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Thursday, May 29, 2014 5:00pm

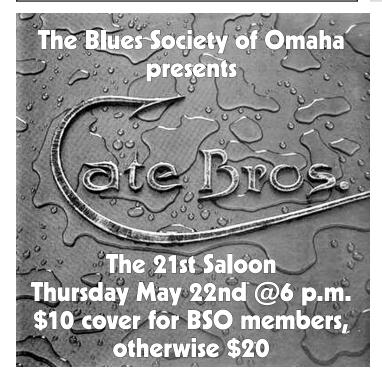
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The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc is a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 members. BSO's mission is to "Keep the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies 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
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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"



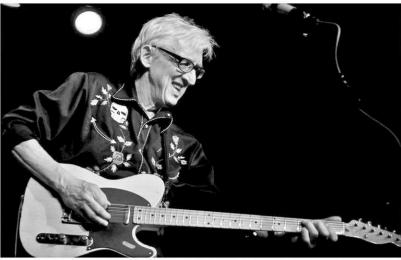






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What's New with BluesEd?

BluesEd Bands Invade McKenna's

Five BluesEd bands invaded McKenna's Blues, Booze, & BBO on Saturday, April 12, for the first BluesEd Music Festival. Voodoo Vinyl, Set in Stone, Us & Them, Far & Wide, and Dilemma all showcased their talents on a beautiful afternoon for Blues.

Set in Stone made an impressive debut. Keyboardist Jeana Abboud was excited about the performance. "My favorite number is 'Born Under a Bad Sign," which certainly explains whv. when I asked her what her favorite number was, she responded "13."



Set in Stone practicing for the McKenna's performance.

Guitarist Shaun Miller said he was encouraged to try out

for the BluesEd program after hearing Mojo Bag. It was not, however, the first performance for Set in Stone's other guitarist, Michael Solberg. He logged an appearance at the Zoo Bar in Lincoln on February 14.

An estimated 200 people attended the festival at McKenna's.

Other events coming up include: May 3, 2-7 p.m. BluesEd Showcase at PS Collective in Benson; May 9, 4-7 p.m. Far & Wide at Northstar 360; May 10, Mojo

Bag at Arthritis Walk in Stinson Park, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; June 7, 11-Noon Far & Wide at Summer Arts Festival; June 8, BluesEd Fundraiser (all 6 bands, all day) at the Slowdown.

Tampa Bay Blues Festival

Where's the BSO....well, Florida in April!!

The 20th Tampa Bay Blues Festival had a great lineup with several senior ambassadors of the blues including Buddy Guy, Irma Thomas, and the Blind Boys of Alabama.

There were also several of the next generation of blues artists including Nikki Hill and Selwyn Birchwood.

Familiar favorites Coco Montoya,



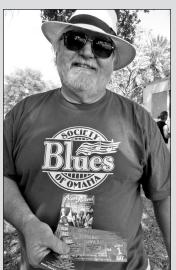
Shemekia Copeland, Tommy Castro, and Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials also performed at the festival.

Seven BSO members were in the crowd to represent & fly the Blues Society of Omaha colors with a little help from Lil' Ed who was wearing a tie-dye 15th anniversary BSO shirt on stage Saturday!

> --Moe Jasinski Photos from Stevie Laguzza









OMAHA GIVES!

powered by the Omaha Community Foundation May 21st Midnight to Midnight

Blues Society of Omaha is proud to be participating in Omaha Gives!, a 24-hour, charitable challenge organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. The online giving holiday will take place Wednesday, May 21st from midnight to midnight. Mark your calendars because we will need your help! BSO will be joining over 550 local nonprofits in raising awareness and support while competing for matching funds and prize money. Your donation goes further during this 24-hour period. The more money we raise, the larger the percentage of the match pool we will receive. And, the more donors we get, the more likely we are to win prize money. Omaha Gives! is a community-wide event to show off Omaha's spirit of giving and celebrate the collective effort it takes to make this city great. Learn more at OmahaGives24.org

How can you help Blues Society of Omaha during Omaha Gives!?

