



# BLUES NOTES

www.omahablues.com

VOLUME SEVENTEEN, NUMBER TWELVE • DECEMBER 2012

## THE BLUES SOCIETY OF OMAHA HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE

Featuring THE LOOSE BROTHERS, CHRISTY ROSSITER & 112 NORTH DUCK, and Grammy Award Winner CHUBBY CARRIER AND THE BAYOU SWAMP BAND!

Sunday, December 2nd • Bands start at 3:00pm • The 21st Saloon • 4727 S. 96th Plaza

Admission is \$10 • New, unwrapped toys are appreciated!

The Toy Drive for Pine Ridge is back! Since 2003, Omaha rockabilly musician Larry Dunn has organized a toy drive for the children of the Porcupine District of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.



THE LOOSE BROTHERS



CHRISTY ROSSITER & 112 NORTH DUCK



CHUBBY CARRIER

BSO Meeting Sunday, January 20th • The 21st Saloon • 3pm meeting • 5pm showtime  
SPECIAL GUEST MURALI CORYELL WITH CRIMSON DAWN



### HAMILTON LOOMIS

Friday, December 28th • The 21st Saloon, 6pm

Advance ticket discounts will be available at  
www.hamiltonloomis.com

### COCO MONTOYA

Dec 11, 2012 • Omaha, NE • 21st Saloon • 6pm

Dec 12, 2012 • Lincoln, NE • Zoo Bar • 7pm



"The fiery blues that issue forth from Coco Montoya's guitar are awe-inspiring and boogie requiring." - *The Village Voice*

"Blistering contemporary blues... piercing attack, funky, shivery guitar tones and aggressive, soulful vocals" - *Blues Revue*

"He is one of the truly gifted blues artists of his generation" - *Living Blues*

The Blues Society of Omaha has advanced ticket discounts to the Omaha performance! Your support of BSO promoted shows helps keep the Blues Alive in Omaha!



### CENTRAL IOWA BLUES SOCIETY

#### ANNUAL WINTER BLUES FEST

Saturday January 26, 2013

Des Moines Downtown Marriott

10 bands on 6 stages

\$12 in advance/\$15 day of show

Start filling up your Jan. 26 CIBS Winter Blues Festival Calendar because it's really beginning to take shape! (With even more acts to be announced!)

So far, Corey Stevens (Blues-Based Rock Singer, Songwriter and Guitarist) is on the schedule 10:30 PM to 1 AM.

Enjoy Brian "Taz" Grant in the Marriott Lobby from 5 to 7 PM and then 2012 Solo Blues Challenge Winner Matt Woods in the Rock River Lounge from 7 to 10 PM.

Topping off the evening with the annual Blues Jam is the Bob Pace Band playing at 11:45 PM and opening the Jam from 12:30 AM until the "wee hours."

The BSO is proud to present the Nebraska Blues Challenge Winner Levi William this year!

Please contact Jeff Malloy at oobaby44@yahoo.com if you are interested in reserving a room with us on the BSO floor, with an early check-in. The deadline to contact Jeff Malloy is December 15th to be included in the BSO floor block of rooms. Last year 70 BSO members attended this annual event put on by the Central Iowa Blues Society. Go to <http://www.cibs.org/> for more details.

JEFF MALLOY



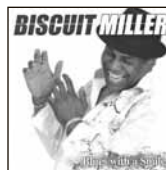
### THURSDAY BLUES SERIES

4727 S 96th Plaza

All Shows 5:30pm



Thu 12/6 .....	Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat
Tue 12/11 .....	Coco Montoya
Thu 12/13 .....	Scottie Miller Band
Thu 12/20 .....	Samantha Fish
Thu 12/27 .....	Biscuit Miller and the Mix
Thu 1/3 .....	The Scott Keeton Band
Thu 1/10 .....	Davina and The Vagabonds
Thu 1/17 .....	Hadden Sayers Band
Thu 1/24 .....	Bel Airs
Thu 1/31 .....	Randy McAllister



## 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"

# TOY DRIVE FOR PINE RIDGE HOLIDAY EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for the annual Lash LaRue's Toy Drive events to bring toys and some holiday hope to the children and families of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Things kick off this year with a CD listening party for this year's Vol. IV benefit CD on Thursday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m., at the Waiting Room. The much-anticipated CD features a variety of local artists contributing specially-written Christmas tunes, sometimes happy, sometimes sad, but always memorable. Lash says, "Each year we think the songs can't get any better, and each year they do." Limited quantities of Vols. I, II and III will also be available for purchase.

The live shows begin with a reprise of the acoustic show that started it all back at the now-defunct Mick's in Benson in 2003. This year's acoustic show is at The Side Door Lounge Friday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. and features former Mick's owner Michael Campbell and the always wonderful Korey Anderson whose contributions to past Toy Drive CDs are among everyone's favorites. Other artists scheduled to perform include All Young Girls Are Machine Guns (Rebecca Lowry), Gunnar Guenette and Lash himself. Admission is \$10 or a new, unwrapped toy of equal or greater value.

The big roots and rock show at The Waiting Room is Saturday, Dec. 1. Artists scheduled to perform are The Blacktop Ramblers, Cannonista and Secret Weapon. Admission is \$10 or a new, unwrapped toy of equal or greater value.

The big Blues Society of Omaha-sponsored show is on Sunday, Dec. 2, featuring Grammy Award Winner Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band. Music starts at 3 p.m. with The Loose Brothers (Gunnar Guenette, Craig Balderston, Elwin Moseman), Christy Rossiter and 112 North Duck. Admission to this show is \$10 cash. Toy donations of new,

unwrapped toys are also encouraged.

The following Sunday, Dec. 9 we will be back on the radio on KIWR The River from 8 a.m. till Noon, sharing songs from the benefit CDs I-IV and featuring some special in-studio performances. We will not be able to take donations on the air that day but you can make a donation any time at [www.toydriveforpineridge.com](http://www.toydriveforpineridge.com).

Again this year, Liquid Courage Tattoo, 809 S. 75th, is raffling \$1000 in tattoos. Just bring a toy donation to Liquid Courage and you'll be entered in the tattoo raffle.

Liquid Courage is also the official drop-off point if you want to donate a toy but can't make it to the events. Check out all the details at [www.toydriveforpineridge.com](http://www.toydriveforpineridge.com) where you can also make an immediate donation via PayPal.

You can also find out more about the conditions on the Pine Ridge in info posted at the bottom of the main event page. The Pine Ridge Reservation is the poorest zip code in the United States. Most children would get nothing for Christmas if it weren't for the efforts of Lash LaRue's Toy Drive. Toys bring the children hope at time when it really helps lift their spirits. The Toy Drive also contributes money to the emergency heating fund to help the elders who, like many on the reservation, live in sub-standard housing with limited sources of heat.

The Toy Drive for Pine Ridge is a 501c3 non-profit organization. You can also find the Toy Drive on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ToyDriveForPineRidge](https://www.facebook.com/ToyDriveForPineRidge).

