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'PLAYING WITH FIRE' IS 'BACK TO THE RIVER' THIS YEAR ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING!

Saturday July 28th



Rick Vito & The Lucky Devils headline this year's 'Playing with Fire' summer concert. You may not recognize the name but you know his music! If you've listened to Blues and Classic Rock anytime in the last forty years, you've heard him play. A master of the slide guitar, Vito has shared stage and studio with John Mayall, John

Prine, Little Richard, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Albert Collins, Rita Coolidge, Bob Seger, and Mick Fleetwood, just to name a few.

Meena, a finalist in the 2011 European Blues Challenge, will make her first ever appearance in the United States as part of an electric evening. The Pounders, BluesEd band Us & Them, and Lincoln based Cold in Hand, who are quickly gaining regional notoriety, round out the dynamic lineup for the year's show.

Gates open at 4pm, Cold in Hand takes the stage at 4:30PM.

BSO Volunteers are needed to help staff the adult beverage tent at Playing With Fire on July 28th. Please contact Steve or Lisa Krueger at volunteers4bso@yahoo.com, or call 402-619-0309 (Lisa) or 402-960-1915 (Steve) for more information.

MARQUISE KNOX



SPECIAL APPEARANCE
JULY 20TH 7:00 PM
HEARTLAND CAFÉ
DOWNTOWN ELKHORN. NE



Bands and Times

TBA

LAZY RIVER BLUES - Fun-PlexJuly 21st

Jarred & The Blues Teachers play from 9-10:15
Magic K plays from 10:35 -11:50
Matt Gagne & The Blues Experience from 12:10 to 1:30
21 & over \$5 cover gets you in the waterpark

PLUS A FREE DRINK!

Full Bar, wavepool, lazy river, volley ball, horseshoes, fire pit & LIVE MUSIC!

Gates open @ 8:30



ZOOFest 39

ZOOFest is a street festival held between O and P streets on 14th street in beautiful downtown Lincoln, Neb.
There will be food, drinks and (most importantly) live music!
FRIDAY, JULY 13 - 7 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 - 7 P.M. 10 1 A.M. Tickets - \$10 in advance or \$13 day of show

7p: Bel Airs • 9p: Brave Combo • 11p: Split Lip Rayfield
SATURDAY, JULY 14 - 1 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

Tickets - \$10 in advance or \$13 day of show

1p: The Academy of Rock • 3p: Lil Slim Blues Band • 5p: Son del Llano • 7p: Candye Kane • 9p: The New Orleans Suspects • 11p: The Goodfoot



Admission \$14 per person at the door.



The following artists will perform at

21st Saloon located at 4737 S. 96th St. in Omaha, NE

— All shows at 5:30pm —



Thu 7/12
Thu 7/19Josh Garrett and The Bottomline
Thu 7/26
Tue 7/31The BSO Presents Tommy Castro & the Painkillers
Thu 8/2 Samantha Fish
Thu 8/9 Tinsley Ellis
Thu 8/16Randy McAllister
Thu 8/23Kelly Richey

PETER KARP & SUE FOLEY COMING TO OMAHA!

The dynamic performing and songwriting duo of Peter Karp and Sue Foley, accompanied by their band, are touring in support of their new release, Beyond the Crossroads. They will open up for The Nighthawks as follows in Omaha, NE:

THURSDAY, JULY 5TH THE 21st SALOON 4727 S. 96th ST. TIME: 5:30PM

Beyond the Crossroads marks the newest chapter

in the collaboration between these two noted singer-songwriter guitarists. A high voltage, plank spankin', piano boogyin', slide guitar stompin', blues-rocking CD that showcases twelve brilliantly crafted and unique original compositions. It's a loud celebration of triumph over tragedy, optimism over despair and faith over hopelessness.



It delivers on the promise Karp and Foley's groundbreaking, critically acclaimed 2010 songcycle, He Said She Said. That album hit the Top 10 on the Billboard Blues Chart and was #1 for 6 weeks on the national blues and roots music radio charts. No Depression called it "a brilliant concept record...some of the sexiest, steamiest, dramatic, and comedic tunes I have ever heard from two verv different artists."

Of the new recording, Foley says, "Beyond the Crossroads is a natural extension of what we started with He Said She Said in that we're writing songs with themes in mind. Positivity, renewal, absolution." Karp added, "These times are trying – in the heart and in the streets. Time to fire up the amps and blow heat."

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 to switch to e-mail newsletter delivery and get the scoop days before snail mail members!



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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

Lincoln's KZUM Radio - Nebraska's only community radio, and you can listen to it on the web at 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"

B.B. KING

with special guest The Robert Cray Band AUGUST 16 @ 8 p.m. • Pinewood Bowl Theater Tickets on sale now!



His reign as King of the Blues has been as long as that of any monarch on earth. Yet B.B. King continues to wear his crown well.

At age 76, he is still light on his feet, singing and playing the blues with relentless passion.

