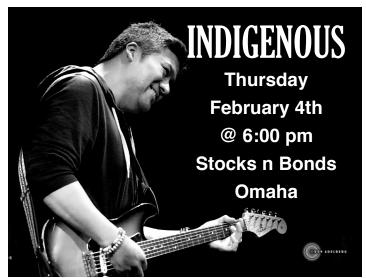


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Indigenous front man, Mato Nanji, was born and raised on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Mato's father, the late Greg Zephier, Sr., was a well-known and highly respected spiritual advisor and spokesperson for the International Indian Treaty Council. In addition to this leadership role, he was an accomplished musician and a member of the musical group, The Vanishing Americans. Formed by Greg and his brothers in the '60's, The Vanishing Americans toured nationally and shared bills with such legends as Bonnie Raitt. Besides being heavily influenced by the music his father and uncles were making, Mato was exposed to Greg's vast collection of blues records by legendary artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan and B.B. King. Consequently, Mato embraced and began utilizing his own musical talent at a young age. With the experience, love and wisdom of their father to guide them, Mato, his brother,

sister and cousin formed the band Indigenous while in their late teens.

In addition to his Indigenous 'day job', Mato Nanji has been a member of the annual Experience Hendrix Tour Band since 2002. Playing alongside original Jimi Hendrix band members Billy Cox and the late Mitch Mitchell, the tour roster includes some of today's blues greats including Chris Layton and Tommy Shannon (Double Trouble), Jonny Lang, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Eric Johnson, and Robert Randolph.

Following their 2012 Experience Hendrix Tour, Nanji collaborated with two of his fellow EHT band mates, David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) and Luther Dickinson (North Mississippi Allstars), delivering the hard-driving, blues-infused album 3 Skulls and the Truth.

With each new tour, national and international, Mato and the boys continue to attract new audiences and expand the fan base. They look forward to each opportunity to bring the music to long time fans as well as those hearing them for the first time.

From the Experience Hendrix Tour website.

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There are many young players on the current international blues scene and Tony Holiday is one that stands out amongst the finest!

Tony Holiday, a Vocalist and Harmonica player hailing from

Memphis TN has been recognized by peers such as

Charlie Musselwhite and James Harman as a rising star in the community and Holiday included both, amongst many others, on his latest release of field recordings Tony Holiday's Porch Sessions where Holiday and Partner Landon Stone have criss-crossed the country recording famous blues musicians and playing with them on their front porches, out with the Vizztone Label January 2019.

Tony, on vocals and harp, brings out that old school voice that is sometimes missing from the Blues scene today. It harkens back to when the Blues were just finding their way in the new electric age. In that transition, the sounds that were coming out of the local independent record labels in Memphis and that you might of heard from the King Biscuit Hour in its later years or on one of the other many stations that spotted the value of the Blues. His passion and vocal strength with a soulman's heart and wicked sense of impish humor blend to let you enjoy those deep blues and then chuckle when you might not otherwise have done so at the sometimes dark current of Blues. He has the ability to make you laugh in the face of pain so that you can take that next step by turning on your heel and walking into the light where he's got a tune for you there for you to meet vour next ex-wife on the dance floor and make some memories.

With him on guitar is Landon Stone. Tall and lean with the brooding face of so many guitarists who have melded with the instrument, he places a perfect counterpoint to Tony's harp. When the two play off of one another, well... frankly... you forget your damp and tired and hungry after a long rainy day of festival music, and you just have fun!

Holiday fearlessly crosses the line between traditional Blues and Soul and modern day Americana with brilliant writing expressing Holiday's poetic side, humor and touching on issues like Love, Heartache and Stories from Holiday's traveling lifestyle. A combination of a family man and a road dog, Holiday finds the balance in his life as well as his music. Keeping a tight leash on his vocal control and harmonica tone Holiday has been named in the top 10 young harmonica players in the country via Rick Estrin and Blues Harmonica Player Forum.

From the Artist's Website



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[Thu Feb 04]

Indigenous @ Stocks & Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Joe & Tay Singer Songwriter Duo at The Jewell (7:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Feb 05]

Steve Dallas & Kevin Lloyd @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

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Ranky Tanky at The Holland Center (7:30 pm) (The Holland Center) Swampboy Blues Band @ Lux Lounge (8:30 pm) (LUX Lounge)

[Sat Feb 06]

2nd Anniversary Celebration Featuring Omaha Artists at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)
Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

[Thu Feb 11]

Tony Holiday & The Velvetones @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Doyle Tipler Quartet with Special Guest Darren Pettit at The Jewell (7:30 pm) (The Jewell) Jason Mayer at Lux Lounge with Special Guest Aria Stiles (9:00 pm) (LUX Lounge)

Scott Moyer Band @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)
Pop Singer Songwriter Pianist Victoria Orlega with David Hawkins Band at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

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[Sun Feb 14]

An Intimate Valentine's Concert with Jazz Vocalist Jackie Allen at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