[www.toydriveforpineridge.com](http://www.toydriveforpineridge.com)

- B.J. Huchtemann

---

**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

### BLUE CLUB

Sin City Soul & Blues Revival  
21st Saloon  
Havana Garage  
Mama's Pizza West  
Shucks Fish House

### CORPORATE

Frank Besch  
Mitch Bolte  
Jim Bradford Jr.  
Conrad Good  
Alan Green

Steve and Lisa Krueger  
Mike Nash  
Roger and Sheri Slosson  
Dan Van Houten  
Richard Wolken  
7 Oaks Investment Corporation  
Barry O's Old Market  
Cackin's Repair and New  
Christy Rossiter & 112 North Duck  
Gator O'Malley's  
Heartland Cafe  
KZUM FM Radio  
West Point Rack

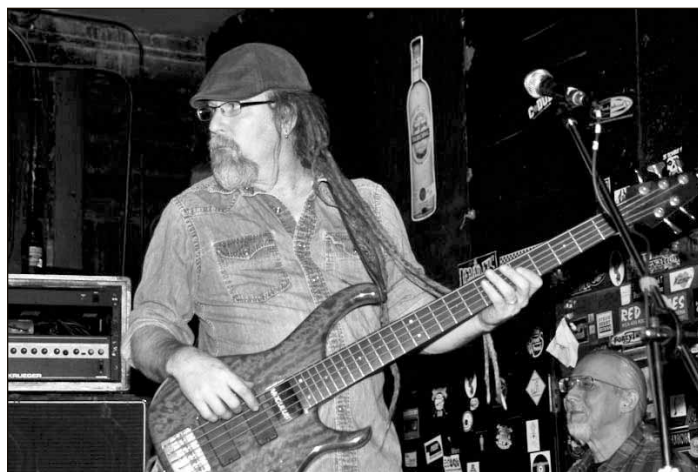
### SPECIAL

Matthew Barges  
Glenn Bauer  
Seth and Lindsey Carlson  
Jerry Cyza  
John Irvine  
Sindie and Jerry Katskee  
Kit and Pam Kelley  
Royce M. Kreitman  
Troy and Susan Krupicka  
Shelli Mayer  
Brad McCarthy  
Michael J. and Paula McCarville

Sue & Tim Miller  
John Pollack and Karen Berry  
Teresa A. Renken  
Sid Sidner  
Ernest Sutherlin  
Bob and Becky Swift  
Pamela Tanous  
James and Karen Tikalsky  
Greg Virant and Lynn Kost Virant  
Malissia Wollen  
Paul Scott Hoagbin Blues Band =  
PSH Blues Band



# THE DUSTIN PITTSLEY BAND AT THE ZOO BAR



2nd time thru the Zoo for The Dustin Pittsley Band... Sporting a new drummer and keyboard player this time around, word is getting around about this Roots/Blues guitar talent out of Tulsa Oklahoma. Dustin has won the Tulsa Blues challenge several times and will again be going to Memphis in January to compete in the International Blues Challenge.

The band sounded great tonight and did a nice mix of Dustin's original tunes and some fun covers that the crowd called for in a very open exchange... Keep watching for Dustin and the boys when they come to town they are well worth a listen.

During one of his visits to Memphis for the IBC Dustin's band was named the "Kings of Beale Street" now just how many schmucks do you think the "Home of The Blues" let carry THAT title?



Word on the street is that Dustin and the band tore it up at the 21st Saloon in Omaha the night following the Zoo with a nice crowd.

-Conrad Good



# NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE 2013 NEEDS YOU!

The Blues Society of Omaha is gearing up to host our third Nebraska Blues Challenge during 2013. We have had several great volunteers step forward and are grateful for their support. We could still use a couple more people to complete our volunteer team!

Bands, we'll be putting out the call to enter in January so be on the look out for details!

We are very excited that our Nebraska winners for 2012, the Levi William Band, are heading to the Blues Foundation's 29th International Blues Challenge beginning Tuesday, January 29, 2013, and concluding on Saturday February 2, 2013. The competition will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, in the Beale Street entertainment district. Bands participating in the IBC in Memphis have the exciting opportunity to compete for IBC prizes and national/international recognition. Bands that make it to the IBCs also have their music exposed to a variety of promoters, blues recording labels and journalists and get to meet other acclaimed musicians from around the world. More information on the International Blues Challenge can be found at [www.blues.org/ibc](http://www.blues.org/ibc).

Our goal is for local bands to again compete in 2013 for a great BSO prize package, including the unique opportunity to represent BSO at the 2014 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, to be held in late January - early February 2014. The BSO Nebraska Blues Challenge volunteer team will help organize and manage the Nebraska Blues Challenge for 2013. You will have guidance and input from those who have worked previously on the NBC and you'll be joining an enthusiastic group of people who have already stepped forward. If we have enough people to organize the events we will also look at the feasibility of staging a Solo/Duo challenge this year.

Nebraska Blues Challenge volunteers will help put out the call to local bands, and maintain communication with entering bands. NBC volunteers will also have assignments including arranging venues, judges and prizes, and coordinating the events themselves including tasks the day of events. NBC volunteers will also help coordinate the publicity efforts for the NBC.

If you are interested in helping, please contact BSO President Mark Grubbs immediately (cell phone: 402-598-8644). We want to gather the team in December to organize and begin the tasks of planning the time-table so that the Call for Bands to Enter can go out in January.

Thanks to those who have already volunteered their time. With a great team willing to invest their energy, we will make this great event happen again.

If you aren't sure but are interested, please contact Mark so we can set up a meeting with interested parties and give you more information to make your final decision. You

won't need to do a lot until January and our goal is to start now getting everything and everyone in place so the event can run smoothly for all with plenty of time to get things organized and get key tasks done, and without overloading anyone who volunteers.

This is an excellent opportunity to get to know other BSO members and get more involved with the local music scene. Please consider enriching your BSO experience by volunteering to help with the Nebraska Blues Challenge. You'll make new friends and help keep the BSO and the Omaha scene one of the coolest and most recognized in the U.S.!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BSO MEMBERS!

Mike Stenger  
Dennis & Sherry Thompson

## THANKS FOR BSO RENEWALS

Bill Clark  
Elwin Moseman

## Jared & the Blues Teachers



Sunday, Dec. 23rd  
6pm-9pm \$5 cover



4727 S. 96th St. Omaha, NE 402)339-7170



**10 acts on 6 different stages! This multi-band event will culminate with an After Hours Jam in the Des Moines Ballroom in the Downtown Marriott.**

**Line Up... more details coming**

- BRIAN "TAZ" GRANT – Marriott Lobby – 5-7pm  
Iowa Smooth Blues and Jazz Artist
- MATT WOODS – Rock River Lounge – 7-10pm  
2012 Iowa Solo Duo Blues Challenge Winner
- ROCK ISLAND ROLLERS (formerly The Pain Killers)  
2012 Iowa Challenge Band Winner
- LEVI WILLIAM  
2012 Blues Society of Omaha Blues Challenge Band Winner
- JASON VIVONE & THE BILLY BATS  
2012 Kansas City Blues Society Blues Challenge Band Winner
- CRANKSHAFT & THE GEAR GRINDERS  
2012 Minnesota Blues Society Blues Challenge Band Winner
- COREY STEVENS – Des Moines Ballroom – 10:30pm-1AM  
Blues-Rock Singer, Songwriter and Guitarist
- BOB PACE BAND & AFTER HOURS JAM – Salon D – 11:45pm-'til the wee hours  
2012 Iowa Blues Hall of Fame Inductee. BOB PACE BAND will kick off around 11:45 p.m. with the jam starting around 12:45 a.m.