Time has no apparent effect on B.B., other than to make him more popular, more cherished, more relevant than ever.

Surrounded by the natural beauty of evergreens, Pinewood Bowl Theater in Lincoln's Pioneers Park offers a night like no other under the stars.

Tickets are available at the Pershing Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at 1–800–745–3000. On the day of the concert, tickets are available at the Pinewood Bowl Theater beginning three hours prior to the gates opening.

Ticket prices are: \$45, \$56, \$86 and a limited number at \$153. All seats reserved. (additional fees may apply) All ages welcome.

BSO NEEDS YOU

- Event Sponsors Needed -

BSO could expand our outreach into the community if we had sponsors willing to assist with the costs of various events, in turn for thank you mentions in our newsletter, online and at the event itself. Would your business like to support BSO as an event sponsor?

If your business would like to support BSO as an event sponsor or if you can volunteer to assist with any of the team coordinator or team leader positions outlined below please let us know.

- Help is needed in the following areas, a coordinator can solicit volunteers to help him or her with tasks as needed
- Merchandise coordinator to manage BSO merch inventory, purchases, sales and lead volunteer team – there is already a team of 5-6 people willing to assist with merch
- Marketing coordinator -to manage, solicit and submit in a timely fashion paid advertising to the newsletter editor and manage billing of ads with the treasurer.
- Sponsorship Underwriting coordinator –manage and solicit sponsorships for events, be liason between sponsors, newsletter editor, treasurer and event team leader to facilitate future sponsors or underwriters. A grant writer would also be a great asset to BSO. As mentioned above, the BSO could expand our outreach into the community if we had sponsors willing to assist with the costs of various events, in turn for thank you mentions in our newsletter, online and at the event itself.

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

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What's New with BluesEd?

Latest Gigs and News

A busy summer is in full swing for our five BluesEd bands! We are thrilled with the wonderful turnout for our annual fundraiser at Slattery Vintage Estates on Sunday, June 3, 2012 (and the cooperation of Mother Nature!). All five BluesEd bands entertained the crowd and helped raise a total of \$1,100 for our youth artist development program.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended and the parents who volunteered their time loading and unloading equipment and working the ticket table. We would especially like to thank the following raffle donors: Blues Society of Omaha, Tim Bollinger (McKenna's), Trudy Bredthauer, Susan Brooks, Jim DeSchamp (Russo's), Johnny Gomez (OnTrack), Jane Jensen, and Amy Ryan (Pizza Shoppe). Finally, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to Barb Slattery at Slattery Vintage Estates who generously donates her beautiful grounds and facility for our group every summer.





On Sunday, May 20, Us & Them performed at Stinson Park in Aksarben Village for Teacher Appreciation Day. The band loved seeing a few of their own favorite teachers at the event!



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On Sunday, May 27, Crimson Dawn opened for the Ronnie Baker Brooks show at the Sumtur Amphitheater in Papillion. A good time was had by all and the band is very appreciative of the opportunity presented by our friends at the Blues Society of Omaha!





New BluesEd band, Blues Dilemma, rocked the Family Entertainment stage on Saturday, June 8, 2012, at the Summer Arts Festival in downtown Omaha. The festival drew large crowds and the band really enjoyed their first experience playing on a big stage!

Upcoming Performances

Tuesday, July 3 - Omaha Storm Chasers - Mojo Bag

Friday, July 13 - Omaha Storm Chasers - Us & Them

Saturday, July 14 - Omaha Storm Chasers - Crimson Dawn

Saturday, July 28 - Playing With Fire - Us & Them

Sunday, August 5 - BluesEd Showcase at Sumter Amphitheater - All BluesEd Bands - 5:00-9:00

Saturday, August 11 - McKenna's - All BluesEd Bands - 12:00-???

Thursday, August 16 - Aksarben Village Ribfest - Blues Dilemma & Crimson Dawn - 5:00-7:00

Saturday, August 18 - Aksarben Village Ribfest - What Happened?, Us & Them & Mojo Bag - 11:00-2:00

Sunday, August 26 -Grant Street Bar & Grill - Blues Dilemma - 4:00

As always, you can find us on Facebook at BluesEd!

--Vicky DeCoster





Soul Salvation & Blues Appreciation Sunday

<u> </u>	Sunday Schedule	
	7:00pm Curtis Salgado	$I(\cap)$
(0)	6:00pm Kris Lager Band	$((\cup)$
$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$	5:00pm Brad Cordle Band	
	4:00pm Brother Bagman	
XX ()	3:00pm Zoo Bar House Band	
	2:00pm Glad Tidings Urban Gospel Choir	
(O)	1:00pm Lil Slim Blues Band	$I(\mathcal{O})$
	12:00noon Lucas Kellison & the MG's	

