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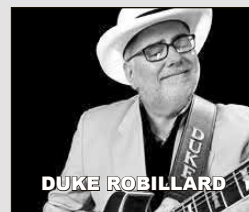
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## BSO'S RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER SERIES



COCO MONTOYA

**Coco Montoya, Tuesday, May 21@6pm**  
**Duke Robillard, Tuesday June 18@6pm**



DUKE ROBILLARD

**\$10 ADMISSION FOR CURRENT MEMBERS OF BSO,**  
**\$20 ADMISSION FOR NON-MEMBERS**  
*(nonmembers can join BSO at door to*  
*receive discounted member admission)*

Since 1980, the Blues Foundation has been inducting individuals, recordings and literature into the Blues Hall of Fame, but until now there has not been a physical Blues Hall of Fame. Establishing a Blues Hall of Fame enhances one of the founding programs of The Blues Foundation. The "Raise the Roof" campaign calls for up to \$3.5 million to create a Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis. It will be the place to: honor inductees year-round; listen to and learn about the music; and enjoy historic mementos of this all-American art form. The Blues Society of Omaha is proud to lend support to the "Raise the Roof" campaign by contributing proceeds from this local music series.

Presented by LSL and North Omaha Foundation

## The Pulse

Friday, May 24, 2013  
 6pm - 10pm  
**Stinson Park at Aksarben Village**  
 67th and West Center

**FREE Event**  
 \$30 Reserved Tickets Available  
 (includes covered seating/food)  
 Contact Lanesa at 402-968-0984

**Featured Artists:**  
 Daniel Davis *Cherrytree, SC*  
 Soul School *Denver, CO*  
 In The Moment *Omaha, NE*

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## 3RD ANNUAL NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE

**FINALS - Sunday, May 19 @ 21st Saloon • \$5 cover**

**5:00 p.m. - HECTOR ANCHONDO BAND**

**6:10 p.m. - JOSH HOYER & THE SHADOWBOXERS**

**7:20 p.m. - BACK ALLEY BLUES BAND**

The winning band will represent the BSO at the 2014 International Blues Challenge in Memphis! Other first prizes include a studio recording package from Moose Lodge Recording Studio and a promotional photo package from Richard Allen Photography.

**Thank you to all the bands, venues and volunteers who were part of this year's Nebraska Blues Challenge!**

The Iguanas in the 1200 CLUB located inside the Holland Performing Arts Center, Friday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each in advance and \$35 the day of show and are available at TicketOmaha.com, by phone at 402-345-0606 or at the Ticket Omaha Box Office in the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th & Douglas streets.



## PLAYING WITH FIRE 2013

@ LOESSFEST 2013 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES

**MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27, 2013**  
 Gates @ 3:30 PM  
 River's Edge Park Council Bluffs, IA  
**FREE @ the gate!**

SHARON JONES & THE DAP-KINGS  
 VINTAGE TROUBLE  
 SATCHEL GRANDE  
 MOJO BAG  
 SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY M2J

**FRIDAY, JULY 12 / GATES @ 5PM**  
 ROBERT RANDOLPH AND THE FAMILY BAND  
 BEN POOLE BAND  
 KIM CHURCHILL

**SATURDAY, JULY 13 / GATES @ 4PM**  
 OTIS TAYLOR BAND  
 MEENA & THE CHRIS FILLMORE BAND  
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 DILEMMA (BLUESOED YOUTH BAND)

**FREE-WILL GATE DONATIONS SHARED WITH:**  
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## THURSDAY BLUES SERIES

**4727 S 96th Plaza**  
**All Shows 5:30pm**

May 2nd.....	Steepwater Band (\$8)
May 9th.....	Gas House Gorillas (\$10)
May 16th.....	Cassie Taylor (\$10)
May 23rd.....	Scott Keeton Band (\$10)
May 30th.....	Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat (\$10)

**SOARING WINGS WINERY WINE, BEER, BLUES, AND BALLOON FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST - 4:00PM TO 10:30PM**

## Why donate to The Blues Society of Omaha?

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc is a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 members. BSO's mission is to "Keep the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies in the country – a very cool thing for our great city. Through your support we continue to contribute to The Blues, its musicians and events in the area through our sponsorship and volunteer support:

- BSO is a sponsor of Playing With Fire, a series of concerts held each summer on Omaha's riverfront. We support the event financially as well as provide 500+ volunteer hours for each of the events. The PWF concert series has drawn national recognition to Omaha!
- In 2001, BSO created BluesEd, a non-profit youth artist development program which provides opportunities for young musicians to perform with other students in a band format. BluesEd has also gained national attention for Omaha.
- Regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need
- Provides support to The Zoo Bar – Lincoln's award-winning Blues venue
- "Jammin Away The Blues" – annual fundraiser for The Nebraska Mental Health Organization
- Operation Feed the Troops – fundraiser to provide free food to deploying and returning armed forces members and their families
- Annual toy drive for the children of Pine Ridge Reservation

### Other Donor Benefits:

- Free monthly 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!
- Weekly e-blasts with late-breaking Blues news
- Invitation to special events and parties
- Special pre-sale and discounted tickets to select events
- Various discounts offered by BSO advertisers
- Pride in belonging to a group dedicated to "Keeping 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 Nancy at [nwalsh6@cox.net](mailto:nwalsh6@cox.net) to switch to e-mail newsletter 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

You can listen to the live stream at [www.kios.org](http://www.kios.org)

Sundays 9am-Noon on KIWR 89.7 Rick Galusha's "PS Blues" Pacific Street Blues & Americana podcast:

[http://kiwrblues.podOmatic.com/entry/2010-02-03T11\\_00\\_49-08\\_00](http://kiwrblues.podOmatic.com/entry/2010-02-03T11_00_49-08_00)

Lincoln's KZUM Radio - Nebraska's only community radio, and you can listen to it on the web at [KZUM.org](http://KZUM.org).

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

Tuesday – 10am-Noon "The X" • 3:00-6:00pm "Group W Blues"

Wednesday – 3:00-6:00pm "My Deja Blues"

Thursday – 3:00-6:00pm "Every Kind of Blue"

Friday – 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-4:30pm "Hudson Blues"

Friday – 4:30-6:00pm "A Blues Oasis"

Saturday – 6:00-8:30am "Blues at Sunrise"

## 9th Annual Spring, Wine, Beer, Blues and Balloon Festival

*Saturday, June 1st 4:00pm to 10:30pm*

**COME JOIN OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BLUES MUSIC!**

Not only does the music rock all night but you can take in the beautiful scenery with a breathtaking display of hot air balloons. Bring your friends, lawn chairs, picnic blankets and baskets to enjoy a spectacular evening filled with music, wine, beer and cheer! Lineup includes:

**4:00-5:00**

**Boa and the Constrictors**

**5:30-6:30**

**Levi Williams**

**7:00-8:00**

**Rock Island Rollers IA nominee**

**8:30-9:30**

**Jason Vivone & the Billy Bats**



• • • 9:30-10:00 – JAM SESSION • • •

\$20 for adults (includes entry, first glass of wine or beer and souvenir wine glass!)

\$15.00 per child (12-20) Under 12 is free

**Soaring Wings Vineyard • 17111 S 138th St • Springfield, NE 68059 • 402-253-2479**

**Check out B.J. Huchtemann's column Hoodoo Blues each week in the Omaha READER for info on upcoming shows and other news in the roots-blues music scene. Find the new column online each Thursday at <http://www.thereader.com/music/C12/>**

## BSO CORPORATE SPONSORS

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JUNE 14TH



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JUNE 21ST



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JUNE 28TH



MAGOWAN'S CHAIR

## -RIVERFRONT PARTNERSHIP-



PLENTY OF FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BSO MEMBERS!**

Steve Campbell  
 Jim and Dawn DeSchamp  
 Charles Duckworth  
 Michael "Gooch" Gurciullo  
 Randy Hagge  
 Curt Lewis  
 Mary Ellen Lincoln  
 Kathleen Marshall  
 Jack McCrea  
 Steve Moore  
 Ron Reagan  
 Dave Richardson

**BSO MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Thanks to these donors for their ongoing support of BSO and for renewing membership:

Mike Allen  
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Sunday 5/26/13

**The Sunday Roadhouse Presents**  
**BIG SANDY & HIS FLY-RITE BOYS**  
**25th Anniversary Tour**

**WAITING ROOM LOUNGE**  
**6212 Maple • Omaha, NE 68104**  
**4pm Door / 5pm Show**  
**\$15 ADV / \$20 DOS**

**SundayRoadhouse.com**  
**BigSandy.net**



*"Twenty-five years, fourteen albums & hundreds of thousands of miles. What a dream it's been."*