**Tickets \$12 Advance / \$15 Day of Show**

Advance ticket sales WILL END at 5PM on January 25, 2012. All tickets purchased online at CIBS.org are at "WILL-CALL" at the venue. That means—you will not receive a hard copy of your ticket but will be added to the will-call list. The "WILL-CALL" desk will be located on the 2nd Floor of the Marriott and you may check in any time after 5PM the day of the Fest—January 26, 2013. Please bring your receipt and/or be prepared to show a photo ID.

**Lodging**

Bring your friends and stay all night...Room rates for this event are just \$106. To make reservations call 1-800-514-4681. Tell them you are coming for the Blues Fest—See ya there!

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
 with  
*Luther James & Friends*  
**GRANT STREET BAR & GRILL**  
**Every Wed. night, 7pm-11pm**  
**Also... 'TACO WEDNESDAY'**

 Have some food & drinks  
 Bring your instruments

**GET LATE BREAKING INFO BY JOINING THE  
 BSO E-MAIL LIST AT OMAHABLUES.COM**

## LUCKY PETERSON

*Saturday, January 19, 2013 8:00 PM*  
*Scott Recital Hall*

Lucky Peterson played his first gig at age three. By the time he was five, he had already recorded his first single, produced by none other than the legendary Willie Dixon. Before Lucky turned six, his career had been propelled into the national spotlight with television appearances on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* and even *What's My Line*?



As a child prodigy, Lucky was somewhat of a novelty act. Now he is a true blues veteran. Over the last three decades, Lucky has played to audiences all over the world, dazzling both fans and critics with his multi-instrumental talents (he plays keyboards, guitar, bass, drums and trumpet), his soulful vocal style and his youthful approach to the blues.

Chicago's *Reader* raved, "His musicianship is unassailable... a combination of sleek-handed dexterity and imagination... a happy marriage of blues authenticity and foot-pleasing danceability. This is a young musician of unlimited enthusiasm and nearly unlimited potential having the time of his life and excelling at every stop along the way."

*Lincoln's*

## Non-Profit Community Radio



**The best in blues, jazz,  
 rock, folk & more.**  
**Also broadcasting in  
 HD, or listen online at  
[www.KZUM.org](http://www.KZUM.org).**

**For more information on volunteer  
 opportunities, becoming an on-air  
 programmer or sponsoring a show,  
 please call 476-5086, Ext. 6.**

**KZUM is a proud member of the  
 Community Services Fund**





## Sunday Funday Concert Series!

### 4727 South 96th Plaza

Sunday, December 2nd, 3:00 p.m.

The BSO Holiday Party and Toy Drive  
Featuring Grammy Winner Chubby Carrier!  
w/ The Loose Brothers and 112 North Duck  
\$10 (with a new toy appreciated)



Sunday, December 9th, 6:00 p.m.

The Stimulus Packages  
Specials! Specials!  
\$5

Sunday, December 16th, 6:00 pm

The Steepwater Band!  
High and Humble Tour 2012-2013  
Just \$5 to see your new favorite band!



CHICAGO-BASED  
"OUTLAW BLUES" BAND



Sunday, December 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

Jared & the Blues Teachers provide a good time blues & dance party! Let's get together & have a real good time!  
\$5 and Free Food!

\*\*\*\***FRIDAY**\*\*\*\* December 28th, 6:00 p.m.

HAMILTON LOOMIS!!!!

"If blues, soul, and rock can be said to form a triangle, you'll find Hamilton Loomis right in the center of it", says Guitar Player Magazine

\$12





# BLUES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

[Sat 12/1]

Blacktop Ramblers, Cannonista & Secret Weapon (09:00pm)  
(Waiting Room)  
Daryl White Band (Havana Garage)  
Honey Boy Turner Band (Gattos Ponderosa Saloon, Weston, NE)

[Sun 12/2]

Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Christy Rossiter & 112 N Duck, Loose Bros (03:00pm) (The 21st Saloon)

[Mon 12/3]

Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone)

[Tue 12/4]

Crabby Blues Band (Shucks Oyster Bar on 119th and Pacific)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Wed 12/5]

Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 12/6]

Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Re-Experienced (Gator OMalleys)

[Fri 12/7]

Levi William Band (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Magick K Band (Havana Garage)  
Tim Keohn (Twisted Tail)

[Sat 12/8]

Blu Simon (Gator OMalleys)  
Brad Cordle Group (09:00pm) (Havana Garage)  
Tim Keohn (06:00pm) (Keg Creek Brewing, Glenwood)

[Sun 12/9]

Jon Dee Graham (05:00pm) (Side Door Lounge)  
Swampboy Blues (03:00pm) (VFW Post 8334)  
The Stimulous Packages (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)  
Toy Drive on 89.7 The River (08:00am) (Lash LaRue Toy Drive on 89.7 The River 8 am-noon)  
Zappa plays Zappa (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)

[Mon 12/10]

Coco Montoya (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone)  
Piano Bar Happy Hour with Emily Bass, FREE, 5-7 pm (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Wildfire (08:00pm) (Brazen Head)  
Zoo Bar House Band (09:30pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Tue 12/11]

Coco Montoya (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Wed 12/12]

Dale Watson (Austin honky-tonk) 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 12/13]

Hector Anchondo Band (Gator OMalleys)  
Scottie Miller Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Swampboy Blues (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Fri 12/14]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Havana Garage)  
Josh Garrett Band (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Peace, Love, Etc. (Firewater Grille)  
Swampboy Blues (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)  
Tijuana Gigolos (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sat 12/15]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Ego Ultralounge)  
Brad Cordle Group (09:00pm) (Havana Garage)  
Steepwater Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sun 12/16]

The Steepwater Band (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Mon 12/17]

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

[Tue 12/18]

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Wed 12/19]

Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)  
Samantha Fish (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Thu 12/20]

Hector Anchondo Band (Gator OMalleys)  
Re-Experienced (Slowdown)  
Samantha Fish (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Susie Thorne Band (09:00pm) (Myth-Old Market)

[Fri 12/21]

Peace, Love, Etc. (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))  
Pounders (Gator OMalleys)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)  
Tijuana Gigolos (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sat 12/22]

Lil Ed and the Blues Imperials (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Peace, Love, Etc. (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))  
Satchel Grande (Waiting Room)

[Sun 12/23]

Jared and the Blues Teachers (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)  
Swampboy Blues (03:00pm) (VFW Post 8334)

[Tue 12/25]

Christmas with Magic Slim (08:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Wed 12/26]

Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 12/27]

Biscuit Miller and the Mix (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Hector Anchondo Band (Gator OMalleys)

[Fri 12/28]

Hamilton Loomis (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)  
Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Stimulus Packages (Gator OMalleys)  
Swampboy Blues (Sullivans Bar)

[Sat 12/29]

Anchondo (Slowdown)  
Johnny Reef and the Shipwrecks (Havana Garage)  
Peace, Love, Etc. (The Arena)  
Swampboy Blues (The Hive)