- Donate \$10 or more to BSO on May 21st! You can choose to donate \$10 or more. Blues Society of Omaha will use donations to help continue our funding of the BluesEd program and the Nebraska Blues Challenge. BluesEd is truly "Keepin' the Blues Alive" by training youth musicians and giving them performance opportunities. The annual Nebraska Blues Challenge competitions select a local band to compete in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN, and assist the winning band with their travel expenses.
- Spread the word! This is a great opportunity to tell others about the BSO! Tell all your friends why BSO is important to you. Let your friends know all of the projects and causes supported by BSO. To refresh your own memory, refer to the "Why Donate to BSO?" blurb on page 2 of your newsletter. If you have friends who are not already members of BSO, let them know they can join BSO at omahablues.com by clicking the tab for Online Donations or the Donation Form. Tell friends that you will be giving to Blues Society of Omaha during Omaha Gives! on May 21st and tell them that you need their help.
- Post about Omaha Gives! and about Blues Society of Omaha on your social media pages. Let your friends know they can give also so that their

donations can help us win matching and prize funds.

- Cheer us on! On May 21st, watch the Leaderboard on OmahaGives24.org and watch for updates about our progress on social media.
- Save the date. May 21st, 2014 will be a great day of generosity in Omaha. Get excited and ready to share your enthusiasm for the Blues Society of Omaha throughout the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Blues Society of Omaha. We can't wait to see BSO and all of the community band together to give.



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Kevin Selfe and the Tornadoes

Kevin Selfe has been electrifying audiences nationwide since breaking into the blues scene in 2006. ing stature as a captivating story teller and passionate performer are surpassed only by his deft mastery of blues guitar. Having relocated to Portland, OR, the Virginia native is now a leading light in the Pacific Northwest's robust blues revival. Effortlessly combining the guitar traditions of the legends and the modern masters into his own unique approach, Selfe's stylistic depth and electric performances resonate with audiences. His live shows have grown in legend largely due to his unique gift for communicating, through guitar, the complex range of moods revealed only by blues. Selfe's songwriting style bridges the gap between joy and angst, using piercing irony, humorous metaphors, and daring autobiographical subject matter from his own occasional walks with the blues.

In February 2013, Kevin Selfe signed with world renown blues label Delta Groove, and released "Long Walk Home" to rave reviews. The recording peaked at #15 on the Billboard Blues Chart, #6 on the Living Blues Radio Chart spending three months in the top 25, and was #2 on SiriusXM Radio Bluesville "Pick To Click" list. "Long Walk Home" features 11 original compositions demonstrating Selfe's musical depth and diversity with forays into West Coast, Texas, Chicago and Delta blues, along with top-notch support by veteran blues and roots musicians including Delta Groove labelmate Mitch Kashmar on vocals and harmonica, Gene Taylor (The Fabulous Thunderbirds, The Blasters) on piano, Doug James (Roomful of Blues, Jimmie Vaughan) on baritone sax, and Tornadoes Allen Markel (The Insomniacs) on bass and Jimi Bott (Fabulous Thunderbirds, Rod Piazza, The Mannish Boys) on drums.

In six short years Kevin Selfe and The Tornadoes have become a fan favorite in the Northwest and beyond. In August 2013, Kevin was nominated for a Blues Blast Award, and the band was inducted into the Cascade Blues Association Hall of Fame in late 2012. They've won 15 prestigious Muddy Awards from the CBA for Traditional Blues Act of The Year (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010), Contemporary Blues Act of The Year (2013, 2009), Performance of the Year (2013, 2012), Electric Guitar (2013, 2012), Drums (2013, 2012, 2011), NW Recording of The Year (2013), and National Recording of The Year (2013). They are the only act in the 25 year history of the awards to win for both Traditional and Contemporary Blues Act of the Year demonstrating their musical diversity and depth.

--kevinselfe.com



Mitch Kashmar



"...Californian Kashmar bursts out ...drawing intensity out of original material about women and drink as skillfully as anyone emoting through Marine Bands today."

- Downbeat

"Kashmar is a mighty, tuneful vocalist who also plays trainloads of wicked harp."

- Hittin' The Note

"Few blues singers, songwriters, & harmonica blowers performing today can top Mitch Kashmar."

Living Blues

"Mitch Kashmar is my absolute favorite blues harp player of his generation, and one of my favorites period! He's also a first-class vocalist - his singing really knocks me out."

