

APR 19

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Jazz Jam w/The Jazzocracy @ The Zoo Bar

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

BLUES IN APRIL & MAY

APR 20

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Too Slim & The Taildraggers @ The Zoo Bar
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Joey Gulizia at The Jewell – FREE Jazz Appreciation Month Show
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q
 9:30 pm - 11:30 pm
 Vibe Check @ The Zoo Bar

APR 21

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Red Elvies @ The Zoo Bar
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Too Slim and the Taildraggers @ Stocks n Bonds
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Stan & The Chain Gang Send-off for Memphis IBC at The Jewell
 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 Aaron Stroessner Quartet @ The B. Bar

APR 22

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Mike Semrad & The Riverhawks @ The Zoo Bar
 5:30 pm
 Scott Moyer Band @ The B. Bar
 8:00 pm
 The HillBenders present WhoGrass @ Barnato

APR 23

6:30 pm
 Ed Archibald & The Urban All-Stars, Soul Jazz Funk, R&B at The Jewell
 9:30 pm
 Terry Parker Band @ The Omaha Lounge
 9:30 pm
 Andy William and the Nebraska All-Stars @ The Zoo Bar

APR 24

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge
 9:00 pm
 Nebraska Jr. & Kid Nebraska @ Duffy's Tavern

APR 26

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Jazz Jam w/The Jazzocracy @ The Zoo Bar

APR 27

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Harper and Midwest Kind @ The Zoo Bar
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Group Sax at The Jewell – FREE Jazz Appreciation Month Show
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Gunnar Guenette @ Tavern On Q

APR 28

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 BSO Presents The Skyla Burrell Band at Philly's Bar & Grill
 7:00 pm
 Sailing in Soup at The Jewell
 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 Open Jam hosted by Ninja Phunk @ The B. Bar

APR 29

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 The Bel Airs @ The Zoo Bar
 5:30 pm
 Blue Venue @ The B. Bar
 6:30 pm
 Nikki Boulay Sings Bonnie Raitt at The Jewell

APR 30

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 The Bel Airs at The Jewell
 9:30 pm
 Hector Anchondo @ Dubliner Pub

MAY 1

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge
 7:00 pm
 Metropolitan Area Youth Jazz Orchestra with guest, Matt Wallace at The Jewell

MAY 3

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Jazz Jam w/The Jazzocracy @ The Zoo Bar
 8:00 pm
 Heartless Bastards @ The Waiting Room Lounge

MAY 4

9:30 pm - 11:30 pm
 Vibe Check @ The Zoo Bar

MAY 5

6:00 pm
 Sweet Tea Music @ The Depot
 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 The Kevin Lloyd Experience @ The B. Bar

MAY 6

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Gunnar Guenette @ The Twisted Vine
 8:00 pm
 Buddy Guy @ The Royal Grove
 8:00 pm
 Sweet Tea Music @ Havana Garage

MAY 7

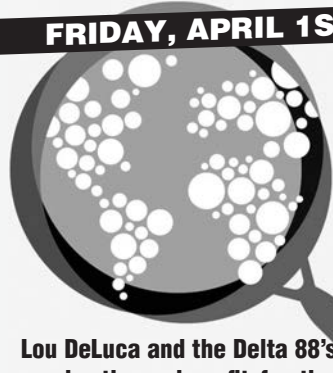
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Dale Watson @ The Zoo Bar
 8:00 pm
 Midwest Coast w/Past Casual & The Wildwoods @ Slowdown

MAY 8

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 On The Fly (Urban Jazz) @ The Omaha Lounge
 7:30 pm
 Trio 29, Jazz & Blues at The Jewell

BENEFIT JAM FOR UKRAINE AND THE WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST – B BAR, OMAHA



World Central Kitchen

Lou DeLuca and the Delta 88's with Special Guest Nick Wade are hosting a benefit for the World Central Kitchen at the B Bar, Friday, April 1st from 5:30-8:30. WCK's mission is to help feed the Ukrainian refugees. Besides a night of Chicago Style blues, a number of local blues artists will be dropping by to sit in with the band. So if you want to support a good cause, come on out and enjoy the Blues.