When I first got together for a garage rehearsal with a group of musician friends in the spring of 1988 in Anaheim, California, I never dreamed that I would someday be celebrating the silver anniversary of the rocking little band that formed that afternoon. Yet here I am, looking back over a wild ride that has taken us around the world countless times, that has put us in front of national television audiences, and - most importantly - that has given me the opportunity to play the music that I grew up having such a passion for - Rockabilly, Rock & Roll, Honky-Tonk, Rhythm & Blues, Soul, Doo-Wop... and now with the release of our new all-acoustic album "What A Dream It's Been", even a touch of Jamaican Rocksteady. Putting together the new record for Cow Island Music has brought back a flood of memories; we went through our entire catalogue of LP's, picked out some of our favorite original numbers, and gave them fresh new arrangements, rhythms, and instrumentations. In many ways, it was our way of looking back at everything that has led us to where we are now, while looking forward towards new musical horizons.

Happy 25th Anniversary, Fly-Rite Boys! Here's to 25 more!

***Cheers,***  
***Big Sandy***

Advance tickets are available at Finicky Frank's  
 (9520 Calhoun Road)  
 and online at: SundayRoadhouse.com

***Hope all is well!***  
***Dean J Dobmeier – Sunday Roadhouse LLC***



# Third Annual NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE

hosted by the Blues Society of Omaha



## A CELEBRATION OF NEBRASKA BLUES!

Sunday, May 19 @ 21st Saloon, 96th & L



**5 pm:**  
**Hector Anchondo  
Band**

**6:10 pm:**  
**Josh Hoyer and  
The Shadowboxers**



**7:20 pm: Back Alley  
Blues Band**

The band selected to represent the BSO will receive a prize package that includes

- ♦ \$1200 toward the expenses of their trip to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis

- ♦ a studio recording package from the Moose Lodge Recording Studio
- ♦ a promotional photo package from

*Richard Allen Photography*

- ♦ the opportunity to perform several paid gigs in the region representing the Blues Society of Omaha as the Nebraska Blues Challenge winner



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GET READY FOR A  
SERIOUSLY SMOLDERING SUMMER WITH  
**PLAYING WITH FIRE'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERTS JULY 12-13!**

OMAHA, NEB. – April 3, 2013: There's a remedy for Mother Nature's current cold shoulder, but Omaha will have to wait until July 12-13 to feel the REAL HEAT -- at least in a musical manner!

By far the HOTTEST ticket this summer will be the Playing with Fire Concert Series in celebration of its **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing FREE music** to area residents and visitors of all ages.

Playing with Fire promoter Jeff Davis turns up the talent thermometer in July, featuring the Otis Taylor Band, and Robert Randolph & The Family Band as the headliners, supported by acclaimed and world-class local, national and international bands. This year's line-up absolutely smolders featuring musicians from Australia, Austria and the UK, as well as the U.S.

**Mark your calendars NOW for this major music event!**

**WHAT: Playing with Fire 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series**

**WHEN: July 12 & 13, 2013 – Gates open Friday at 5 PM; Saturday at 4 PM**

**LINE-UP: Friday, July 12**

*(See bios attached)*

**Robert Randolph and the Family Band**  
Ben Poole Band  
Kim Churchill

**Saturday, July 13**

**Otis Taylor Band**  
Meena & The Chris Fillmore Band  
Kris Lager Band  
Dilemma (BluesEd youth band)

**WHERE: Lewis & Clark Landing on Omaha's Riverfront**

**COST: FREE but accepting free will donations at the gate, with a portion of proceeds donated to the Food Bank of the Heartland and American Parkinson Disease Foundation/Nebraska Chapter**

**ABOUT PLAYING WITH FIRE**

Established in 2004, Playing with Fire (PwF) provides annual summer music concerts, FREE of charge, to all residents of southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa, as well as visitors to the area. Our mission is to improve our community's quality of life and draw visitors by providing an annual, world-class summer concert series with high-quality, family-oriented musical entertainment to all citizens and guests of the Omaha/Council Bluffs area. Playing with Fire aims to foster community development and involvement by supporting local charitable organizations like The Food Bank of the Heartland. Playing with Fire also cultivates music education by providing unequalled performance opportunities, as well as fundraising opportunities to students of the BluesEd youth music program. ***Playing with Fire concerts are made possible with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund, the City of Omaha, corporate and private sponsorships, in-kind donations and our volunteers.***





## NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE ROUND 2 (APRIL 7)

Five smoking bands for 5 Bucks? Can't beat it with a stick... A Great day of entertainment at the 21st... competing today were The HoneyBoy Turner Band from Lincoln, Church House Blues Band from Lincoln, The Neptune's, Hector Anchondo Band, and Christy Rossiter & 112 North Duck all from Omaha.

