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## The Central Iowa Blues Society Winter BluesFest

Sat. Jan. 28, 2012, 5pm  
DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT  
700 Grand Avenue • Des Moines, IA

Ten bands on six stages, \$15.00 day of show.  
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THE LIL' SLIM BLUES BAND!*

Step out of the Winter Blahs and into the Blues at...



A benefit for Operation BBQ For Our Troops

## 3RD ANNUAL WINTER BLUES & BBQ

A Benefit for Operation BBQ For Our Troops - Midwest Division

**When:**

Saturday, February 25th  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Bands begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:**

"The Barn"  
located at 15220 Military Road  
(the intersection of Military & State Streets)



*Headlining will be three-  
time Grammy Elected  
Australian Blues musician  
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## POPA CHUBBY

Saturday, January 21, 8:00 PM  
Scott Recital Hall  
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The following artists will perform at  
**21st Saloon located at 4737 S. 96th St. in Omaha, NE**  
— All shows at 5:30pm —

1/5.....Hadden Sayers Band  
1/12..... Moreland and Arbuckle  
1/19.....Hamilton Loomis  
1/26..... Mike Zito  
2/02.....Lil Ed and The Blues Imperials



MIKE ZITO

## 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 600 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 – 9:00-11:00am "The Ride" • 3:00-6:00pm "My Deja Blues"

Thursday – 3:00-6:00pm "Used Rock Blues"

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

Friday – 4:30-6:00pm "A Blues Oasis"

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9/29/12

**DARDEN SMITH**

10/13/12

*Artist Donation Requested for all shows*

*100% of all proceeds go to the artists*

*A little bit about FolkHouse...*

For *most* shows, a fifteen or twenty dollar per person donation is suggested. ALL proceeds go directly to the performers. We are not a business and do not make any money from our concerts. If we were trying to make money, we'd have been out of business a long time ago! FolkHouse is simply a labor of love that gives us great pleasure by opening our home to music lovers and the artists we enjoy.

Sorry, we are not wheelchair accessible, this is our private residence (2440 Fontenelle Blvd. in Omaha), but if a person with disabilities would like to attend a concert, we will do what we can to accommodate. Since the concerts are actually in our home, seating is limited. Please call or email in advance to reserve a seat. Plus, it gives us an idea of the size of the audience to expect on the night of the show.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list or placed on the guest list for an upcoming concert, please call (402)932-8551 or send an email to folkhouse@cox.net. There is limited parking in our driveway and no parking is allowed on Fontenelle Blvd., but there is parking available on all the surrounding side streets. Coffee, soft drinks and light refreshments provided. Feel free to add to the snack table if so inclined. BYOB if you're over 21.



## LEVI WILLIAM IN 2012!

Friday and Saturday Jan 13th & 14th-Lincoln-Bob's Tavern-9:30pm

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Saturday Jan 21st-The Zoo Bar-Lincoln-9:30pm

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Friday Feb 10th-Bob's Tavern-Lincoln-9:30pm

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**When:** Saturday, February 25th • Doors open at 6:00 p.m. • Bands begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** "The Barn" – located at 15220 Military Road (the intersection of Military & State Streets)



The event will raise money and awareness about OBFOT while entertaining guests with music from two incred-

ible Blues bands and award-winning bbq.

Tickets will go on sale **January 2nd, 2012**

for \$20 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased on-line by clicking the "Add to Cart" button to the right, by emailing info@operationbbqmw.org. or by calling (402) 709-0153.

Tickets purchased prior to the event either by phone, email or through the website will be mailed to your home mailing address. **Tickets**

**purchased after February 14, 2012 will be kept at will-call at the entrance to the event.**



Operation BBQ for Our Troops - Midwest Division is a branch of the national Operation BBQ for Our Troops organization which was established in 2002 with the mis-



sion "to honor those who protect our freedoms, and their loved ones, with the hospitality of

the uniquely American meal of BBQ." OBFOT is a non-partisan group of BBQ Competition Teams, Backyard BBQers, and BBQ enthusi-

asts that come together to show their appreciation by providing deploying or returning military



members, their families and veterans a meal that centers around the uniquely American food of BBQ. It is strictly a not-for-profit organization whose only way of raising money is through in-kind donations and sponsorships from

local communities, companies and its citizens. All meals served are free to military members and their families.

**Headlining will be three-time Grammy Elected Australian Blues musician MICHAEL CHARLES!**



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# TAB BENOIT AT THE SLOWDOWN

My first exposure to the Slowdown and I liked what I saw...Limited tables and chairs but a huge dance floor and places to stand right up against the elevated stage and a balcony level with additional seating against the rail.



The Kris Lager Band opened the show @ 7:00 and played for a solid hour... really good stuff and especially liked the slide guitar Kris played on his lap

while seated. Lincoln and Omaha is truly blessed with local

talent most of which are deserving of a much bigger following, so it's good Kris and the boys got to open for someone like Tab Benoit, Grammy nominated who tours nationally. I'm sure by doing this the KLB band made a few new fans and friends in Omaha tonight.



Tab Benoit has long been one of my favorite performers. Tonight he could only manage a 2½ hour set. Are you kidding me? Nobody plays for that long any-



more. Fortunately Tab does not fall in the pigeon

holed category of everyone else! He truly loves playing, and he feeds off the energy of the crowd to which he is playing.