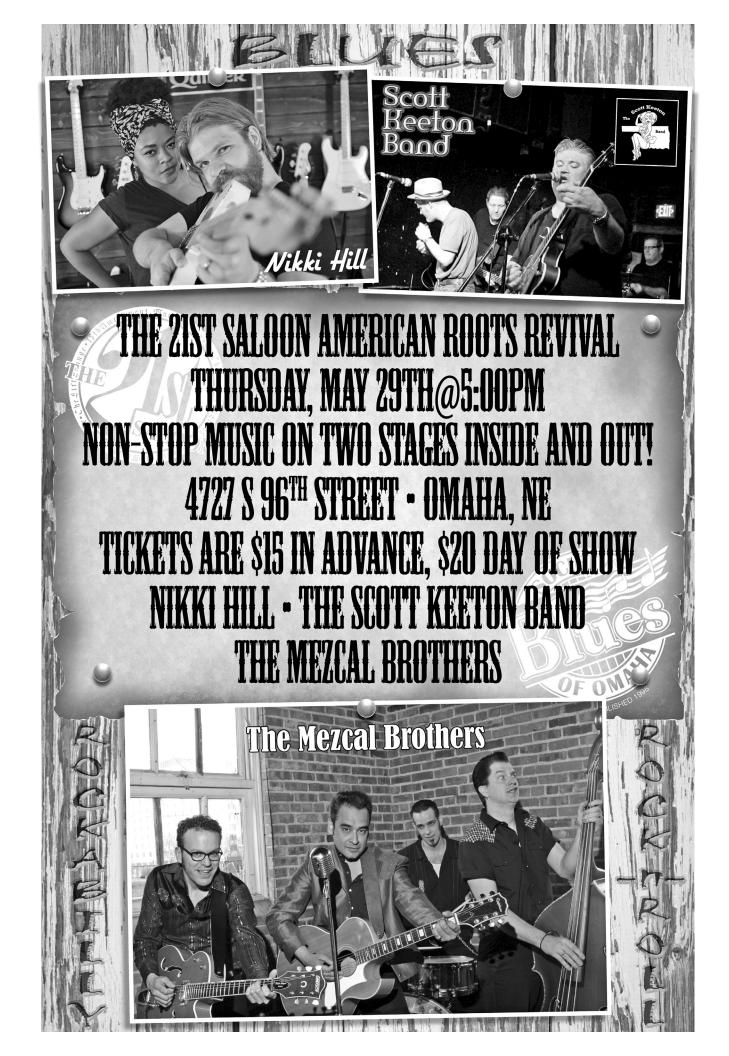
- William Clarke

Mitch Kashmar is one of the most soulful and powerful blues singers in the business today, black or white; his blues harp playing is second to none for creativity, drive and excitement. He's shared the stage with some of the biggest names in blues over the years and they've all known: Mitch Kashmar is a force to be reckoned with in the blues.

His 2005 Delta Groove debut, "Nickels and Dimes," earned him a "Best New Artist" nomination by the Blues Music Foundation. In 2006, Kashmar joined forces with The Mannish Boys as a front man on several high profile gigs. Most recently, Kashmar has flexed his musical muscles on stage touring with the band War. Mitch Kashmar has played throughout North America, Europe and in Russia, winning new fans at every stop.

Kashmar continues to evolve as an artist. Inspired by classic material, he moves in new directions with innovative angles on fresh songs. Add in a quirky sense of humor and a sly wit, along with deep-chested blues vocals that sound natural, unforced, and unlike anyone else on the scene today, and you've got one of this generation's most complete blues artists. His latest album was recorded live at Labatt Blues Festival in Canada and will give any listener a good helping of what Mitch's live performance is all about.

--festivalsexclusive.com



THE MEZCAL BROTHERS

The Mezcal Brothers from Lincoln, Nebraska, have been playing their own brand of roots rock, rockabilly and alternative country to happy crowds for a long time. The Mezcals can be seen around the Midwest in support of their self-produced albums, "Hold on Tight", "Rev It Up", "Next Town" and the new "Go Go Rhythm". All albums feature lots original songs and has already caught the attention of national blues and roots rock acts such as The Bel Airs, The Paladins, The Blazers, Big Sandy and the Domino Kings. The quartet has remained extremely busy and brings their highly energetic vintage rock show to anyone who feels the need to dance and have a good old fashioned boppin' time.

--From TheBlackCat.com

NIKKI HILL

Those who have seen Nikki Hill sing her ass off agree—this isn't just another newcomer on the scene, this is a 'whiplash' moment. Where did this fireball come from? Why haven't I heard of her before? If you haven't heard of Nikki Hill yet, you soon will, and once you see her perform, you won't forget her.

--From the Nikki Hill website

THE SCOTT KEETON BAND

The Scott Keeton Band is a roots-based whirlwind of blues, rock, and country-swing influences. From his first album, which is now considered a collector's item, to his newest recordings, Scott Keeton delivers music of substance, served with a satisfying dose of six-string charm.