The Hector Anchondo band will move on to the finals in May at the 21st Saloon.... Thanks to the BSO, Blues Society of Omaha, The 21st, Little King for the chow, and all the supportive fans and volunteers that made this event so successful.

-Conrad Good





# BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

## • • • HEY BANDS & BARS • • •

If you want your schedule printed monthly in BLUES NOTES, e-mail to [bsc\\_calendar@yahoo.com](mailto:bsc_calendar@yahoo.com). All schedules must be received by the 23rd of each month. Get calendar updates @ [www.omahablues.com](http://www.omahablues.com)

[Wed 5/1]

DJ Relic Soul Dance Party no cover (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open Blues Jam)  
Luther James Open Jam (Grant Street Bar)  
Son del Llano (Cuban/Latin) 6-9 p.m. (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 5/2]

Steepwater Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 5/3]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (09:00pm) (Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St.)  
Hegg Brothers (08:30pm) (Lauter Tun)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Ding-A-Ling Bar, Raymond, NE)  
JD McPherson with The Black Lilies 9 pm (09:00pm) (Bourbon Theatre)  
Mezcal Brothers FAC 5-7 p.m. (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Stonebelly (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat 5/4]

Back Alley Blues (09:00pm) (Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St.)  
Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (09:00pm) (Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St.)  
Hector Anchondo Band (Cinco de Mayo Main Stage)  
Hector Anchondo Band w/ Marcos & Sabor (03:20pm) (South Omaha Plaza 24th & N)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Loess Hills Winery, Crescent, IA)  
Steepwater Band (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sun 5/5]

Tijuana Gigolos (Zoo Bar)

[Mon 5/6]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)  
Zoo Bar House Band, 7-11 pm featuring Jaden Carlson (Denver) \$5 (Zoo Bar)

[Tue 5/7]

Da Crabby Blues Band (6pm-9pm) (06:00pm) (Shucks Oyster Bar on 119th and Pacific)  
Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (7:30-11:30pm) Free (07:30pm) (The Hive (19th and Jackson))

[Wed 5/8]

Honeyboy Turner Band (12:00pm) (Foundation Garden Series)  
Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open Blues Jam)  
Lil Slim Blues Band 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Luther James Open Jam (Grant Street Bar)  
Susie Thorne Band (06:00pm) (Nosh Wine Lounge)

[Thu 5/9]

Gashouse Gorillas (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Zoso (The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience) (Slowdown)

[Fri 5/10]

Honeyboy Turner Band (Mick Bar, Columbus, NE)  
JGB featuring Melvin Seals plus Kris Lager Band (09:00pm) (Bourbon Theatre)  
Kris Lager Band (Bourbon Theatre-Lincoln, NE)  
Peace Love Etc (Firewater Grille)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Wildfire (Brazen Head Irish Pub)

[Sat 5/11]

Academy of Rock, youth bands, 6-9 p.m. (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Mick Bar, Columbus, NE)  
Kris Lager Band (08:00pm) (Depot Grill & Pub; North Platte, NE)  
Thrift Shop Radio (07:00pm) (McKennas)

[Sun 5/12]

Stephen Monroe (03:00pm) (Wonderosa Winery - Roca NE)

[Mon 5/13]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)  
Piano Bar Happy Hour with Emily Bass, FREE, 5-7 pm (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Zoo Bar House Band, 7-10 pm (07:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Wed 5/15]

Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open Blues Jam)  
Luther James Open Jam (Grant Street Bar)  
The 44s 6-9 pm \$10 (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 5/16]

Cassie Taylor and the Soul Cavalry (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Stephen Monroe (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Fri 5/17]

Honeyboy Turner Band (the Underground 3233 1/2 S 13th Street Lincoln)  
Iguanas (Holland Performing Arts Center / 1200 Club)  
Josh Hoyer & The Shadowboxers plus The 9s 9 pm (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
The Fab Tones 5-7 pm FAC (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Wildfire (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Sat 5/18]