Tab and his band, Brady Blade on drums and Corey Duplechin on bass, are touring to support their new album "Medicine" which debuted #1 on iTunes #2 on Amazon and #5 on Billboard really gave the crowd their money's worth tonight! Tab



then called up Kris Lager for an extended encore which lasted another 20 minutes or so with great back and forth between both guitar players, really great to see Kris share the stage with Tab.



This night was a membership drive for the Blues Society of Omaha Terry O told me that there were about 100 current members and 130 non members at this show and 99 of the newcomers joined for the first time and took advantage of the "Green Membership" to receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail only! "Most excellent" were Terry O's words.

Tab and the boys are back in Omaha in March at the 21st Saloon, save the date!

—Conrad Good



**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/>**

# 33RD BLUES MUSIC AWARDS - THURSDAY MAY 10, 2012

The 33rd Blues Music Awards will be Thursday May 10, 2012 at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Major funding is provided by ArtsMemphis and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

The 33rd Blues Music Awards are sponsored by Blue Mountain Artists, BMI, Catfood Records, Eagle Rock Entertainment, FedEx, First Tennessee Foundation, Gibson Foundation, Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company and Sony/Legacy Records.

Once again, The Blues Music Awards will be broadcast live in their entirety on Sirius XM's B.B. King's Bluesville. The next best thing to being there. They will be broadcast on public television later in the year.

The 2012 show will follow the format of the critically-acclaimed shows of recent years. Close to 100 nominees attend and the night is filled with their appearances and performances in a cabaret/dinner setting in the Convention Center's ballroom.

The event brings together Blues performers, industry representatives and fans from all over the world to celebrate the best in Blues recordings and performances from the previous year. Each year, the Foundation presents The Blues Music Awards to the artists selected by its members. They are universally recognized as the highest honor given to Blues artists. As always, a pre-party will immediately precede the Awards.

The Blues Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Charter Members' Dinner will be held the night before on Wednesday, May 9. Contact The Blues Foundation about becoming a Charter Member in order to attend this star-studded event.

## ACOUSTIC ALBUM

*Brand New Eyes* **Doug MacLeod**  
*Conversations in Blue* **David Maxwell & Otis Spann**  
*Misery Loves Company* **Mary Flower**  
*Shake 'Em on Down* **Rory Block**  
*Troubadour Live* **Eric Bibb**

## ACOUSTIC ARTIST

David Maxwell  
 Doug MacLeod  
 Eric Bibb  
 Guy Davis  
 Mary Flower  
 Rory Block

## ALBUM OF THE YEAR

*Chicago Blues A Living History the (R)evolution Continues*  
**Billy Boy Arnold, John Primer, Billy Branch,**  
**Lurrie Bell, Carlos Johnson**  
*Evening* **Sugar Ray & the Bluetones**  
*Medicine* **Tab Benoit**  
*Revelator* **Tedeschi Trucks Band**  
*Rock and a Hard Place* **Eugene Hideaway Bridges**  
*The Lord is Waiting and the Devil is Too* **Johnny Sansone**

## B.B. KING ENTERTAINER

Candye Kane  
 Lil' Ed  
 Ruthie Foster  
 Tab Benoit  
 Tommy Castro

## BAND

Lil Ed & the Blues Imperials  
 Sugar Ray & the Bluetones  
 Tedeschi Trucks Band  
 The Bo-Keys  
 Tommy Castro Band  
 Trampled Under Foot

## BEST NEW ARTIST DEBUT

*Bad Girl* **Demetria Taylor**  
*Choice Cuts* **Big Pete**  
*Leave The Light On* **Sena Ehrhardt**  
*Runaway* **Samantha Fish**  
*The Mighty Mojo* **The Mighty Mojo Prophets**

## CONTEMPORARY BLUES ALBUM

*Don't Explain* **Beth Hart & Joe Bonamassa**  
*Medicine* **Tab Benoit**  
*The Lord is Waiting and the Devil is Too* **Johnny Sansone**  
*The Skinny* **Ian Siegal & the Youngest Sons**  
*Tommy Castro Presents The Legendary*  
*Rhythm & Blues Revue--Live!* **Various Artists**  
*Unconditional* **Ana Popovic**

## CONTEMPORARY BLUES FEMALE ARTIST

Ana Popovic  
 Bettye LaVette  
 Candye Kane  
 Janiva Magness  
 Susan Tedeschi

## CONTEMPORARY BLUES MALE ARTIST

Joe Louis Walker  
 Johnny Sansone  
 JP Soars  
 Tab Benoit  
 Tommy Castro

## DVD

*Live At Antone's* **Ruthie Foster** (Blue Corn)  
*All Jams on Deck* **Various Artists**



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*An Evening at Trasimeno Lake* **Ana Popovic** (ArtisteXclusive)  
*Live at Montreux 2010* **Gary Moore** (Eagle Rock)  
*Play the Blues* **Wynton Marsalis & Eric Clapton** (Rhino)  
*The Emporium to the Orpheum* **Trampled Under Foot**  
 (Redwood)