— OPEN JAMS —

Monday April 4th and 18th @ 7:30 pm @ Zoo Bar
 Open Jam with House Band In the Pocket
 Thursday, March 31st, April 14th and 28th @ 8 pm
 @ The B. Bar – Open Jam hosted by Ninja Phunk

TOO SLIM AND THE TAILDRAGGERS

Wednesday, April 20th @ 6pm • Zoo Bar, Lincoln
Thursday, April 21st @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha
Friday, April 22nd @ 7 pm • Vanguard Arts, Sioux City

Tim "Too Slim" Langford is a monster guitarist and unabashed blues rocker whose influences run the gamut from Lightnin' Hopkins, Freddy King, Duane Allman, and Lynyrd Skynyrd to Robin Trower. He is a prolific singer/songwriter whose songs have now yielded an impressive 13 studio Too Slim and the Taildraggers albums, 2 solo albums and several live CD's all on his own Underworld Records imprint.

Too Slim and the Taildraggers are Tim "Too Slim" Langford on guitar/vocals, Zach Kasik on bass/vocals and Jeff "Shakey" Fowlkes on drums/vocals.

"High Desert Heat" is the latest giant step in the evolution of their contemporary Blues/Rock sound that has been described as "Straight Whiskey Blues with a Southern Rock Beer Chaser". High Desert Heat charted 11 times in the Billboard Top Blues Album Chart in 2018 and was nominated for Best Blues/Rock album at the 2019 Blues Music awards. High Desert Heat is also featured in heavy rotation on Sirius XM's B.B. King's Bluesville. Their previous release "Blood Moon" nominated for "Blues Rock Album of the Year" at the 2016 Blues Blast Music Awards and was voted Blues Rock Album of the Year at the 2016 Jimi Awards. Blood Moon reached #6 on the Billboard Top Blues Album Chart in 2016. The 2014 release Anthology was vote #1 Blues Album of the Year by Blues Matters Writers



Poll in 2015. The 2013 release "Blue Heart" rose to #3 on the Billboard Top Blues Album Chart and was nominated for Rock/Blues Album of the Year at the 2014 Blues Blast Music Awards. "Shiver" (2011) was nominated for Blues Rock Album of the Year by the Blues Foundation's Blues Music Awards.

Too Slim and the Taildraggers' high energy Blues Rock has been thrilling audiences for years. The band's ever evolving musical direction cannot easily be classified into any box or category. Tim "Too Slim" Langford has received Lifetime Achievement and Hall Of Fame awards from three Northwest Blues Societies, as well as more than

40 regional and national music awards. After 30 years of knocking it out of the park on recordings and stages across the world, Too Slim and the Taildraggers shows no sign of slowing down.

From the Artist's website www.tooslim.net

MEZCAL BROTHERS

CD Release Party! Friday, April 8th @ 5:30 pm (\$8)
The B Bar, 4322 Leavenworth, Omaha



2016 Inductees to The Nebraska Music Hall of Fame, The Mezcal Brothers have been performing their original blend of Rockabilly, Roots Rock, and Alt-Country music since 1998. Influenced by the sounds of early Rock & Roll, The Mezcal's have spread their doctrine throughout the U.S. and

parts of Europe through tireless touring and their highly praised recordings. **Join us for night of great Rockabilly and the release of their new CD "Live at the Zoo Bar."**

*From the happeningnext website
<https://happeningnext.com/>*



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SKYLA BURRELL BAND

Thursday, April 28th @ 6 pm (\$10) • Philly Sports Bar and Grill • 8116 S. 84th Street, La Vista



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"Skyla Burrell is one of those people that was born to sing and play the blues."

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"Skyla has one of those perfect, whisky-soaked-with-honey voices that is full of the passion and conviction that it takes to be a great blueswoman."

Nashville Blues Society

The Skyla Burrell Band is a full time, hardworking traveling blues band, known for their high-energy electric blues. Onstage and on record, they play 100% original material – singer/guitarist Skyla Burrell and co-founder/guitarist Mark Tomlinson share songwriting credits. For BLUES SCARS, their fifth album, and their first with the VizzTone label group, Skyla and the band bring their high energy style into the studio for a 15-song set of all new original material that reflects the ups and downs of life over the past few years.