[Sun 12/30]

Mezcal Brothers (Waiting Room)

[Mon 12/31]

Peace, Love, Etc. (Firewater Grille)  
R Style (Gator OMalleys)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

## HEY BANDS & BARS

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

# BLUES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

[Thu 1/3]

Scott Keeton Band (21st Saloon)

[Sun 1/6]

Swambo Blues (VFW Post 8334)

[Thu 1/10]

Davina and The Vagabonds (21st Saloon)

[Fri 1/11]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Sullivan's Bar)

[Thu 1/17]

Hadden Sayers Band (21st Saloon)

[Thu 1/24]

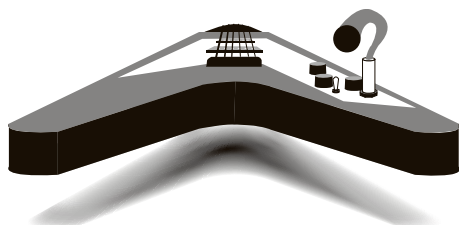
Bel Airs (21st Saloon)

[Thu 1/31]

Randy McAllister (21st Saloon)



Please help the BSO send off  
**LEVI WILLIAM** to the International  
Blues Challenge in Memphis.  
The date is Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
at the 21<sup>st</sup> Saloon, 6pm showtime  
Featuring 2012 Nebraska Blues  
Challenge Winner **LEVI WILLIAM!**

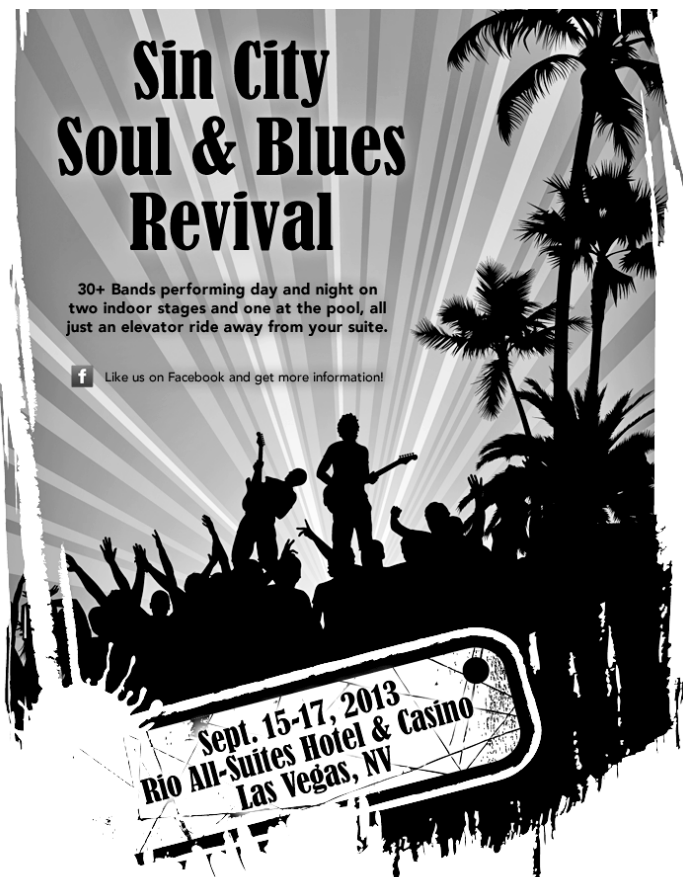


12143 West Center Road  
Omaha, NE 68144  
402-916-5201

**DECEMBER 2012 Band Schedule**  
facebook@Gators Omaha

Sat. 1st .....	Mr. Sinister
Thurs. 6th .....	Re-Experience
Fri. 7th .....	Off The Grid
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Blu Simon
Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	<b>ROCKABILLY</b>
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup> ...Blues Night.....	Hector Anchando
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	R Style
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	R Style
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup> ...Blues Night.....	Hector Anchando
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Pounders
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Balsa Dragon
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> .....	Blues Night Hector Anchando
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	Stimulus Package
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	John Doe
Mon. 31 <sup>st</sup> ...NEW YEARS EVE.....	w/ R Style

Pre-Purchase tickets & Reserve Tables



[www.sincitysoulandbluesrevival.com](http://www.sincitysoulandbluesrevival.com)  
is now up. Check out former BSO  
President Terry O'Halloran's  
latest and greatest promotion!



**7:00PM-10:00PM**  
**THE ZOO BAR**  
**HOUSE BAND - \$3<sup>00</sup>**



# The Scott Keeton Band

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
The 21<sup>st</sup> Saloon



Scott Keeton is a consummate musician. He has been honing his craft as a guitarist, singer/ songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist for the past 24 years. Best known for his exceptional talents on guitar, Keeton has had career opportunities that most musicians only dream of. He has performed at Carnegie Hall in NYC with Eric Idle and Art Garfunkel, and had the pleasure of working with the great Bo Diddley for over 15 years. His academic background is also impressive and extensive. Keeton studied classical guitar at the University of Oklahoma, Family Studies and Gerontology at SNU, and holds a masters degree in Counseling Psychology at SNU. He is a professor of music at The University of Central Oklahoma at the Academy

of Contemporary Music, and is proficient in all aspects of the music business, including production and engineering. Scott Keeton has released 9 full-length recordings since 1996. His last CD, *Living the Dream*, was released in April, 2011.



## Looking for new office space?



Discounts available  
on prime retail and  
business locations.

8 Locations, 2 with Vacancies  
Good Parking • Easy Interstate Access  
Close to Shopping • High Traffic Areas



Call today for more details.  
**330-5530**



*Paul R. Waggener,  
President*

13304 W. Center Rd. • Suite 202 • Omaha, NE 68144

# Listen To This Ad.



## THE STEEPWATER BAND

### CLAVA

"One of the best Rock Albums of the Year!"

- Dennis Cook - Jambase.com

THE NEW ALBUM AVAILABLE ON 180 GRAM VINYL, COMPACT DISC  
& DIGITAL DOWNLOAD @ [WWW.STEEPWATER.COM](http://WWW.STEEPWATER.COM), ITUNES, & AMAZON.