**GIBSON GUITAR AWARD**

Derek Trucks  
 Duke Robillard  
 Kirk Fletcher  
 Lurrie Bell  
 Michael Burks

**HISTORICAL ALBUM**

**Bear Family** *Texas Flyer 1974-76* (Freddie King)

**Chess** *Smokestack Lightning/The Complete Chess Masters 1951-1960* (Howlin' Wolf)

**Delmark** *Hoodoo Man Blues* (Junior Wells  
 Chicago Blues Band with Buddy Guy)

**Electro-Fi** *Teardrops Are Falling - Live in 1983*  
 (George "Harmonica" Smith)

**Virgin** *The Essential Modern Records Collection*  
 (Etta James)

**INSTRUMENTALIST-BASS**

Biscuit Miller  
 Danielle Schnebelen  
 Larry Taylor  
 Michael "Mudcat" Ward  
 Patrick Rynn

**INSTRUMENTALIST-DRUMS**

Chris Layton  
 Jimi Bott  
 Kenny Smith  
 Robb Stupka  
 Stanton Moore  
 Tony Braunagel

**INSTRUMENTALIST-HARMONICA**

Charlie Musselwhite  
 Kim Wilson  
 Lazy Lester  
 Rick Estrin  
 Sugar Ray Norcia

**INSTRUMENTALIST-HORN**

Al Basile  
 Doug James  
 Keith Crossan  
 Sax Gordon  
 Terry Hanck

**INSTRUMENTALIST-OTHER**

Ben Prestage, diddley bow  
 Lionel Young, violin  
 Otis Taylor, banjo  
 Rich Del Grosso, mandolin  
 Sonny Rhodes, lap steel guitar

**KOKO TAYLOR AWARD (TRADITIONAL BLUES FEMALE)**

Diunna Greenleaf  
 Maria Muldaur  
 Nora Jean  
 Ruthie Foster  
 Tracy Nelson

**PINETOP PERKINS PIANO PLAYER**

David Maxwell  
 Eden Brent  
 Jon Cleary  
 Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne  
 Marcia Ball  
 Victor Wainwright

**ROCK BLUES ALBUM**

*2120 South Michigan Ave.*  
**George Thorogood & the Destroyers**  
*Dust Bowl* **Joe Bonamassa**  
*Greyhound* **Mike Zito**  
*Man In Motion* **Warren Haynes**  
*Shiver Too Slim and the Taildraggers*

**SONG**

*Appreciate What You Got* **Terry Hanck**  
 (Look Out! - Terry Hanck)

*Back to the Blues* **Hadden Sayers**  
 (Hard Dollar - Hadden Sayers)

*Memphis Still Got Soul* **Bob Trenchard & Johnny Rawls**  
 (Memphis Still Got Soul - Johnny Rawls)

*Thank You for Giving Me the Blues* **Grady Champion,**  
**Zac Harmon & Chris Troy** (Dreamin' - Grady Champion)

*The Lord is Waiting, the Devil is Too* **Johnny Sansone**  
 (The Lord is Waiting and the Devil is Too - Johnny Sansone)

*The Older I Get the Better I Was* **Joe Shelton** (The Older I  
 Get the Better I Was - Big Joe Shelton)

**SOUL BLUES ALBUM**

*Dreamin'* **Grady Champion**  
*Got to Get Back!* **The Bo-Keys**  
*Memphis Still Got Soul* **Johnny Rawls**  
*Rock and a Hard Place* **Eugene Hideaway Bridges**  
*Show You A Good Time* **Bobby Rush**

**SOUL BLUES FEMALE ARTIST**

Alexis P. Suter  
 Denise LaSalle  
 Jackie Johnson  
 Sharrie Williams  
 Sista Monica Parker

**SOUL BLUES MALE ARTIST**

Bobby Rush  
 Curtis Salgado  
 Eugene Hideaway Bridges  
 Johnny Rawls  
 Otis Clay

**TRADITIONAL BLUES ALBUM**

*Chicago Blues A Living History the (R)evolution Continues*  
**Billy Boy Arnold, John Primer, Billy Branch,**  
**Lurrie Bell, Carlos Johnson**  
*Evening* **Sugar Ray & the Bluetones**  
*Trying To Hold On* **Diunna Greenleaf**  
*Victim Of The Blues* **Tracy Nelson**  
*You Better Listen* **Lazy Lester**