A PASSION FOR AMERICAN BLUES MUSIC

Roger Naber's 35 Year Anniversary as a music promoter is considered quite a milestone for what began simply as a passion for American Blues Music. In Kansas City, Roger is mostly known as the co-owner of the Grand Emporium live music venue from 1985-2004. During his 20 year run as booking proprietor, he featured live music 6-7 nights a week at the well established venue.

Blues giants such as John Lee Hooker, Buddy Guy, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Koko Taylor, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Robert Cray performed, plus the newer generation, Derek Trucks, Susan Tedeschi, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Jonny Lang and Joe Bonamassa. Jazz, reggae and rock musicians such as Harry Connick Jr., Wynton Marsalis, The Neville Brothers, Chick Corea, Jimmy Cliff, Dave Mathews, Wilco, Flaming Lips, and The Wallflowers also had their turn at the midtown venue. The Grand Emporium twice received the Keeping The Blues Alive Award as "Best Blues Nightclub." The Grand Emporium musician and poster archives can still be seen at the UMKC Marr Sound Archives, UMKC Miller Nichols Library, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110 or online at http://library.umkc.edu/spec-col-collections/grand-emporium.

A pioneering entrepreneur, Naber co-founded the KC Blues Society in 1980, while serving as President for 13 years, the KCBS was honored with a Keeping The Blues Alive Award as best non-profit by the Blues Foundation in Memphis. He co-founded the Kansas City Blues Festival in 1981, the Kansas City Blues and Jazz Festival in 1990, and promoted the city's Annual Thanksgiving Blues Breakfast Dance for more than 20 years.

Taking to the ocean and sands, Naber co-founded the Ultimate Rhythm & Blues Cruise 1992 with his Grand Emporium partners, and more recently, the Blues Industry's highly popular and successful Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruises (bluescruise.com) in 2001. Naber was again awarded "Promoter of the Year" by the Blues Foundation for the LRBC in 2005. In

2003, he became a founding partner in Cloud 9 Adventures, which promotes the Jam Cruises, Holy Ship and various international land music events.

Today there are many music cruises sailing the high seas in the wake of the original Blues Cruise Charter Naber and his partners sailed in 1992.

Roger has been a tireless worker for the blues industries non-profits. Most recently, the LRBC has raised in excess of \$300,000 for the Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis which is becoming a reality this summer across the street from the Civil Rights Museum. In total, the cruises have raised in excess of \$600,000 for various non-profits' needs.

After 35 years in the business, Naber still maintains that "it's all about the music" and spends the cruise off-season scouting talent and promoting upcoming cruises at land festivals nationwide.

1 Oth Annual Spring Wine, Beer, Blues and Balloon Festival Saturday, June 7th - 5:30-10:30pm

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! \$15 for adults (includes entry, first glass of wine or beer and a souvenir wine glass!), \$10.00 per child (12-20), Under 12 is free.

5:30 - 6:30 - Jason Vivone and the Billy Bats

7:00 - 8:00 - Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers

8:30-9:30 - Bad Brad and the Fat Cats

9:30 - 10:00 - JAM Session

— B.S.O. Mailbag —

BRAD CORDLE IS BACK AND BACK ONSTAGE MAY 4.

The Mighty Jailbreakers are going to play at The 21st Saloon, Sunday, May 4th for John Villella's retirement party. 6pm to 9 pm. They will play a 75 minute show at 6 p.m. With a All Star jam of local musicians to follow. Open to the public.

This will be the first time Brad and the band will play since Brad got out of the hospital.

Thank you, John Villella and Brad Cordle







Over the last 30+ years, The Nighthawks have earned a reputation as one of the best and hardest working bands around. They have gotten their widest acclaim for being one of the first and best white boy blues bands of their generation, and for putting on a great live show. But their acclaim and accomplishments go far beyond that.

They are among the top musical acts to come out of the Washington, D.C. area and are still based there. They were a roots rock band before there was such a thing as "roots rock." They play a wide variety of music that has appeal to a diverse audience, mixing the blues, rock and soul-along with rockabilly and swing. They've played all over the U.S., with the East Coast and Midwest being particular strongholds. And they've toured around the world, establishing especially strong followings in Germany and Japan.

Three of the four band members have been playing together for 30 years, a stretch that few in rock or blues can match. They continue to bring great musical skills and energy to all that they do. It's a remarkable road they've traveled and story they have to tell.