## HIGH AND HUMBLE TOUR 2012-13

**Saturday, Dec. 15th at the Zoo Bar, 9pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 16th at the 21st Saloon, 6pm**

Enjoy these fine Steepwater Band releases from Diamond Day Records:



CLAVA (CATALOG # DDR7111)

LIVE AT THE DOUBLE DOOR (CATALOG # DDR7775)

THE STARS LOOK GOOD TONIGHT - SINGLE (CATALOG # DDR3723)

GRACE AND MELODY (CATALOG # DDR2581)

REVELATION SUNDAY (CATALOG # DDR1318)





## OBS BAND DIRECTORY

<i>Band</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
<b>COUNCIL BLUFFS</b>		
Chasing Daylight .....	Rick Hillyard .....	712-420-1232
The Johnsen Brothers .....	Neil Johnsen .....	545-3564
The Joe Lidgett Blues Band .....	Joe Lidgett .....	712-813-1572
Magick K Band .....	Thomas Kriegshauser .....	712-520-1678
<b>KEARNEY</b>		
The OK Sisters .....	Mark Weinand .....	308-236-8844
<b>LINCOLN</b>		
Blues from the Five .....	Chris S. ....	402-560-7808
Blues Messengers .....	Jake Wiese .....	402-601-4959
Charlie Burton and the Dorothy Lynch Mob .....	Charlie Burton .....	402-476-9254
The Honeyboy Turner Band .....	Harv Brindell .....	402-435-5297
Jared's GoodTime BluesParty .....	Jared Alberico .....	402-474-2473
Jr. Stephens Blues Project .....	Lary Lehman .....	1-800-422-1340
The Mezcal Brothers .....	Gerado Meza .....	402-438-5120
The Tijuana Gigolos .....	Marty Steinhausen .....	402-742-5892
John Walker and the Nightcrawlers .....	John Walker .....	402-466-7254
Levi William .....	Cindy Patton .....	402-580-8549
<b>OMAHA</b>		
112 North Duck .....	Michelle .....	402-210-9378
Back Alley Blues .....	Craig A. Hassa .....	402-594-9147
Backer's Blues .....	Jeff Kangas .....	402-650-8580
Banjo Loco .....	Blind Burrito .....	402-850-0245
Blind Dog Fulton .....	Devon Fulton .....	402-312-4884
Blue House with the Rent to Own Horns .....	Joe Putjenter .....	402-658-2222
The Blues Explosion .....	Dave Skinner .....	402-330-7366
The Blues Mechanics .....	Dr. Spit .....	402-451-5864
Chuck Brown and the Basement Devils .....	Chuck Brown .....	402-610-1522
The Confidentials .....	Stan Spurgeon .....	402-738-9225
Brad Cordle Band .....	Brad Cordle .....	702-533-2427
John Crews Blues .....	John Crews .....	402-714-7634
The Kris Lager Band .....	Kris Lager .....	402-304-7269
Lou DeLuca and the R & M Blues Band .....	Lou DeLuca .....	402-677-7156
Drew and the No Name Blues Band .....	Drew Jude .....	402-714-1244
Elwin James and the Way Outs .....	Zap .....	402-292-6435
Little Joe and Big Trouble .....	Little Joe .....	402-680-2924
The Loose Brothers .....	Gunnar Guenette .....	402-599-9255
Luther James Band .....	L.J. Johnson .....	402-213-5234
Magick K Band .....	Thomas Kriegshauser .....	402-517-8248
The Matt Gagne Blues Experience .....	Matt Gagne .....	402-212-0694
The Mighty Sapphire Kings .....	Bill Ferleman .....	402-658-1785
Mojo Bag .....	Barb Fisher .....	402-968-1127
Mojo Po .....	Mojo Po .....	402-554-8521
Stephen Monroe .....	Stephen Monroe .....	402-699-5905
Sue Murray / The WILDFIRE Band .....	Sue Murray .....	402-533-4791
Jorge Nila and the Jazz Ninjas .....	Jorge Nila .....	402-932-JAZZ
The Omaha Blues Society All-Stars .....	Craig Balderston .....	402-553-1995
Paul Anderson Trio .....	Paul Anderson .....	402-731-6649
Paul Scott Hoagbin Blues Band .....	Paul Scott Hoagbin .....	402-689-1183
The Pounders .....	Gary Johnson .....	402-659-2390
Rhythm Collective Reggae .....	Frank Fong .....	402-556-3568
Runny Nose Pete .....	Steve Byam .....	402-250-8741
Soulfinger .....	Barry Clark .....	thbear57@cox.net
Spike Nelson Trio .....	Mike Nelson .....	402-612-1250
Swampboy .....	Tim Koehn .....	402-981-2574
Susan Thorne Group .....	Susan Thorne .....	402-968-4991
Matt Wallace .....	Matt Wallace .....	402-551-1610
George Walker .....	George Walker .....	402-871-1469

Please send all new and updated band and contact information to [tsedivy@yahoo.com](mailto:tsedivy@yahoo.com).

# **Rick Estrin and the Nightcats performed a high energy show at the 21<sup>st</sup> Saloon on Thanksgiving Eve.**



**Photos by Conrad Good**



# JON DEE GRAHAM RETURNS

Sunday Roadhouse Dec. 9

Side Door Lounge, 5 p.m.

[sundayroadhouse.com](http://sundayroadhouse.com) • [jondeegraham.com](http://jondeegraham.com)

Jon Dee Graham is next up at Dean Dobmeier's and Gary Grobeck's Sunday Roadhouse concert series on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at the Side Door Lounge.

Graham is an iconic figure on the Austin music scene, where he's been for the bulk of his 30-plus year career. He is the only three-time inductee into the Austin Music Hall of Fame. He was a guitarist with seminal Austin punk band TheSkunks and went on to play one of three guitars in the acclaimed Austin band The True Believers with Alejandro Escovedo. It was Escovedo that pushed Graham to sing the new songs he brought to the True Believers, laying the foundation for Graham's eventual solo career as a celebrated songwriter, guitarist and performer. He's also worked as a sideman for artists from John Doe and Kelly Willis to The Gourds. His songs have been covered by Patti Smith, James McMurtry and Patty Griffin.

Graham's luminous hope fuels music that is extraordinarily real, his words ring with the truth of life in all its splendor and heartache and celebrates the human spirit that will not give up. His cynical optimism connects with listeners' hearts and souls.

Don't believe me? Lucinda Williams says simply "Jon Dee Graham is God."

Graham's music speaks to the heart and is a life-preserver for the tired soul. Prepare for the room to levitate with love. Graham delivers equally with heart and musicianship and is a personal favorite. If you like the kind of music I write about and you were only going to see one club show this year, this show should be it. Period. Even if his music doesn't speak to you the way it does to me, I guarantee you'll hear some great stories, beautiful songs, expressive guitar and come away smiling, maybe even believing, if even just a bit, that "something very wonderful is going to happen," as Graham sings in one of his most anthemic songs.

Washington, D.C., award-winning TV producer and filmmaker Mark Finkelppearl created the marvelous 2008 video, *Swept Away, A Rock and Roll Documentary*, telling the story of Graham's music and career to that point and the family life at the center of it all. See the trailer at [treadmillproductions.com](http://treadmillproductions.com).

In July of 2008 Graham survived a near-fatal car accident. It was just six days after Graham had made his second Sunday Roadhouse appearance. The artist fell asleep at the wheel of his car while heading home to Austin, Texas, from Dallas after a solo gig.

Despite breaking his back in two places, breaking and fracturing numerous ribs and undergoing an emergency spleenectomy, Graham was back onstage at his home base of the Continental Club almost a month to the day after the



accident. His music is part of his heartbeat. Graham managed to get the State Trooper who stopped to assist to go back to his precariously positioned car, which could have burst into flames at any moment, to get his beloved guitar.

When Graham retells the story he says that is the one thing you need to know: his guitar and his music are central to his survival.