**TRADITIONAL BLUES MALE ARTIST**

Charlie Musselwhite  
 John Primer  
 Lazy Lester  
 Mac Arnold  
 Magic Slim

## CURRENT BLUES CALENDAR VENUES

Ameristar Casino, 2200 River Road, Council Bluffs, IA 712-328-8888 [www.ameristar.com/Council\\_Bluffs.aspx](http://www.ameristar.com/Council_Bluffs.aspx)  
 Anchor Inn, 2499 Freedom Park Road, Omaha 402-341-1313 [www.anchorinnbar.com](http://www.anchorinnbar.com)  
 Barley Street Tavern, 2735 North 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (62<sup>nd</sup> & Maple), Omaha 402-408-0028, [www.barleystreet.com](http://www.barleystreet.com)  
 Beer and Loathing in Dundee, 4949 Underwood Avenue, Omaha 402-614-4999 [www.beerandloathingdundee.com](http://www.beerandloathingdundee.com)  
 Bogies Bar & Grill, 3305 Old Maple Road (just west of I-680), Omaha 402-493-8000 [www.bogiesofomaha.com](http://www.bogiesofomaha.com)  
 Blues at SouthPointe Pavilions, 2910 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln 402-421-2114 [www.southpointeshopping.com](http://www.southpointeshopping.com)  
 Bourbon Theatre, 1415 O Street, Lincoln, no phone available on website [bourbontheatre.com](http://bourbontheatre.com)  
 Brass Monkey Sports Bar, 5611 South 36th Street (36<sup>th</sup> and V), Omaha 402-991-4920  
 Brewskys, 8528 Park Drive, Omaha 402-201-2739 [www.brewskys.com](http://www.brewskys.com) (because there are 2 Brewskys in Omaha and 4 in Lincoln, please double check the location of any show at Brewskys)  
 Davies Amphitheater, Glenwood Lake Park, Glenwood, IA [glenwoodnet.com/davies/](http://glenwoodnet.com/davies/)  
 Deuces Lounge, 12107 Emmet Street, Omaha 402-505-8138  
 Ding A Ling Bar, 14630 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Raymond, NE 402-783-2555  
 Firewater Grille, inside Comfort Inn at 7007 Grover Street, Omaha 402-452-3473 [www.firewatergrille.com](http://www.firewatergrille.com)  
 501 Bar and Grill, 501 West A Street, Lincoln 402-476-0330  
 Gator OMalleys Pub, 12143 West Center Road, Omaha 402-916-5201. [www.gatoromalleys.com](http://www.gatoromalleys.com)  
 The Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln 402-474-7575 [www.grovelincoln.com](http://www.grovelincoln.com)  
 The Hangout, 14901 Industrial Road, Omaha 402-333-8185  
 Harrahs Casino / Stir Cove / Stir Live and Loud, 1 Harrahs Boulevard, Council Bluffs 712-329-6000 [www.harrahscouncilbluffs.com](http://www.harrahscouncilbluffs.com)  
 Havana Garage, 1008 Howard Street (Old Market), Omaha 402-614-3800 [www.thehavanagarage.com](http://www.thehavanagarage.com)  
 Heartland Cafe, 2615 N. Main St., Elkhorn, NE 402-289-4844 [www.heartlandcafe.net](http://www.heartlandcafe.net)  
 Heron Bay, 21215 S Highway 50, Springfield, NE 402-253-2616  
 Hog Stop BBQ, 3621 9th Ave, Council Bluffs 712-328-2277 <http://www.hogstopbbq.com>  
 Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th & Douglas Streets, Omaha 402-345-0202 [www.omahaperformingarts.org](http://www.omahaperformingarts.org)  
 I-80 Speedway, 14200 238<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenwood, NE 402-659-3301 or 402-342-3453 [www.neracewaypark.com/I80Speedway](http://www.neracewaypark.com/I80Speedway)  
 James Arthur Vineyards, 2001 West Raymond Road, Raymond, NE 402-783-5255 [www.jamesarthurvineyards.com](http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com)  
 Jazz a Louisiana Kitchen, 1421 Farnam Street, Omaha 402-342-3662 [www.jazzkitchens.com](http://www.jazzkitchens.com)  
 Knickerbockers, 901 O Street, Lincoln 402-476-6865 [knickerbockers.net](http://knickerbockers.net)  
 Keno King Lounge, 6553 Ames Street, Omaha 402-991-5464 [kenokingomaha.com](http://kenokingomaha.com)  
 LaVista Summer Concert Series, LaVista Public Library, 9110 Giles Road, LaVista [www.cityoflavista.org](http://www.cityoflavista.org)  
 The Loose Moose, 4915 N 120th Street (120<sup>th</sup> & Fort), Omaha 402-933-2040 [theloosemooseomaha.com](http://theloosemooseomaha.com)  
 Louis Bar and Grill, 5702 NW Radial Hwy, Omaha 402-551-5993 [www.louisbar.com](http://www.louisbar.com)  
 McKennas, 7425 Pacific Street, Omaha 402-393-7427 [www.mckennasbbb.com](http://www.mckennasbbb.com)  
 Millard VFW, 5083 S 136th Street, Omaha 402-895-5656  
 The O Bar, 2640 Bob Boozer Drive (near 156<sup>th</sup> and West Center Road), Omaha  
 Ozone, 7220 F Street inside Anthonys Steakhouse, Omaha 402-331-7575 [www.ozoneclubomaha.com](http://www.ozoneclubomaha.com)  
 Perrys Place, 9652 Mockingbird Drive, Omaha 402-592-3230  
 Plattsmouth Eagles Club, 209 S 23, Plattsmouth, NE 402-296-5257  
 PS Collective/Pizza Shoppe Collective, 6056 Maple Street, Omaha 402-556-9090 [pscollective.com](http://pscollective.com)  
 Ricks Boatyard, 345 Riverfront Drive, Omaha 402-345-4545 [www.rickscafeboatyard.com](http://www.rickscafeboatyard.com)  
 Road House Bar and Grill, 1501 Center Park Rd # 300, Lincoln 402-420-6262  
 Rococo Theatre, 140 North 13th Street (13<sup>th</sup> and P Streets), Lincoln 402-476-6540 | Box Office: 402.476.4467 [www.rococotheatre.com](http://www.rococotheatre.com)  
 Shucks Fish House & Oyster Bar, 1218 South 119th Street, Omaha 402-827-4376 AND 16901 Wright Plaza # 198, Omaha 402-763-1860 [www.absolutelyfresh.com](http://www.absolutelyfresh.com)  
 Side Door Lounge, 3530 Leavenworth, Omaha 402-504-3444  
 Soaring Wings Vineyard, 17111 South 138th Street, Springfield, NE 402-253-2479 [www.soaringwingswine.com](http://www.soaringwingswine.com)  
 Sumtur Amphitheater, 11691 South 108 Street, Papillion 402-597-2041 [www.sumtur.org](http://www.sumtur.org)  
 Tin Lizzy Tavern, 1682 E. 23rd Street North, Fremont, NE 402-727-7677 [www.tinlizzytavern.com](http://www.tinlizzytavern.com)  
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# BLUES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