--Credit to "The State" South Carolina's home page

Blues in May & June

[Thu 5/1]

Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

Tres Equis Re-Onion (21st Saloon)

[Fri 5/2]

Birdbrain (05:00pm) (Venue 51 -- 1951 St Marys Ave)

Hector Anchondo Band (07:00pm) (Cinco de Mayo Main Stage) Jason Elmore & Hoodoo Witch (From Dallas) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Wildfire Band (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Sat 5/3]

Blues Ed Festival (02:00pm) (PS Collective (Benson) inside Pizza Shoppe)

Hector Anchondo Band (09:00pm) (Rusty Nail Pub 14210 Pierce Plaza)

Lou DeLuca Band (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Midtown Blues Corps First Saturday Blues Open Stage Showcase (07:00pm) (McFosters Natural Kind Cafe, 230 So 38th

St, Omaha)
Steepwater Band 6-9 p.m. (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

Tres Equis (09:00pm) (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

[Sun 5/4]

Bill Kirchen (05:00pm) (Sunday Roadhouse at Waiting Room) Mezcal Brothers w/ Tres Equis Reunion (02:00pm) (Zoo Bar) the Mighty Jailbreakers and All Star Jam for second set (06:00pm) (The 21st Saloon)

[Mon 5/5]

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

[Wed 5/7]

The Nighthawks (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 5/8]

Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

The Nighthawks (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 5/9]

40 Sinners (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Back Alley Blues (Soaring Wings Winery)

Johnny Reef and the Shipwrecks (05:00pm) (Venue 51 -- 1951 St Marys Ave)

Kris Lager Band w/ Jon Wayne and The Pain playing at the After Party located at the Hive (07:30pm) (Millers Landing Freedom Park Road)

[Sat 5/10]

Kris Lager Band w/ Henry and the Invisibles playing at the After Party located at the Hive (07:30pm) (Millers Landing Freedom Park Road)

Mojo Bag (08:30am) (Stinson Park)

Swampboy Blues Band (Friends Bar in Underwood) The Clock Stoppers (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Sun 5/11]

Kris Lager Band (05:00pm) (Millers Landing Freedom Park Road)

[Mon 5/12]

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

[Wed 5/14]

The Ori Naftaly Band (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 5/15]

Peter Karp and Sue Foley w/ Ori Naftaly Band, Katy G and the Girls (21st Saloon)

Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

[Fri 5/16]

Honeyboy Turner Band w/ Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Nick Moss (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney) Steve Dallas (05:00pm) (Venue 51 -- 1951 St Marys Ave)

[Sat 5/17

Jack McLaughlin (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ) Rich Patton Blues and More (12:00pm) (Carter Lake Improvement Club)

Satchel Grande (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

[Mon 5/19]

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

[Tue 5/20]

Monthly Blues Jam Matinee (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

[Thu 5/22]

Billy Bacon w/ Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

The Cate Brothers (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 5/23]

Jack Hotel (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Rockin Johnny Burgin (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Sat 5/24

Hector Anchondo Band (09:00pm) (4th Street Sports Bar; Sioux City, IA)

[Sun 5/25]

Swampboy Blues Band (Friends Bar in Underwood)

[Mon 5/26]

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

[Wed 5/28]

Lil Ed and the Blues Imperials w/ Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 5/29]

Nikki Hill, Scott Keeton w/ The Mezcal Brothers (05:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

[Fri 5/30]

Hector Anchondo Band (07:00pm) (Arnolds Park, IA Braccos Lake Okoboji)

Scott Keeton 5-7 pm FAC (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar) Swampboy Blues Band (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Sat 5/31]

Hector Ánchondo Band (03:00pm) (Arnolds Park, IA Braccos Lake Okoboji)

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

Blues in May & June

[Sun 6/1]

Mojo Bag (3:00pm), Bel Airs (4:00pm), Mighty Jailbreakers (5:30pm), Josh Hoyer & the Shadowboxers (6:30) (Bel Air Plaza Blues Festival, 121st & W. Center Rd.)