Graham has seven fine studio recordings to his credit. His latest is *GARAGE SALE* and has received praise from critics and fans alike. His hometown *AUSTIN CHRONICLE*

said Graham is "a man and a musician who wears his battle scars unselfconsciously," saying of the disc "once again Graham has followed his muse to an unexpected plateau." *BLURT ONLINE* writes "It takes someone both confident and self-assured to offer up such a nakedly revealing series of songs...but Graham has seemingly little regard for sprucing up any loose ends. *GARAGE SALE* is mostly devoid of throwaways, and yet chock full of hidden treasures, instead."

The Sunday Roadhouse crowd are particular favorites of Graham's. He's touring with his agent and fellow musician Mike June, who has travelled and performed with Graham in past tours. June proved himself to be a solid songwriter in his own right, rooted in Americana and blues too. His recent kickstarter campaign to complete his *TALKIN' REVOLUTION BLUES* exceeded its goals and he offered limited downloads to benefit the New Jersey folks affected by Hurricane Sandy in his home state of New Jersey.

Seating at the Side Door is limited. Doors open at 4 p.m. It will be a remarkable night of soul-lifting music.

—B.J. Huchtemann

Catch the weekly updated goings-on from my corner of the dance floor in *THE READER* each week in my *Hoodoo* column, or look up my musings online at [thereader.com](http://thereader.com) under the "Music" tab.

JERRY W. KATSKEE  
PARTNER

KATSKEE, HENATSCH & SUING

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

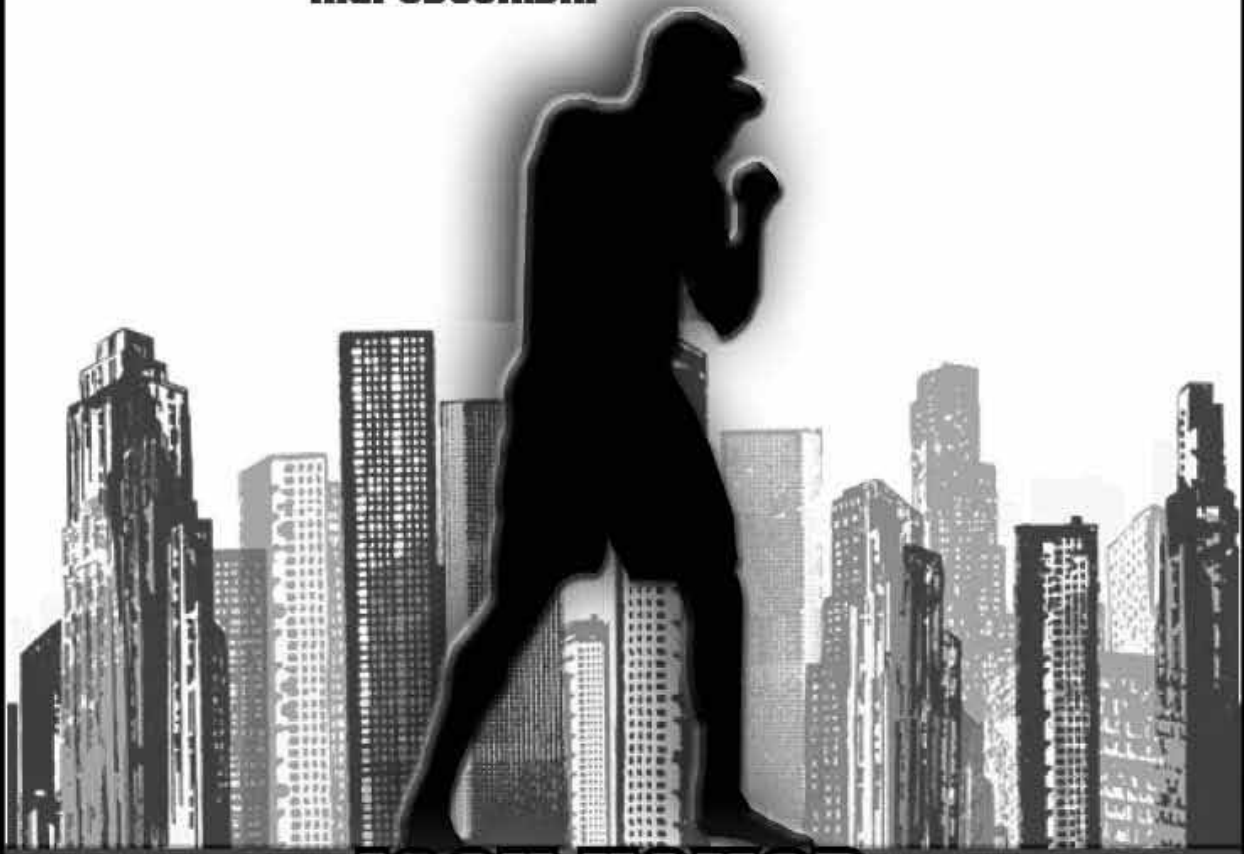
10404 ESSEX COURT, SUITE 100  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68114

OFFICE: 402-391-1697  
RES: 402-493-6724  
FAX: 402-391-8932

EMAIL: [jerry@katskee.com](mailto:jerry@katskee.com)

[www.katskeesuinglaw.com](http://www.katskeesuinglaw.com)

introducing...



**JOSH HOYER** and the  
**SHADOWBOXERS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012**

**ZOO BAR**

**9PM. \$8 COVER**



# — O.B.S. MAILBAG —

“The 1st Tuesday Fund Raiser” is an event sponsored by “Shucks Fish House and Oyster Bar” and “Bailey’s” restaurants on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

The purpose of “The 1st Tuesday Fund Raiser” is to raise money and awareness for local Omaha charities.

Each month a different Omaha charitable group is represented.

This month’s charitable group is Siena Francis House.

10% of what you, the customer, spend at “The 1st Tuesday Fund Raiser” goes to Siena Francis House.

Live BLUES music is performed at “Shucks Fish House and Oyster Bar” at 1218 S 119th (South of 119th & Pacific) by “The Crabby Blues Band” from 6-9 PM on Tuesday December 4th

There is no admission fee.

*Paul Anderson*

Paulanderson1955@yahoo.com

## **NEW YEARS EVE AT UNCLE BO’S / THE RAMADA IN TOPEKA, KS**

*By Jack Spencer*

*Call 785-234-5400 to make reservations*

**Hamilton Loomis - Renecy Ballroom  
Biscuit Miller and The Mix - Grand Ballroom  
The Cate Brothers - Uncle Bo’s  
Back Porch Blues Band - Atrim**

Best Deal - \$250 for 2, 1 room, dinner, all shows,  
champagne toast, breakfast at 1AM,  
and brunch on New Years Day.