[Sun 1/1]  
Swamp Jam (Millard VFW)

[Tue 1/3]  
Benefit for Quality Living Inc (Shucks Oyster Bar on 119th and Pacific)

[Wed 1/4]  
Hadden Sayers Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Thu 1/5]  
Hadden Sayers Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Soul Finger (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Swamp Jam (The Obar)  
The Wailers (Bourbon Theatre)

[Fri 1/6]  
Filter Kings (Waiting Room)  
Jared and the Blues Teachers (The Obar)  
MFN Bad Sneakers (Ozone)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)

[Sat 1/7]  
VooDoo Method (Waiting Room)

[Sun 1/8]  
Swamp Jam (03:00pm) (Millard VFW)

[Mon 1/9]  
Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Wed 1/11]  
Moreland and Arbuckle (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Thu 1/12]  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Matt Wallace Fusion Force (Glo Lounge (Midtown Crossing))  
Moreland and Arbuckle (21st Saloon)  
Swamp Jam (The Obar)

[Fri 1/13]  
Blacktop Ramblers (Waiting Room)  
Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Barley Street Tavern,62nd & Maple)  
Leon Adams Funk Trio (08:00pm) (Glo Lounge (Midtown Crossing))  
Levi Willam (Bobs Tavern)  
Matt Wallace Fusion Force (Glo Lounge (Midtown Crossing))  
MFN Bad Sneakers (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S. 24th St.,402 344-2850)  
The Honeyboy Turner Band (Uncle Larry's, Fremont)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sat 1/14]  
Back Alley Blues Band (09:00pm) (The Observatory)  
Blind Dog Fulton (The Roadhouse, West Point)  
Blind Dog Reggae and Blues (POGO Bobs)  
Leon Adams Funk Trio (08:00pm) (Glo Lounge (Midtown Crossing))  
Levi Willam (Bobs Tavern)

[Sun 1/15]  
Jerry Pranksters (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
MFN Bad Sneakers (07:00pm) (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)  
Swamp Jam (03:00pm) (Millard VFW)

[Mon 1/16]  
Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Tue 1/17]  
Lydia Loveless (Waiting Room)

[Thu 1/19]  
Brad Cordle Band (06:30pm) (Ozone)  
Hamilton Loomis (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Rockin Jake (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Swamp Jam (The Obar)

[Fri 1/20]  
Honey Boy Turner Band (Son Valley Bar and Grill)  
Levi Willam (Road House Bar and Grill (Lincoln))

[Sat 1/21]  
Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Nomad Lounge,1013 Jones St.,402-844-1231)  
Levi Willam (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Poppa Chubby (08:00pm) (Holland Performing Arts Center / 1200 Club)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sun 1/22]  
Levi Willam (501 Bar and Grill, Lincoln)  
Swamp Jam (03:00pm) (Millard VFW)

[Mon 1/23]  
Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Wed 1/25]  
Mike Zito (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Thu 1/26]  
Blind Dog Fulton (American Dream)  
Honey Boy Turner Band (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Mike Zito (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Swamp Jam (The Obar)

[Fri 1/27]  
Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
Honey Boy Turner Band (Dugans FAC)  
MFN Bad Sneakers (Firewater Grille)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Sullivan's Bar)



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Honey Boy Turner Band (Havana Garage)  
 Rockabilly Night-1 Year Anniversary Multi-Band (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
 WGO Soul Revue (Ozone)

[Sun 1/29]

Rythm Collective (Gator OMalley's Pub)  
 Swamp Jam (03:00pm) (Millard VFW)

[Mon 1/30]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Thu 2/2]

Lil Ed and the Blues Imperials (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 2/3]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Road House Bar and Grill (Lincoln))  
 Lil Ed and the Blues Imperials (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 2/4]

Levi Willam (501 Bar and Grill, Lincoln)

[Fri 2/10]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Havana Garage)  
 Levi Willam (Bobs Tavern)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 2/11]

Blue House with the Rent to Own Horns (03:30pm) (Beertopia)  
 Honey Boy Turner Band (Doghouse Bar and Grill, Wymore)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)

[Fri 2/17]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Micek Bar, Columbus, NE)  
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Firewater Grille)

[Sat 2/18]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Micek Bar, Columbus, NE)  
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Gator OMalley's Pub)

[Tue 2/21]

Swampboy Blues Band (Goodtimes Bar)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)

[Wed 2/22]

Trampled Under Foot (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Fri 2/24]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Duggans Pub FAC)  
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Ozone)

[Sat 2/25]

Honey Boy Turner Band (The Old Pub, Lincoln, NE)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sun 2/26]

The Pounders (Gator OMalley's Pub)

[Thu 3/1]

Kelley Hunt (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 3/2]

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

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*This band contains NO guitars! Never missed them, not once!*

Davina Sowers and the Vagabonds sport Davina on keyboard and vocals, Michael Carvale on Stand up Bass (slap fiddle), a young horn section Daniel Eikmeier on Trumpet, and Ben Link on Trombone and a great drummer Connor Mcrae with a set of killer mutton chop sideburns.