Hector Anchondo Band (Vinton Street Fest)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Love Fest in the Midwest)  
Mezcal Brothers (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Mojo Bag (10:00am) (Arthritis Walk - Stinson Park)

[Sun 5/19]

Nebraska Blues Challenge Finals See NOTES for schedule (05:00pm) (21st Saloon)  
Stephen Monroe (10:00am) (Midtown Crossing Auto Show)

[Mon 5/20]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)  
Piano Bar Happy Hour with Emily Bass, FREE, 5-7 pm (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Tue 5/21]

Coco Montoya (05:30pm) (The 21st Saloon)  
Jazzocracy No Cover 6-9 p.m. (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (7:30-11:30pm) Free (07:30pm) (The Hive (19th and Jackson))

[Wed 5/22]

Coco Montoya 6-9 p.m. (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open Blues Jam)  
Luther James Open Jam (Grant Street Bar)  
Martin Sexton (Waiting Room)

[Thu 5/23]

Scott Keeton (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 5/24]

Peace Love Etc (Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St.)  
Satisfaction (Rolling Stones Tribute Band) (Holland Performing Arts Center / 1200 Club)  
Scott Keeton 5-7 pm FAC (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Scottie Miller Band 9 p.m. (09:00pm) (Havana Garage)

[Sat 5/25]

Back Alley Blues (09:00pm) (Johns Bar - 911 So 13th Street, Tekamah NE)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Lippys BBQ, Malcolm NE 15 mins NW of Lincoln)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (06:00pm) (Lippys BBQ, Malcolm NE 15 mins NW of Lincoln)  
Luke Polipnick and John Niekasz (Chicago) (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Tijuana Gigolos, Honeyboy Turner Band, Josh Hoyer & The Shadowboxers & More (12:00pm) (Lippys BBQ, Malcolm NE 15 mins NW of Lincoln)

[Sun 5/26]

Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys (Swing/Americana) Sunday Roadhouse 5 p.m. (05:00pm) (Waiting Room)  
David Lindley (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Sailing in Soup featuring Gunner Guenette, Elwin Moseman & Craig Balderston (12:00pm) (Wine Stock Festival Sugar Clay Winery)  
Stimulus Packages (Wine Stock Festival Sugar Clay Winery)

# BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

[Mon 5/27]

Mojo Bag (Playing with Fire River Edge Park, Council Bluffs)  
Sharon Jones and The Dap Kings plus Vintage Trouble  
(04:00pm) (FREE Playing With Fire Memorial Day Concert at  
Rivers Edge)

[Tue 5/28]

Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (7:30-11:30pm) Free (07:30pm)  
(The Hive (19th and Jackson))

[Wed 5/29]

Gina Sicilia (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open  
Blues Jam)  
Luther James Open Jam (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/30]

Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (07:00pm) (Starnsky Park -  
17th & Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

[Fri 5/31]

Honeyboy Turner Band (Havana Garage)  
Lloyd McCarter and the Honkey-Tonk Revival (country)  
(09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Swampboy Blues (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Sat 6/1]

Boa & the Constrictors, Levi William, Rock Island Rollers, Jason  
Vivone (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

[Sun 6/2]

Shannon McNally a Sunday Roadhouse at the Zoo Bar  
(Americana) (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Mon 6/3]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone  
at Anthonys)

[Tue 6/4]

Crabby Blues Band (6pm-9pm) (Shucks Oyster Bar on 119th and  
Pacific)  
Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)

[Wed 6/5]

Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open  
Blues Jam)

[Thu 6/6]

Davina and The Vagabonds 6-9 p.m. (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Randy McAllister (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Selwyn Birchwood (Zoo Bar)

[Fri 6/7]

Brave Combo (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar FAC, 5-7 pm)  
Davina and The Vagabonds (Summer Arts Festival (Downtown  
Omaha))  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (09:00pm) (Louis Bar and  
Grill in Benson)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (05:30pm) (Summer Arts  
Festival (Downtown Omaha))  
Mama Lenny & the Remedy (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Selwyn Birchwood - 2013 IBC Winner (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sat 6/8]

Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (12:00pm) (Hi Mark Golf  
Course -8901 Augusta Dr Lincoln, NE)  
Wildfire (Havana Garage)

[Mon 6/10]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone  
at Anthonys)

[Tue 6/11]

The Nighthawks (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)

[Wed 6/12]