Wildfire Band (04:00pm) (Heron Bay; Louisville, NE)

[Mon 6/2]

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

[Thu 6/5]

Red Elvises (21st Saloon)

[Sat 6/7]

Far and Wide (11:00am) (Summer Arts Festival (Downtown Omaha))

Jason Vivone, Josh Hoyer, Bad Brad and More! (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

Rockin Jake (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Rod Steward and Santana (Pinnacle Arena (Haymarket in Lincoln))

[Sun 6/8]

Blues Ed Fundraiser (Slowdown)

[Mon 6/9]

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

[Thu 6/12]

Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin Altar Boys (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 6/13]

Us and Them (06:00pm) (Bridge Beats)

[Sat 6/14]

Hector Ånchondo (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Wildfire Band (07:00pm) (Davies Amphitheater in Glenwood, IA)

[Sun 6/15]

Hector Anchondo (08:00pm) (BBs Jazz Blues and Soups)

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

[Thu 6/19]

[Mon 6/16]

Rick Estrin and The Nightcats w/ Selwyn Birchwood - 2013 IBC Winner (21st Saloon)

[Fri 6/20]

Trampled Under Foot (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

[Sat 6/21]

Bel Airs (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Hector Anchondo (09:00pm) (Magoons St Joe Missouri)

[Sun 6/22]

Sue Murray Solo (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Mon 6/23]

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

[Tue 6/24]

The 44s (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Widespread Panic w/ Galactic (Pinewood Bowl at Pioneer Park (Lincoln))

Thu 6/26

Hector Anchondo and a NTL act tba (06:00pm) (Playing with Fire at Midtown Crossing)

[Sat 6/28]

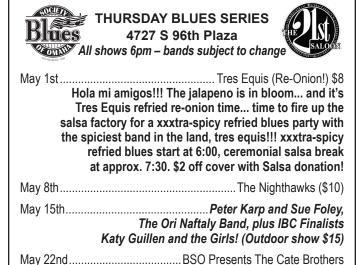
Levee Town (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Mon 6/30]

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PETER KARP AND SUE FOLEY • THE ORI NAFTALY BAND • KATY GUILLEN AND THE GIRLS

Peter Karp & Sue Foley

Gifted singer-songwriter, guitarist, pianist and American troubadour, Peter Karp, is a master songsmith with an art for spinning trueto-life emotions, humor, and candor. He first caught national attention with help from Rolling Stone guitarist Mick Taylor who recorded and toured with Karp on his first label release "The Turning Point." Karp further established himself on the national scene as a critically acclaimed songwriter, and accomplished guitarist and pianist with the release



of his Blind Pig debut entitled "Shadows and Cracks." Critics compare his songwriting to John Hiatt and John Prine, waith impressive guitar and slide licks infused by his love of Freddie King and Elmore James. Peter Karp personifies the amorphous Americana sound, seamlessly blending blues and roots music with a high sense of entertainment.

Sue Foley is considered to be one of the finest blues and roots artists working today. Born to a working class family, Sue spent her early childhood moving from Canadian town to town with her mother. At sixteen, she embarked on her professional

KG & The Girls

Katy Guillen and The Girls, out of Kansas City, MO, formed in September of 2012. The blues-influenced roots rock trio is made up of **Katy Guillen** (guitar, vocals), Claire Adams (bass, vocals), and Stephanie Williams (drums). The group's sound is characterized by Guillen's searing, lively guitar licks; Williams' heavy, driving drums; and Adams' rock solid bass lines. Guillen's soulful vocals backed by Adams' intense harmonies add a fierce punch to Guillen's songwriting. KG&G draw influences everywhere from rock and roll contemporaries like Heartless Bastards and the timeless guitar god Jimi Hendrix to sweet songstress Patty Griffin. They've been known to pack a blues and BB-Q roadhouse, just as easily as they will fill up a multi bill alternative venue.

Katy Guillen and the Girls placed 4th at the 2014 IBC competition in Memphis.

career. By twenty-one, she was living in Austin, Texas and recording for the legendary blues label, Antone's Records. Throughout the 90's she took to the road with her paisley Telecaster and honed her craft, working and sharing the stage with such artists as BB King, Buddy Guy, Lucinda Williams and Tom Petty. After moving back to Canada, Sue won the prestigious Juno Award for her critically acclaimed CD "Love Coming Down" as well as seventeen Maple Blues Awards.

"Peter Karp and Sue Foley are a force to be reckoned with. Playing to a full house at the National Arts Centre March 19, they lit up the room with their lively and passionate blues music. By the end of the show it was not surprising to see the entire audience on their feet cheering for an encore." — Carlton University Press

--MagicCityBlues.Com

The Ori Naftaly Band

The Ori Naftaly Band is the Best Israeli Blues Act for 2013. In a very short time this extremely talented band has gained international recognition and support by the international blues community and by an extended fan base, located in the USA, Holland, India, Germany and other countries all over the world.