Originally from Southern California, Skyla now makes her home in Southern Pennsylvania. She took to music early, ever since her grandmother sat her in front of the piano with a guitar. At age 15 she began singing with a classic

soul band. Early on she was drawn to the stylings of female singers like Aretha, Linda Ronstadt and Bonnie Raitt; but as a guitarist her heroes were blues icons like B.B., Freddie and Albert King, as well as Robert Cray. As noted by the press, Skyla is more than just another pretty face with a great voice, she is an expressive and impressive guitarist too.

Co-founding guitarist Mark Tomlinson took a circuitous path to the band. Starting out as a drummer, he worked with the likes of John Lee Hooker and others before switching to guitar. Skyla and Mark formed the Skyla Burrell Band in 2004, and have been tearing it up ever since, with nearly non-stop touring across the US, Canada and Europe, (at one point securing the #1 top-booked band slot on Sonicbids), songwriting and recording. Their four previous albums– Working Girl Blues (2004), Living Day To Day (2006), Tough Luck (2008), and Real Love (2011) – have received regional, national and international airplay, and earned them a devoted following.

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"A knockout blend of excellent musicianship, solid vocals and pure showmanship whenever the BelAirs take the stage."

Kansas City Times

"The BelAirs deliver killer dance grooves, seamless medleys, and a contagious, unpretentious party spirit."

Twin Cities Reader

Fronted by brothers Dick and Dave Pruitt on bass and electric

guitars, with Michael Cherry on drums, the Bel Airs play a danceable mix with an authentic but eclectic bluesy-country-soul-and-rock-n-roll sound influenced by the likes of Wilson Pickett, Slim Harpo, Howlin' Wolf and Johnny Cash.

Living on the road and playing clubs from "Austin to Boston", the Bel Airs are carrying on the tradition of American Rhythm and Blues. The band is fronted by brothers Dick and Dave Pruitt on bass and electric guitars. Growing up on country soul and rock-n-roll, the Pruitt brothers have developed a harmony vocal style all their own. They have been performing together for more than 30 years, wowing audiences nightly with their unique brand of music- leading one reviewer to refer to them as the "Everly Brothers of Blues."

With four acclaimed albums and performances at festivals and night clubs across the USA as well as England, France, Belgium and Spain, the band continues to travel extensively. The Bel Airs' musical approach and superbly crafted showmanship make for a more than memorable concert whenever they appear.

From the Artists website <https://www.belairs.com/>

A big thank you to the Durham Museum for partnering with the BSO to present "Jazz & Blues Saturdays at The Durham" in February! Great performances from all the artists, Edem Soul Music, Héctor Anchondo, Susie Thorne and Juke Butter! Thanks also to our volunteers at the BSO table – Susan & Steve Keith, Betti Thomasian and George Winfield!

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Terry Parker Band, R&B Pop Funk Soul
 Saturday April 2nd - 6:30pm & 8:30pm Shows
**Andre Vander Velde with Jaguar James,
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Wednesday April 6th - 7pm Show Free
JAM at The Jewell, Jazz Appreciation Month
 featuring The Julie Baker Band

Friday April 8th - 6:30pm & 8:30pm Shows
**Hector Anchondo Band,
 OEAA's Winner for Best Artist 2022**

Saturday April 9th - 6:30pm & 8:30pm Shows
**Enjoli & Timeless with Special Guest Jus B,
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Wednesday April 13th - 7pm Show Free
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Thursday April 14th - 6 to 9pm (1 ticket, 2 sets)
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Kris Lager Band



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Thursday, April 21st - 6 to 9pm (1 ticket, 2 sets)
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Thursday April 28th - 7pm Show
**Sailing in Soup, with Gunnar Guenette,
 Elwin Moseman & Craig Balderston**

Friday April 29th - 6:30pm & 8:30pm Shows
Nikki Boulay Sings Bonnie Raitt

Saturday April 30th - 6 to 9pm Show (1 ticket, 2 sets)
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