Kilts inside Clancys 777 N. 114th St. (08:00pm) (Russos Open  
Blues Jam)

[Thu 6/13]

The Laurie Morvan Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 6/14]

Back Alley Blues (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)  
Hector Anchondo Band (09:00pm) (The Box Bar Lexington NE)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat 6/15]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:00pm) (Stinson Park)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (07:00pm) (Solstice Party at  
Robinette Farms)

[Mon 6/17]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone  
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Trickle Down Blues Open Jam (06:30pm) (Louis Bar and Grill)

[Wed 6/19]

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Rusty Wright Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

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Sue Murray Solo (06:00pm) (Southcreek Conference  
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Widespread Panic (rock) (Pinewood Bowl at Pioneer Park  
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[Sat 6/22]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (09:00pm) (Moonshiners -  
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[Tue 6/25]

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[Wed 6/26]

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Blues Jam)

[Thu 6/27]

Terry Evans (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 6/28]

Bel Airs (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)  
Kilborn Alley Blues Band 5-7 p.m. FAC (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat 6/29]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:00pm) (Silver Hills  
Winery, Tekamah, NE)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (05:00pm) (Silver Hills  
Winery Blues Fest, Tekamah, NE)

[Mon 7/1]

Ruthie Foster (Zoo Bar 40th Anniversary Indoor Shows)

## TUESDAY BLUESDAY JAM



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## NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE ROUND 3 (APRIL 21)

That's right... Blues Booze and BBQ at McKenna's... Round 3, the last of the preliminary rounds before the May 19th finals at the 21st Saloon, today's participants were as follows.

**Marcos and Sabor • Blind Willie McChitl (MoJoPo) • Back Alley Blues Band • Drew Jude and the Cool Tones**

A good crowd showed up and were treated to a solid performance from all 4 bands, and in what BSO President Mark Grubbs called the "tightest of margins" The Back Alley Blues band was chosen to move on the finals with those bands selected from the first 2 rounds.

Finals will be Sunday May 19th at The 21st Saloon @ 5:00 PM order of performance for the Sunday finals will be as follows.

**The Hector Anchondo Band • Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers • The Back Alley Blues Band**

Thanks to all the bands that took part and Good Luck to all three of the finalists.

*-Conrad Good*





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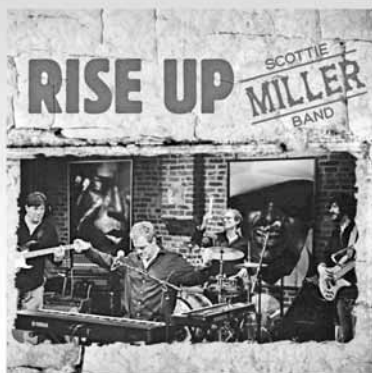
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**Paa Kow's By All Means Band**

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 8

11:00 a.m.

**Rain Dogs**

American Roots Music

12:30 p.m.

**Voodoo Vinyl**

Eclectic mix of heavy blues, jazz and rock

2:00 p.m.

**Prairie Gators**

Blend of Cajun and Zydeco Music

3:30 p.m.

**Rain Dogs**

American Roots Music

5:00 p.m.

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Jump-Swing Party Band

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11:30 a.m.

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"Blue Note" Jazz

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**Luigi Inc.**

Local - Jazz

3:00 p.m.

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5:00 PM: John Primer • 7:00 PM: Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience  
9:00 PM: Josh Hoyer & The Shadowboxers • 11:00 PM: Universe Contest

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### **TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE ZOO BAR IN LINCOLN NEBRASKA WAS SMOKIN'!**

I missed the Monophonics last August for their Zoo Debut and all I heard was how good they were! I was quite anxious to see them when I saw they were on the schedule again, they did not disappoint anyone in the house tonight which was full I might add!

The band is based out of San Francisco and man can they cook... I'd guess these guys are between 27-30 (I'm terrible at guessing ages) and were sporting 6 pieces tonight, Austin Bohlman on drums, Myles O'Mahony Bass, Ian McDonald guitar, Ryan Scott Trumpet, Darren Cardoza on Trombone (borrowed from the band ORGONE) and Kelly Finnigan on the Hammond and lead vocals... These guys pull off a sound reminiscent of the 60's and 70's or what their web site describes as "psychedelic soul and heavy funk", you call it what you want as long as it rhymes with DAMN GOOD!