Davina is very gifted vocally and really seems to have fun on stage, does a great back and forth with the trumpet player, and offers quite a bit of her own song writing. Each time they come back to the Zoo Bar more and more people are showing up which means word is getting out, and that's a good thing! They will be back at the Zoo Bar March 28th 2012 @ 6:00 come see why they are so much fun!

— Conrad Good —



# 2012 International Blues Challenge

The dates for the 2012 International Blues Challenge (IBC) will be January 31 - February 4, 2012. The competition will be held in Memphis, TN in the Beale Street entertainment district.

IBC will begin with the FedEx International Showcase (Jan 31). The Challenge has been expanded to a four day format. Wednesday and Thursday night we will hold the quarter finals (Feb 1-2), Semi finals will be held Friday night (Feb 3) and concluding with finals in the Orpheum Theater (Feb 4).

The 28th year of the International Blues Challenge will once again include a youth showcase for those under the age of



21. The 28th IBC will include an afternoon (Friday, February 3, 2011) of talented young people showcasing their talents for record labels, media, festivals, managers, talent buyers and the fans.

The week of events will once again kick off Tuesday night with a Meet & Greet hosted by the Beale Street Merchants Association at the New Daisy Theater, followed by the FedEx International Showcase. In addition to the evening Blues competition, the days are filled with seminars and workshops and topped off in a moving Saturday morning

brunch in which the Blues community will honor its own with the prestigious Keeping the Blues Alive (KBA) awards that honor the men and women, who have made significant contributions to the Blues music world, in 20 categories such as journalism, literature and photography and to the best clubs and festivals, as well as managers, promoters and producers.

Media Sponsors include Beale Street Caravan, Big City Rhythm and Blues, Blues Festival Guide, Blues Revue, Downtown, House of Blues Radio Hour, Living Blues, Memphis Flyer, Memphis Music Magazine and WREG-TV.

The 28th International Blues Challenge is sponsored by ArtsMemphis, bandVillage, Beale Street Merchants Association, Budweiser and its local distributor, D.Canale Beverages, FedEx, Gibson, Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, Smokin' Bluz, T. Clifton Art, Tennessee Arts Commission, and the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission.

The list of current blues artists that have competed in the IBC over the years is impressive indeed: Slick Ballinger, Barbara Blue, Fiona Boyes, Eden Brent, Keith Brown, Michael Burks, Sean Carney, Albert Castiglia, Tommy Castro, the late Sean Costello, Albert Cummings, Delta Moon, Larry Garner, Joey Gilmore, Diunna Greenleaf, Zac Harmon, Homemade Jamz Blues Band, Richard Johnston, Joe Moss, Jason Ricci, Robin Rogers, Matthew Skoller, Super Chikan, Patrick Sweany, Susan Tedeschi, Teeny Tucker, Watermelon Slim, the late John Weston and Michelle Wilson.

*Winning the International Blues Challenge is better than having a \$100,000 publicity budget.* 2004 IBC winner and 2006 Blues Music Award Best New Artist **Zac Harmon**.

*This was my first year attending the International Blues Challenge and it was better than any festival I have ever attended.*

**Eddie Bagwell**, Vice-President, Tulsa Blues Society.



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## JANUARY 2012 BAND SCHEDULE

1/5 Thursday...Blues Night.....	Soul Finger
1/6 Friday .....	Stimulus Package
1/7 Saturday .....	Chasing Daylight
1/8 Sunday...ROCKABILLY .....	TBA
1/12 Thursday...Blues Night.....	Little Joe and Big Trouble
1/13 Friday .....	MF'N and the Bad Sneakers
1/14 Saturday .....	Down to Here
1/15 Sunday .....	Jerry Pranksters
1/19 Thursday...Blues Night.....	Rockin Jake
1/20 Friday .....	R Style
1/21 Saturday .....	R Style
1/22 Sunday .....	TBA
1/26 Thursday...Blues Night.....	Honey Boy Turner
1/27 Friday .....	Brad Cordle Band
1/28 Saturday...ROCKABILLY .....	<b>1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY</b>
	Blacktop Ramblers
	Willards
	Lloyd McCarter
	Honky Tonk Revival
1/29 Sunday .....	Rhythm Collective

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# CIBS Winter BluesFest

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This year's Winter BluesFest has something to satisfy everyone's Blues Soul!

It kicks off at 5 p.m. with a pre-fest party in the lobby featuring ROB LUMBARD.

BOB PACE BLUES BAND will kick off the After Hours Jam at midnight with the jam starting about 1 a.m.