Josh Vowell Blues Band @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Singer Songwriter JOCELYN at The Jewell – Presented by PELLA (7:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Feb 19] OLUS @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

Twin Tenors Featuring Jorge Nila & Matt Wallace at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Sat Feb 20]

Daniel and The Deliverance at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Kali Indiana at Lux Lounge (8:30 pm) (LUX Lounge)
Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm) ()

[Sun Feb 21]

Josh Hoyer Solo at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

[Thu Feb 25] Stone Cutters Union @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Pete Fucinaro Trio at The Jewell (7:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Feb 26]

Tim Budig @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)
Blue House with the Rent To Own Horns @ Copacabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

[Sat Feb 27]

Singer Songwriter Topher Booth with NATION at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell) Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm) () Johnny Cash Birthday Celebration w/Church of Cash @ Buck's Bar and Grill, 27849 W Center, Venice (9:00 pm) (Buck's Bar & Grill)

[Sun Feb 28]

Josh Hoyer Solo at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Mar 05]

Josh Vowell and the Rumble @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

[Sat Mar 06]

The Grace Giebler Project at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet - The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm) ()

[Sun Mar 07]

Darryl White Quartet Featuring Denver Pianist Jeff Jenkins at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewéll)



Travis the Band @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Alicia Olatuja at The Holland Center (7:30 pm) (The Holland Center)

[Fri Mar 12]

Ninja Phunk @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

Andre Vander Velde Band at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

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Big Wade & The Black Swan Theory at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)
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[Sun Mar 14]
Josh Hoyer Solo at The Jewell (7:00 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Mar 19]

Old No. 5's @ The B. Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar) Ryan Kisor Trio with Special Guest Danny Embrey at the Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Sat Mar 20]

Raul Midon at the 1200 Club (7:30 pm) (1200 Club at Holland Performing Arts)

Uptown Saturday Nights > With the Terry Parker Quartet – The Omaha Lounge (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

[Fri Mar 26]

Vocalist Nikki Boulay & Friends at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Sat Mar 27]

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Stone Cutters Union creates rocking blues and funk that are simultaneously doleful and joyous, traditional and modern, sacred and profane. All delivered with energy, humor, and reckless abandon. They are a cross section of the beating heart of Kansas City blues.

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From the Artist's Website.



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Vowell started playing music at a young age and played his way through a variety of genres, eventually returning to the Blues.

"I started playing guitar when I was eight and I've gone through a lot of evolutions," Vowell said. "I've played rock, metal, country, all of those, but I eventually settled down to the Blues."

Influenced by artist such as Albert Collins, Albert King, B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan, the band released its first original album in 2013.

From cjonline.com and the Artist's Facebook page.

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### CD Review



# Larkin Poe Kindred Spirits

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Sisters Rebecca and Megan Lovell are Larkin Poe. That is the name of their great, great, great, great, great-grandfather, who was a distant cousin to Edgar Allan Poe. Rebecca is the younger of the two, playing guitar and handling lead vocals. Megan plays lap steel guitar and sings harmony vocals. "Kindred Spirits" is their sixth

studio album. The 11 songs are acoustic covers from some of their musical heroes. Most of the songs have a somber tone however there are a few upbeat tunes.

The album starts off with a 43 second snippet of them covering Robert Johnson's "Hellhound On My Trail". It was disappointing that they did not continue with the entire song. That song rolls into their interpretation of "Fly Away" by Lenny Kravitz and Megan's greasy lap steel sound takes you deep into the Delta. A pared down version of Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World" is up next. It is a complete 180 degree turn from Young's powerhouse guitar and vocals, but they get the message across. The melancholy mood continues with an interesting twist on Elvis Presley's "(You're The) Devil In Disguise". By now I'm ready for a little pick-me-up.

No such luck with the next two songs. "In The Air Tonight" by Phil Collins and "Nights In White Satin" by The Moody Blues are fairly sorrowful songs to begin with. Rebecca's vocals and Megan's slide playing carry the songs through. Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love" gets the blood pumping but the tide turns back with "Take What You Want" by rapper Post Malone. You might recognize Post Malone from the Doritos commercial where he gets a face tattoo.

The album closes out with covers of three classic songs, "Ramblin' Man" (The Allman Brothers Band), "Bell Bottom Blues" (Derek & The Dominoes), and "Crocodile Rock" (Elton John). The exceptional talent and chemistry of the Lovell sisters is obvious. The mood they set for the album was intentional. It's not a get up and dance album but their musicianship is stunning.

Glenn Bauer

Check ouf B.J. Huchiemann's column Hoodoo Blues monthly in the Omaha READER for info on upcoming shows and other news in the roofs-blues music scene.

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What the Church of Cash has that no one else can match is their loyalty to the song and the message that Johnny left to all of us. The band merely keeps this word alive with a youthful spirit that has entertained audiences completely.

From the Artist's website.



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