The Monophonics drew a much younger crowd than the usual suspects, and that's a good thing... does my heart good to have to lead a rookie fan to the bathrooms at the Zoo cause it tells me "HEY" this first timer may be a potential torch bearing soul for the future of this unique house of music, The Zoo Bar.

Another piece of good news for those of you traveling to Vegas this September for Terry O Halloran's "Sin City Soul and Blues Revue" these guys are smack dad in the middle of Terry O's lineup in what's being called the Festival event of the year 30+ top quality bands... Don't believe me? Check out any of this year's Blues publications and find me a more quality laden line up, Dare ya! Hell I'll bet ya a drink of your choice at the next show!

**LIVE AND LOCAL, LIVE IT OR LOSE IT!**

*-Conrad Good*

# THE GAS HOUSE GORILLAS

Thursday, May 9th • The 21st Saloon, 5:30pm

If Cab Calloway, Freddy Mercury, Illinois Jacquet and Johnny Ramone started a garage band, it might sound something like the Gas House Gorillas. This intensely energetic six-piece from Brooklyn, N.Y., know how to put on a show that will get you up on your feet. From catchy choruses to wild saxophone solos and snappy guitar riffs, every song has a swinging beat you can dance to. As bassist Crusher Carmean puts it, "The Gorillas are all about as much fun you can possibly have packed into the small amount of time we get to play. It's an absolute blast."

Lead singer and New York rock veteran Rick Fink says the band's sound is tough to define. "I hate when people call us a swing band, we're absolutely not a swing band.



We're an aggressive hybrid of rockabilly, jump blues, swing. We're a little more pumped up and high energy." That music definitely sets the tone for their performance. As Fink puts it: "We're kind of unhinged; you never know what's going to happen at one of our shows."

The band takes inspiration from many genres, artists and times gone by. The name itself is a reference to a 1946 Bugs Bunny cartoon titled "Baseball Bugs," about a terrible team called the Tea Totalers who play against a powerhouse team called the Gas House Gorillas.

"The evolution of man culminates with the Gas House Gorillas. We're the most awesome band that ever walked the planet since the creation of music," he says.

## 2013 SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL

Two days and I got two John Nemeth shows under my belt (and we're talking some yardage there) The Zoo Bar on Wednesday and again on Thursday in Omaha at The 21st Saloon for its first ever outdoor Spring Festival and the Blues God's smiled on us and gave Nebraska its first decent day of spring.

Today's event had 4 bands, Mojo Bag, Dustin Pittsley Band, Brandon Miller Band, and John Nemeth closed out the evening under the stars. It's been a hell of a couple of days for John and the boys... John has only been back from Russia for a couple days, drove straight from Memphis to the Zoo Bar wheeled into the back alley and

Blistered the walls of the Zoo Bar just like he always does, they crashed for a few hours and BAM, the tour van breaks down on their way out of Lincoln to Omaha.

To the rescue is Jon Pearson who borrows a van from work squires the band to Omaha where John and Company had a pre show gig set up where John works and managed to pull that off and get to The 21st Saloon only to discover the drummer has left his cymbals backstage in Lincoln at The Zoo. CRAP, what a day. But as folks is John's business knows the show must go on and on it went.

Lots of energy from the crowd today for this event, and that flow transcended to the band who lit it up again for a 2nd night in a row.

But here's the deal, John's band has a gig Friday in Wichita and Saturday in Topeka at



Uncle Bo's and the van's busted right? In steps another Blues Society Of Omaha member, this time President Mark Grubbs... He and John rent a trailer haul ass back to Lincoln, tow the van back to Omaha where Mark's mechanic pal is going to get it rolling while the band travels south! Grubbs takes John to the airport, rents a van and the boys are off to Kansas! No wait it ain't over I believe Mark and Jon Pearson are going to drive the repaired band van to Topeka Saturday and meet the Boys @ Uncle Bo's and drive the rental back to Omaha so the band can move on with the tour!

Now there's a full service Blues Society for you! Who says life on the road ain't glamorous?

By the way John Nemeth is due in Memphis next month for the Blues Music awards where he is nominated for 5 awards, his two releases Soul Live, and Blues Live are both nominated in their respective field for record of the year, unheard of for live recordings... John is also nominated this year for the BB King award for Blues Entertainer of the year! Not bad for a boy out of Idaho with one hell of a set of pipes and a Chromatic!