The Des Moines Downtown Marriott is offering special BluesFest rates for rooms. Make reservations by calling 1-800-514-4681 or 515-245-5500 or online at [www.cibs.org](http://www.cibs.org). Mention the BluesFest for the special rate.

Sponsors are the Central Iowa Blues Society, Budweiser, Summit Brewing Co., Cityview, 95KGG0/98.3WOW and the Downtown Marriott.

For more information on the Winter BluesFest, call (515) 225-6638 or (515) 830-4213 or go to [www.cibs.org](http://www.cibs.org). Radio 95KGG0 (94.9) and 98.3 WOW will feature wristband giveaways.

The line-up is now in place for the 2012 Winter Blues Fest. Times and stages to be announced soon!

## LINE UP

- **Rob Lumbard**  
*Iowa Guitarist, Singer-Songwriter*
- **Bryce Janey**  
*2011 Iowa Solo Duo Blues Challenge Winner*

- **Lil' Slim Blues Band**  
*2011 Blues Society of Omaha Blues Challenge Band Winner*
- **The Candymakers**  
*2011 Iowa Blues Challenge Band Winner*
- **Connie Hawkins & the BluesWreckers**  
*2011 Kansas City Blues Society Blues Challenge Finalist*
- **Javier & the Innocent Sons**  
*Greater Twin Cities Blues Music Society Blues Challenge Band Winner*
- **Bob Pace Band**  
*Iowa Hall Of Fame*
- **The Blue Band**  
*Iowa and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame*
- **Eddie Turner & Trouble Twins**  
*2011 Blues Blast Music Awards Nominee*
- **Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials**  
*2009 Blues Music Award Winner – Band of the Year*



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## Josh Garrett and the Bottomline at the Zoo Bar 12/11



Josh Garrett hails from Houma Louisiana same hometown as Tab Benoit, and plays with the same Cajun/Roots-Blues/Nawlins flavor most of which Josh writes himself, they do a killer cover of "Black Magic Women". Finding these guys has been one of my most pleasant surprises in the music world in the last couple of years.

I would love to see these guys play at the next Zoo Fest outdoors of the Zoo Bar (note to Pete Watters) on the street where more people could see and enjoy them... Joining Josh in the band is Trumpet player Mark Levron who plays an absolutely incendiary Tambourine that needs to be seen to be believed... I'm trying to talk Mark into doing a cover of surf guitar king Dick Dale's "Misirlou" which was reborn in the movie Pulp Fiction. Dick Dale also plays Trumpet and there is a killer horn solo in that song. Just saying Mark!

These guys are very friendly to chat with and wonderful to listen to as well.

—Conrad Good



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# ★ ★ ★ ★ My Top Five for 2011 ★ ★ ★ ★

1. **The Nace Brothers** ~ *Well Traveled Road*: Americana
2. **The 44s** ~ *Boogie Disease*: Harp Driven Chicago Blues
3. **Big Pete** ~ *Choice Cuts*: Chicago/West Coast Blues
4. **Marsalis & Clapton** ~ *Play The Blues*:  
New Orleans Blues
5. **The Mighty Mojo Prophets** ~ (self titled):  
West Coast Blues

—A.J. Foyt



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## ONE PERSPECTIVE: 2011, A YEAR IN THE BLUES

Like seemingly everything else, with the blues; the more it changes the more it stays the same. The on-going stigma of adding to the blues versus preserving the art form is in full force. Despite the anchor of history and the rigidity of the familiar, the albums which received the most airplay on Pacific St. Blues and Americana this year includes;

1. Tab Benoit, *Medicine*
2. Tedeschi – Trucks Band, *Revelator*
3. Quintus McCormick Blues Band, *Put it on me! (True soul meets Chicago Blues)*
4. Roy Gaines and his Orchestra, *Tuxedo Blues*
5. Robin Trower, *the playful heart* (His best effort since *Bridge of Sighs*)
6. Damon Fowler, *Devil Got His Way*

### Blues song of 2011; Hadden Sayers, *Back to the Blues* (featuring duet w/ Ruthie Foster)

#### Runner Up:

1. Roy Trevino, *Sin Ella*
2. Smoove & Turrell, *Hard Work*
3. Robin Trower, *Find Me*

### Eye on the Horizon:

1. Gary Clark Jr.
2. Trombone Shorty
3. Russ Tippins Band
4. Roy Trevino



### Unsigned bands of significant note:

1. Smoove and Turrell, Eccentric Audio – New millennium Northern Soul (England)
2. Jim Stapley, Live – Paul Rogers (Free/ Bad Company) fronts Humble Pie (Steve Marriott / Peter Frampton)
3. Mitch Gettman, Worn
4. The Poorboys – (self titled) – “Englishicana” at its finest (Americana with a melody.)