Package has early check in, late check out  
1 ticket to all shows, dinner, breakfast \$75.00

### *General Schedule*

Bands start in the Atrim 4-6

Dinner 6-8 in Jefferson room across hall from Uncle Bo’s

8:30 all shows start in different rooms

11:30pm entertainment converges to Atrim  
for champagne, toast etc

12:00 to 12:45 bands concluded

1:00am - 2:00am Breakfast Jefferson area

10:00 to 2:00 Brunch on New Years Day

**A Blues Cruiser friend is putting this festival together.  
Please share with your friends.**

*JAMBOREE @ THE BEACH ~ Hard Rock, Biloxi~March  
6th- 10th 2013*

**5 Days .. 7 Venues .. 25+ Bands .. 67 Shows**

*Music festival on the beach. . . at the park. . . at the pool  
on the Gulf of Mexico!*

67 shows will be held at fabulous venues in the heart of Biloxi. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will host performances during the day poolside at the Wet Spot Bar and Grill which include a leisurely swim-up bar and 40 foot diameter Jacuzzi with a view of the lush sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. At night the Hard Rock will host performances in the ‘Live’ venue, intimate Jams in the ‘Cafe’ venue and Piano Bar performances in the ‘Vibe’ nightclub. Performances will also be held at the white sandy beach at the Palms and in the park at the Festival @ Town Green.

Gulf of Mexico, it’s no surprise this dream is called the Wet Spot.

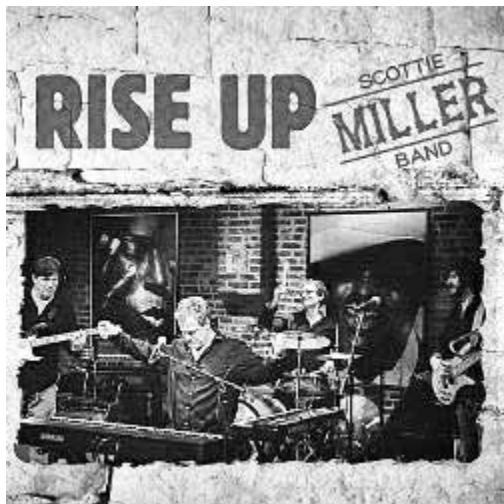
Great classic rockers of Eric Burdon and the Animals, the original “Eddie & the Cruisers” soundtrack artists John Cafferty and The Beaver Brown Band and Vini Lopez from Bruce Springsteen’s original E Street Band will be joined by the greatest New Orleans Rhythm and Blues performers Cyril Neville, Bonerama, Tab Benoit, The Voice of the Wetlands Allstars, Dave Malone and Camille Bedouin from the legendary Radiators, Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience, Susan Cowsill, Jumpin’ Johnny Sansone, Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band, James Andrews, George Porter, Jr and the Runnin’ Parners, Walter “Wolfman” Washington and the Roadmasters and your favorite blues artists, Curtis Salgado, Jimmy Thackery and his tribute to Jimi Hendrix and Dick Dale surf music, Anthony Gomes, Jill West and Blues Attack and Vasti Jackson’s Mississippi Blues Revue plus more to be announced!

Creole, Cajun and the finest Mississippi regional cuisine will be served at barbeques, seafood grilles and boils highlighted by celebrity chefs and famous restaurateurs cooking demonstrations of their favorite dishes inspired by the regions of Louisiana and Mississippi. Make plans now to join us for Jamboree @ the Beach. There are 5-day (VIP), 4-day and 3-day packages available. Each venue will have a VIP section and includes cuisines. Please go to <http://www.tonymart.com/press/download-jamboree-rates-pkg.htm> for pricing information. Please feel free to preregister and save your selected option with no obligation now through November 17, 2012 by sending an email to [Tonymarto@aol.com](mailto:Tonymarto@aol.com) (tell them Michelle sent you). Look for more information and a link to the festival website coming soon at BiloxiBeachJam.com.

*Michelle Olmstead*

## The Scottie Miller Band

Thursday, December 13th  
The 21st Saloon, 5:30pm



"**Rise Up**" is Scottie Miller's eighth release. This CD was partially funded by his very devoted fans through a Kickstarter campaign which raised \$2,900.00 in 30 days to help with production costs and complete the CD. It features the combined talents of the twin-cities based **Scottie Miller Band**; **Mark O'Day - Drums**; **Joe Cruz - Guitars, Mandolin**; **Kevin Rowe - Upright and electric Bass**.

This CD comes at a time when Scottie's career is on a rise with increased touring in the USA and Australia. He also splits his time as touring keyboardist for grammy nominated singer-songwriter **Ruthie Foster**. (**"Live At Antones" - DVD Of The Year 2012 - Blues Music Awards**). Scottie has been with Ruthie Foster since 2008, after they met as a part of the Bo Diddley & Friends Tour in 2006.

"Rise Up" is consistent with Scottie's "wide range" of musical style and songwriting. From the funky and soulful title track of "Rise Up", to the bluegrass tones of "Take Me Home". There is authentic and fun Puerto Rican Cuatro by Joe Cruz on "Until The End Of Days". Honest beauty and soul on "Grace" using only a bowed upright Bass, Nylon stringed acoustic guitar, Steinway grand piano, and vocals, which allow Scottie's voice and singer-songwriter style to come straight to you with haunting, emotional clarity. Scottie is known for his work in the blues, and he continues to prove that the genre has a very wide scope. "Sounds like Donny Hathaway meets Nina Simone at Jackson Browne's house, after a visit with Leon Russell and Dr. John".

## LIL' ED & THE BLUES IMPERIALS CELEBRATE NEW RELEASE IN LINCOLN!

"Full of fire, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials hit the floor running and accelerate from there. High-octane, expressive, fiercely articulated, harrowing intensity, raucous slide."

—Living Blues

Alligator recording artists Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials will celebrate the release of their new Alligator CD, **JUMP START**, with a live performance at The Zoo Bar in Lincoln on Saturday, December 22, 2012. Mixing smoking slide guitar boogies and raw-boned Chicago shuffles with the deepest slow-burners, Lil' Ed Williams and his rip-roaring Blues Imperials -- bassist James "Pookie" Young, guitarist Mike Garrett and drummer Kelly Littleton -- deliver gloriously riotous, rollicking and intensely emotional blues. Currently celebrating 24 history-making years together, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials ply their musical talents with skills that have been honed to a razor's edge. The group won the coveted 2009 Band Of The Year Blues Music Award, the same honor they received in 2007. They were recently awarded the 2012 Living Blues Readers' Award for Best Live Performer. The band won that same distinction in the 2011 Living Blues Critics' Poll. Concert information is as follows:

**Date: Saturday, December 22, 2012**

**Venue: The Zoo Bar**

**Address: 136 North 14th Street**

**City: Lincoln, NE**

**Phone: 402-435-8754**

**Showtime: 6:00pm**

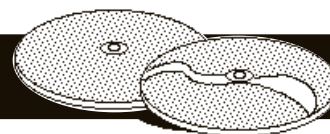
**Ticket price: \$12 advance / \$15 day of show**

**Website: [www.zoobar.com](http://www.zoobar.com)**





# CD Reviews



## Gary Clark Jr. • *Blak and Blu*

Every once and a while we have somebody that comes along and is gonna save the blues! I have news for people, the blues were already saved by Stevie Ray Vaughn and Johnny Winter in the late 70's and early 80's. Gary Clark Jr. is simply the new gunslinger on the block that has put his own spin on the blues and music in general. I was somewhat apprehensive about all the hype, but after one spin through this album—which mixes soul, funk, blues, rock and a light touch of hip hop—I am here to say it is a FANTASTIC record! Gary's voice is a great soul voice and the band on the record is top notch. And, yes, there is even some screaming guitar, but not done in large doses! The second track in is a song called "When My Train Pulls In" and it is not too long after it starts that you will know you are in for a treat! Different styles of soul and blues throughout this wonderful record! The media has called this kid "the next Hendrix." I don't know about that, but he does do a Hendrix cover on it and I love how it is not an obvious one like a hit. It is "Third



Stone From the Sun", which morphs into the Little Johnny Taylor song "If You Love Me Like You Say". Other great songs are the rockin' "Travis County", "Bright Lights", "Numb" and more! I beg of you, run don't walk to your nearest record store and grab this disc! This album is soul funk at its best and, at this point, I would like to discover a new musical term! It is SUNK! It won't be long you will be hearing the kids on the street saying that record is so SUNK! When you hear that you know who you can thank! One last word on this great record. After blowing your mind for an hour with this great release, the very last song is an acoustic slide number called "Next Door Neighbor Blues", as if Gary's saying "I have not forgot about old school." The blues don't need saving, but this c.d. needs to be in your collection! Happy Holidays to you and yours! Happy holidays to my family except my Creepy Uncle Carl!