Within the course of two years The Ori Naftaly Band has twice toured the United States and the Netherlands, won the Israeli Blues Challenge Competition, and was the first Israeli band ever to have reached the Semi-Finals of the International Blues Competition (IBC) in Memphis, Tennessee. They have released two live studio albums and are currently working on their third new album. They completed their third USA tour in the fall of 2013.

From the very beginning of its performing career and with the release of its first album, The Ori Naftaly Band has won awards which placed the band in the same category as some of the best known blues rock artists in the world, notably 'Best Blues Album in 2012' by Bluesmagazine.nl





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KRIS LAGER BAND: LINCOLN TO CHINA AND BACK

By L. KENT WOLGAMOTT / Lincoln Journal Star

The Kris Lager Band has played in China, recorded in the Los Angeles studio where The Beach Boys cut "California Girls" and continue to bring its Midwestern thrift store soul and boogie across the country.

Not bad for a little ole band that started out in Lincoln well over a decade ago. Lager has moved up I-80 -- "I fell for an Omaha girl. We got married last year. I've got roots now in Omaha."

Saturday, Lager and his band -- Jeremiah Weir on keyboards, John Fairchild on drums and Brandon Miller on bass -- will be back in his hometown for the first time since New Year's Eve to play a show at the Bourbon Theater.

Tuesday morning, I called Lager for a talk, while he looked after his little girl.

You're really busy these days, on the road all the time, aren't you?

"I just got off the phone with my agent, trying to figure out how to pull it off. That's a good thing. I'm gone 60 to 70 percent of the time. I've got a family now, so I try to keep it half and half. But that's not realistic when you're trying to get across the country.

"I've a good circuit going. I guess I'm a Midwestern troubadour. We play a lot around the Midwest. Then we'll make runs to the coasts. I'm due for an East Coast run. I haven't been there since 2009. We go to the West Coast at least once a year."

That's a lot of driving, man.

"We did a 14- to 16-hour drive from Riverton, Wyo., to L.A. in January to record with Andy Frasco. He's doing three of my songs on his new album. We recorded them at East West Studio in the same room where the Beach Boys recorded 'Pet Sounds' and 'California Dreaming,' which was really cool.

"I remember back when a 14-hour drive sounded bad. We just did a 10-hour drive to get back home for Easter, from Grand Rapids, Mich. We're used to it."

You guys just went to China. How did that happen?

"It was Andy Frasco who got the invitation. He and his band went over there last year and got invited back for this wine and dine festival. It was a four-, five-night run in March. We played (with Frasco) the same stage every night.

"They put us up in the casino in Macao. Macao is like the Chinese Las Vegas, only four times as big. We stayed in one place the whole trip. That was pretty easy. The only problem was we'd all get tired at 6 o'clock, that would be 6 in the morning back here. When it was showtime, we'd all be napping and have to wake each other up to play the gig."

So how did you go over?

"The first couple nights were the tamest. By the end of the stretch, they knew what was going on with us, and it was pretty wild. Andy, I don't know if you've seen his shows, but he does a lot of stuff to get the people involved. I'm kind of an introvert by nature. I've learned how to be a performer. Andy is a natural at that. He always gets the band out in



the audience. So we were out there walking around. They even strapped up Jeremiah's keyboard, like a keytar, so he was out there.

"Chinese people are a little more subdued than a lot of Western folks. You know they're having fun because they're recording it. It was pretty surreal. The last couple nights, everybody had their phones and iPads out and were recording everything. I told Andy

that's how we knew we had them.

You have a couple of records that are about ready to come out, don't you?

"The big record I'm pushing to get done is this one we recorded out in San Francisco with the Monophonics fellas. They have a stand-alone studio in a mini-mall out there. They do low-fi, dirty. '60s analog stuff. We did a session out there. I really like the recording. It turned out great.

"I'm hoping it will be out in June or July. Sergio Rios, Orgone's guitar player, is mixing it right now. He should be done in May, and I've got the artist working on it now. It may come out on Andy's label, or I may put it out independently.

"It's unfortunate because I'm shelving the Tab Benoit album we did a couple years ago. I really enjoy it and I like it. But now I've got a decision: Do I take this new session with this analog, dirty sound that will be more beneficial to us? I made a business decision and took that route."

You've been at this for well over 10 years, right? Most bands don't come close to lasting that long, much less go on the road. Look at the bands that were around here when you started. How many are left? Almost none.