### Blues come-back records of 2011:

1. Hadden Sayers, *Hard Dollar*
2. Johnny Winter, *Roots*
3. Savoy Brown, *Voodoo Moon*

—Rick Galusha



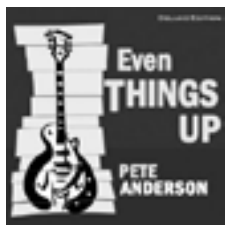
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1. Pete Anderson, *Even Things Up*
2. Hugh Laurie, *Let Them Talk*
3. Duke Robillard, *Low Down and Tore Up*
4. Carolyn Wonderland, *Peace Meal*
5. Los Fabulocos, *Dos*

Honorable Mention:

Tom Rigney & Flambeau, *Don't Fight It*

—Terry Sedivy



1. G Love - *Fixin To Die*
2. The Rolling Stones - *Some Girls Reissue*
3. Johnny Winter - *Roots*
4. Buddy Guy - *Living Proof*
5. "This Ones for Him" - A Tribute To Guy Clark

—hogsquat



1. Gregg Allman - *Low Country Blues*
2. Warren Haynes - *Man in Motion*
3. John Hiatt - *Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns*
4. Tracy Nelson - *Victim of the Blues*
5. Mike Zito - *Greyhound*

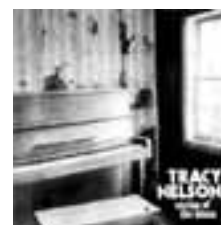
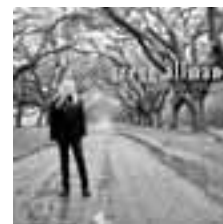
—Charlie Johnson



1. Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne / *An Old Rock On A Roll* / Stony Plain
2. Roomful Of Blues / *Hook, Line and Sinker* / Alligator
3. Gregg Allman / *Low Country Blues* / Rounder
4. Marcia Ball / *Roadside Attractions* / Alligator
5. Tracy Nelson / *Victim Of The Blues* / Delta Groove

—Mike Jacobs

Music Director, KIOS 91.5 FM



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# CD Reviews



## John Hiatt • *Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns*



"Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns" is a collection of stories told in song and verse by one of the greatest musical storytellers of our time. A lot of superlatives like genius and immortal are casually thrown around to describe various musicians. There are very few that it actually fits. John Hiatt is one of

those rare exceptions that deserves every accolade directed his way. His song styling slides effortlessly around the edges of the pop, folk, blues, rock and country genres. His body of work over the decades speaks for itself. Virtually every album that he has released over the years contained songs that were picked up by singers of every genre. They are recorded and performed throughout their careers. "Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns" is no exception. Somewhere among these eleven tracks are future hits for someone. We'll just have to wait and see.

The songs, with a couple of exceptions, are raw-edged tales of hard people, hard lives and hard times. It opens with **Damn This Town** – the story of a ne'er-do-well family filled with gamblers, drunks, thieves and convicts. It is being told in the voice of the brother who blames it all on their hometown. In the end though he has done something so bad he won't even talk about it – "I'm fifty eight years, still live at home like a kid. . . . Now I can't let my mamma tell you what her youngest boy did. . . Damn this town! I'm Leavin'." The second track, **'Til I Get My Lovin' Back**, is pure and simple country. It has everything needed to be a top 10 country hit – a pathetically sad story line, a crying, wailing pedal steel guitar, and a vocal sung in the key of nasal.

This really is a solid listen from front to back but the following are among the highlights from my perspective. For a change of pace, **Love that Girl** is a positive-toned, lilting love song about a lasting relationship. Fear not though, two songs later **Don't Wanna Leave You Now** is another love song where, in spite of the title and the surprising the use of a romantic string section backing, the final verse ends with "I gotta leave you now." **Detroit Made** is a pedal down tribute to an old Buick Electra 225 – his beloved "deuce and a quarter". It is rock and roll with a driving drum and guitar backing. **Train to Birmingham** is an up-tempo blues tune about a musician heading home. He never gets there, as it really never really was the plan – he "just likes the feeling of going home". **Adios To California** is, I suspect, an autobiographical look back at his leaving California for Nashville. It has a neo-country feel due to a strong pedal steel backing. Buried in its lyrics is album title.

John Hiatt fans will love this CD, of course. For those of you who aren't fans, "Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns" is a great way great way to revisit his work and see what you've been missing.

—Charlie Johnson

## Oxford American Southern Music Issue



First of all, thank you for all the cards and letters that I have received concerning my absence in the December Blues Notes, I am fine and the rumor of a quick marriage to Kim Kardashian is false, as is the rumor of some jail time, the fact of the matter is that I was censored! I am deeply touched (my family has said this for years) by all the outpouring of support, so Happy New Year, let's blunder on! Starting the year a little different, every winter the Magazine of Southern Writing, The Oxford American publishes a Southern Music Issue focusing on one state, this year it is Mississippi, they also include a c.d. profiling the state. The C.D. has all kinds of great music on it from soul, blues, rock and country. It is a 27 song compilation that is always fun! Mostly obscure musicians and bands but that is where the fun lies! Dusty Brooks singing "My Baby Loves Chili Dogs", Leon Bass and the Keystones singing "Love-a-Rama", Mattie Delaney singing "Tallahatchie River Blues" and so much more! Bo Diddley, Guitar Slim and even a punk-rock band called The Germans singing "Love Sick". Rush out right now and buy it! The Magazine is full of good writing and wonderful pictures! A young Howlin' Wolf is on the cover. The Oxford American has done another fine job in preparing their year end music issue! You simply must own it! The Rolling Stones Reissue of the classic Album "Some Girls" is terrific! A bonus disc is included! Buy it now. A new Feature to my column is something called "Question of the Month" this month is "Why do we seem to be obsessed with celebrities?"

See ya next Month (I Hope)

--Hogsquat

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