Love,  
Hogsquat

## Rockin' Johnny Band • *Grim Reaper*

Rockin' Johnny Burgin leads a Chicago based band with a recent release (#820) from Delmark Records, a Chicago based company with a long history of producing music by Chicago blues bands. The Grim Reaper CD runs for a lengthy 62 minutes with 15 tunes consisting of a mix of covers and original songs. It is predominantly loaded with easy going blues with a strong reflection of early Chicago electric blues bands. Johnny does all the vocal work and has a very smooth set of pipes. The CD is not what I would characterize as exciting but it is very true to the blues with very little in the way of up-tempo rockers.

Rockin' Johnny Burgin is apparently back on the scene after a very long and somewhat mysterious disappearance. Back in the 90's his band called Rockin' Johnny and the La-Z-Boys created quite a stir on the Chicago Blues scene. A recent post by the Chicago Blues Guide commented on his comeback stating "it is hard to believe he hadn't touched a guitar in over a decade".

Many of the lyrics on the original songs throughout the disc are interesting and often humorous. One of those is the title song, which is one that he played at the Havana Garage where he did a Friday and Saturday night stand a few weeks ago. While a song about having a discussion



with the grim reaper is a clever concept, it's not something to be taken lightly. He was backed up at this gig by the Honey Boy Turner Band. That blend of sound, their Zoot Suits and Havana's lingering cigar smoke created the perfect backdrop for a '50s/'60s styled Chicago Blues experience. On occasion this show reminded me of a couple of the great early Chicago electric blues bands such as Magic Sam and Otis Rush. In fact, Johnny covers the Otis Rush song "My Baby's A Good 'Un" on this disc. Another song with a quirky

story line is "It's Expensive To Be Broke". What else would you expect with a title like that? Johnny plays some nice guitar throughout the disc. There is plenty of good harmonica as well, played by a guy who goes by the name of Big D. One song features the accompaniment of a horn section, but there are no keys played on this disc. In talking with him after the show at the Havana Garage with some other BSO members I got the impression that he is very interested in returning to the Omaha area. I would recommend attending a show if he does or if you enjoy an easy going blues sound pick up on this CD. Johnny's music merchandise includes a throwback item to the early days with a vinyl 45 RPM record. The A side is one he wrote called "Lonely Guitar" and the B side is Earl Hooker's "Frog Hop", neither of which are on this CD.

--Dan Betts



Blues Society of Omaha, Inc.  
PO Box 241698  
Omaha, NE 68124-

NONPROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
OMAHA NE  
PERMIT NO. 76

Return Service Requested

## Member

# B E N E F I T S

☞ **Monthly newsletter**

☞ **Special events, parties**

☞ **Special pre-sale and  
discounted tickets to selected  
OBS events.**

*...and more*

### Blues Notes Advertising Rates

Ad Size	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Bus. Card	\$20	\$30
1/4 page	\$65	\$100
1/2 page	\$110	\$175
Full page	\$190	\$325

## BLUES NOTES EDITORIAL STAFF

**Editor: Terry Sedivy**

*Contributors:*

Terry Sedivy, AJ Foyt, Michelle Olmstead,  
Charlie Johnson, Jack Spencer, Conrad Good,  
Lynda Grubbs, Nancy Walsh

**Send newsletter comments, suggestions and  
stories to Terry Sedivy at [tsedivy@yahoo.com](mailto:tsedivy@yahoo.com)  
For all other questions, e-mail [questions@bluesgroup.com](mailto:questions@bluesgroup.com)**

### GO GREEN!!!

☐ YES!

I would like to receive  
my newsletter by email.  
No need to mail me a  
newsletter.

### DONOR APPLICATION

Donate online at [www.omahablues.com](http://www.omahablues.com)  
or mail this Application Form to:  
Blues Society of Omaha, Inc.  
P.O. Box 241698  
Omaha, NE 68124



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **Brand New Donor**

\_\_\_\_\_ **General Donor** ..... \$25  
• Monthly Newsletter – Blues Notes  
• 1 Membership Card

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Donor** ..... \$40  
• Monthly Newsletter – Blues Notes  
• 2 Membership Cards

\_\_\_\_\_ **Special Donor** ..... \$75  
• Monthly Newsletter – Blues Notes  
• 2 Membership Cards  
• Name Listed in Blues Notes Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Corporate Donor** ..... \$125  
• Monthly Newsletter – Blues Notes  
• 3 Membership Cards  
• Name Listed in Blues Notes Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Blue Club Donor** ..... \$250  
• Monthly Newsletter – Blues Notes  
• 5 Membership Cards  
• Name Listed in Blues Notes Newsletter  
• 1<sup>st</sup> Month Free Business Card Advertisement

If this donation is a gift, BSO gladly will notify the recipient of your gift.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone # and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit cards also accepted on line at [www.omahablues.com](http://www.omahablues.com) or at most of our BSO events.  
Thank you for your generous support and for helping us Keep the Blues Alive here in Nebraska !!!

Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation

**Keepin' the Blues Alive!**

## BLUES SOCIETY OF OMAHA

**President** ..... Mark Grubbs - [mdgrubbs2612@gmail.com](mailto:mdgrubbs2612@gmail.com) - 402-598-8644  
**Vice President** ..... Glenn Bauer - [hebegb50@cox.net](mailto:hebegb50@cox.net)  
**Treasurer** ..... Jeff Malloy - [ooobaby44@yahoo.com](mailto:ooobaby44@yahoo.com)  
**Asst. Treasurer** ..... Greg Lindberg - [greg@absolutelyfresh.com](mailto:greg@absolutelyfresh.com)  
**Secretary** ..... Lynda Grubbs - [Bluzlvr1@me.com](mailto:Bluzlvr1@me.com) - 402-871-5667  
**Volunteer Coordinators** ..... Lisa & Steve Krueger - 402-619-0309  
**Membership Coordinator** ..... Nancy Walsh - [nwalsh6@cox.net](mailto:nwalsh6@cox.net) - 402-556-0911  
**BSO Lincoln Representative** ..... Moe Jasinski - [moejas1954@aol.com](mailto:moejas1954@aol.com) - 402-489-9033