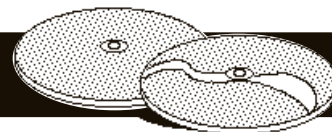
I would like to point out to my pal Terry O Halloran that 4 of the 5 nominees this year for the BB King award all blow the harp! and who knows Janiva Magness may be able to bend a note or two herself?

—Conrad Good





# CD Reviews



## The Mighty Mojo Prophets • *Flyin' Home From Memphis*

A 2012 Blues Music Award nomination for **Best New Artist Debut** for their 2011 self-titled album on indie label Rip Cat Records, and a performance at the pre-party in downtown Memphis, launched **The Mighty Mojo Prophets** unto the national scene. So how does one follow up such a critically acclaimed effort and avoid the dreaded sophomore slump? Signing with **Delta Groove Music** and legendary producer **Randy Chortkoff** is a good place to start.



With *Flyin' Home From Memphis*, vocalist **Tom 'Big Son' Eliff** and guitarist **Mitch 'Da Switch' Dow** display a fervent love and knack for all manner of blues styles. This is more than just West Coast Roots and Blues; this is a skillful sampling of all blues styles coast to coast. **Tom Eliff's** big rich vocal and **Mitch Dow's** tasty, often playful guitar work make for a rollicking, romping good time. From the teaser intro of Sweetness to the rockabilly of *One For Me*, and the spirited, country-fried *She's Gone*, to the funky fun of *Street Corner Preacher* and *Whachulookinfor*, this is honest, often joyous, feel-good blues, tinged with a bit of wry humor.

What sets this apart from their first effort is the sound, which was good to begin with, has gotten bigger, fatter, tighter, and more polished. **Alex Schwartz** on drums and **Dave DeForest** on bass provide a solid, driving rhythm

section, but the real sweetness comes from the extras a **Delta Groove Music/Randy Chortkoff** production brings. Special guests abound with **San Pedro Slim** and **Alex 'Lil A' Woodson** on harmonica, **Mark Sample** on tenor sax, **Joe V.** on trumpet, and **Mike Malone** on piano and organ.

**The Mighty Mojo Prophets** are for real and a bright star on the horizon. **Delta Groove Music** has found another genuine talent and **The Mighty Mojo Prophets** have found a home. Their forecast is for many good things to come.

--Jay Gaskill

## Eric Clapton *Old Sock*

Why did Eric Clapton name his latest album after my ex-wife? First of all the low points for me are strings, female backup singers and, if you have ever wanted to hear Clapton sing the easy listening standard "All of Me", have I got good news for you! This record is a mixed bag, good and not so good; slightly overproduced at points, but very tasty guitar work (no surprise there). Special guests include Taj Mahal, J J Cale, Chaka Khan, Stevie Winwood and some new guy named Paul McCartney. The songs run the gamut from the pen of Otis Redding, Peter Tosh, George and Ira Gershwin, and Gary Moore. ( I never thought that I would mention those last two names ever in the same sentence!) My favorite song on the album is an outstanding rendition of the Lead Belly classic "Goodnight Irene", where less is definitely more! I love it! Mr Clapton has never been a strong vocalist and misses the mark on songs where he tries to carry the songs on his voice. Lounge singing with Eric, anyone? It took three listenings for me to let this effort sink in and decide that I kinda like it. Clapton's young daughters even sing on it (too cutesy, perhaps). Some of the song choices will make you ask the question, "Why?" The eras covered on the record start in the 30's, 40's and end up in the 80's. At this point in his career, Clapton can do whatever he wants and he certainly does with "Old Sock". The band is first rate all the way through, good guitar work but nothing blistering!



--Hogsquat

## The Cash Box Kings *Black Toppin'*



The Cash Box Kings second effort is better than their first – and I really liked their first cd! The music is classic Chicago blues with hints of old-time delta blues. The music has the raw vitality, feel, and economy of old school Chicago blues. This is a group effort and the synergy makes for some excellent, unadulterated blues.

There are eight originals and five well chosen covers on the cd. This is an ensemble work of a band that sounds as though they have played together for decades. There are no guitar slinger extended solos, but the feel and taste of the great Chicago bands of the past, while still having a freshness that doesn't sound like an anachronistic group trying to recreate the past.

I highly recommend this to anyone that is into Chicago blues. It is an early candidate for my top five list for this year.

--A.J. Foyt

RIP Magic Slim and thank you.



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