"It's 15 years. There are a couple of ways of looking at it. One way is I can't believe I'm still doing it. Not many bands stick around that long. Not many bands stay out on the road that long. But at the same time, I'm doing what I love. It doesn't seem like that long. I'm having more fun than I've ever had.

"I think that's because I'm more comfortable with who I am. When we started out, I felt like I had to be a certain something. Now I realize that being me is the best something I can be. I'm having more fun being comfortable, doing what seems right at the moment and trusting my intuition."

How does that translate to your shows?

"My whole attitude now is let's celebrate and get everybody into it, dancing and having a good time. It's easier to have fun when you're doing it that way than if I'm doing it for my career. That's exhausting, it really is.

"I learned that from being a side guy with Indigenous and watching him (Mato Nanji) for three years. I thought, 'when I get back in front, I'm going to take this philosophy.' You can learn a lot being out on the road if you open up your mind.

"A lot of older musicians get tired. It's easy to get tired, that's for sure. But you've got to face up to things. My old man works construction, so it's easy to check myself. I could be pouring concrete. I could be roofing a house. Driving 10 hours is not that big a deal."

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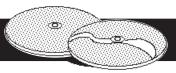
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CD Reviews



Shane Dwight · *This House*

Accomplished guitarist and songwriter, California bluesman Shane Dwight has a tasty new 12 track record produced by Kevin McKendree and released by Eclecto Groove Records titled "This House". He has surrounded himself with a strong cast of supporting players from around his new home in the Nashville area, all of whom contribute constructively while blending in nicely on this tastefully produced effort.

While Dwight's guitar playing is powerful, he always seems like he's in control, almost understated at times and the result is sometimes funky, sometimes sexy, and always fun, entertaining and easy to listen to.

Shane Dwight is cool and so is his music and this album showcases a smooth blend of his talents. His sharp, clear

voice (along with super cool back up vocalist Bekka Bramlett...daughter of Delaney and Bonnie) and his haunting guitar work make this album well worth the price of admission.

Although the album has a solid, rich mix of blues work it often reminds us that the blues has deep roots in both gospel and country.



Slick, polished, well produced, and well performed...if you dig the blues, "This House", feels like coming home.

Roderick Hunt

Bob Corritore · *Taboo*



If you are not familiar with his Bob Corritore's work, he has been one of the go-to harp players in the blue's world the last few years. He has won awards for best harmonica player and best historic cd.

His new cd is all instrumentals. There is a stellar cast of contributors

such as Jimmie Vaughan, Junior Watson, Doug James, and

Richard Innes among others.

Corritore plays great '50's Chicago blues style, but also brings in more modern styles. For those that are into harp playing, Corritore plays in 4th and 5th position at times, which gives the overall sound variety.

If you are a harp lover, this cd is a must. But even if you just like great blues music, this would make a nice addition to your cd collection.

--A.J. Foyt

GAS HOUSE GORILLAS at the 21st Saloon 4-10-2014









The Gashouse Gorillas were running on Hi-Test for sure! Really revved up the 2nd set! Tonight also marked Brad Cordle's triumphant return to the club to enjoy the show, welcome back Brad... Tougher than a Grateful Dead roadie!

Cate Brothers May 22nd, 21st Saloon @6 p.m.



Uncle Bo's welcomes back one of its favorite acts and biggest draws, **The Cates Brothers Band**, from Fayetville, Ark..

Around for more than three decades, one critic described the act as Arkansas' answer to "The Righteous Brothers, Neville Brothers and The Everly Brothers" with their mix of blues, R&B, soul, rock, fund and even country music.

Since 2008, The Cate Brothers have been in "semi-retirement," choosing to perform only a select few shows each year. Luckily, for Topeka blues fans, that usually includes a stop in the capital city.

"They have their own style, music, and Uncle Bo's room fills up with a magic that makes all world problems go away," Uncle Bo's manager Suki Willison says. "They are amazing, always have been, always will be."

--SPLASH...Topeka Night Life

I'll vouch for this band having seen them 7 or 8 times over the years. BSO folks love the Bel Airs and the Cate Brothers bring a equally refined and rehearsed show. The brothers have been playing together well over thirty years. Their 5 piece band has their own style, I have heard people refer to as Southern Soul.

These days they play mostly festivals so it is a rare treat to have them for a full show in a club setting. If you love the Bel Airs for "that sound" this show will be right up your alley.

--Jay Anderson

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