Full Line-up

That 1 Guy - Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band - Curtis Salgado - Kris Lager Band Sophistafunk - MH the Verb - Dumptruck Butterlips - Rock, Paper, Dynamite Funk Trek - The Show is the Rainbow - The Paperclips - Universe Contest The Floozies - Brother Bagman - Midland Band - BASSthoven - Voodoo Method Jerry Pranksters - Bad Speler - UUVVWWZ - Cadillac Flambé - Lil Slim Blues Band Brad Cordle Band - Lucas Kellison and the MG's - Banjo Loco - The Traveling Mercies Ian Hilmer's Stagefright - Matt Cox - Jon Klemmensen and the Party - The Seen Spencelove - DJ Destro - DJ B-Tips - 20 Grand - The Supernauts - Stonebelly

Sunday tickets available at the door/\$20 - Weekend passes at

www.hullabaloomusicfestival.com













BONNIE RAITT

with Special Guest Mavis Staples Friday, August 24, 2012 • 8:00 PM Slosburg Hall • Orpheum Theater



2012 is shaping up to be the year of **Bonnie Raitt**. On the heels of releasing Slipstream, a bold, soulful effort that marks her first studio release in seven years, Raitt embarks a 70-city tour this spring. Full of heated guitar solos and Raitt's trademark slide guitar, Slipstream is available for presale now at iTunes and Amazon. The album hits all major music retailers nationwide on April 10, including 7,500 Starbucks in North

America, which will feature the album track 'Down To You' as their Pick of the Week.

Special guest, gospel legend Mavis Staples, opens Raitt's show.

Raitt teams with her longtime touring band of James 'Hutch' Hutchinson (bass), Ricky Fataar (drums), and George Marinelli (guitar), with the new addition of Mike Finnigan (Joe Cocker, CSN, Etta James, Jimi Hendrix) on keyboards. Said Raitt of her band, 'They're all incredibly talented and we fit like a glove...we've got a great thing going and can't wait to get back out on the road.'



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Tommy Castro at the Zoo Bar June 4th.

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The BSO Presents

Tommy Castro in

Omaha on July 31st at the 21st Saloon!



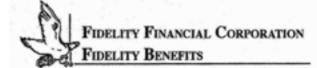








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Our new members make us proud and have increased our BSO numbers to a mighty 871 members.

When you see them, welcome and thank these brand new members:

BILL ARMBRUST
JAN BOLTE
RICK FAUSS
SHAR MAXWELL
MARK & NETTIE MAYER
DANNY PETERSEN
RANDY REED
SHEILA SCHARFF
STEVEN VAN ALLEN

JIM VAN MOORLEGHEM

BSO MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2012

Meeting was held at McKenna's at 7:00 PM on June 13, 2012

This was a general meeting. All members were invited to attend.

For all BSO meeting minutes; when I make reference to donors or members, the meaning is one of the same.

OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS/REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

BILL MARTIN
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FINANCIALS UPDATE:

Current balance sheet at the time of the June monthly meeting was \$17,650.00. (Rounded up).

At the meeting, the BSO current financial status was reviewed in detail. Discussed need to establish a minimum for our treasury balance. Going forward, a Profit & Loss sheet will be prepared for all events/merchandise. Jeff and/

Venue: The 21st Saloon
Location: 4727 S. 96th St.





or Bill will produce the P&L sheets for the Officers and Board of Directors.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Discussion on what is needed to finalize for the Aksarben event. Reviewed what could have been done better. The need to alert the media was a topic. Beth McBride volunteered to do media contacts for future BSO events. Terry 0 will provide a media checklist that had been used previously when marketing the events. B.J. reported that Betti Thomasian Daniels is willing to continue to create flyers for BSO events.

The topic of the event task list was also discussed. Reviewed and made final changes to the checklist. It is vital that the checklist be used so that everything is handled and completed in a timely manner. The checklist is also a means to keep everyone involved on the same page and to assist with the communication. Assigning "tasks" listed on the checklist will ensure that the individuals assigned are responsible.

MERCHANDISE:

T-Shirts and hats are in inventory for the Aksarben event including shirts with BSO's 15th anniversary verbiage. Assistance with loading, unloading and manning the merchandise tent is a must. No one person can handle this large responsibility for each and every event. Steve and Lisa will ensure that this is part of their volunteer sign up list for all events.

MARKETING:

A meeting will be set up to interview a potential candidate for marketing volunteer. Mark, Bill, and or Terry will meet with this person initially to identify if it is a good fit for both parties. Identified marketing needs include seeking newsletter advertising, sponsors for events, and general publicity for BSO..

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Hullabaloo event was discussed. BSO is responsible for the liquor license. **Mark** is responsible for obtaining the license. BSO is also responsible for staffing the bartenders.

Discussed Zoofest, Playing with Fire, and BSO membership drive show featuring Carolyn Wonderland on August 28. Also discussed establishing a BSO presence with publicity material at upcoming community blues events.

Bill to update Officers/Board concerning the development of the new website.

Mary to review NBC rules for non member bands and non Blues Ed Bands to clarify if you need to be a member. At the meeting, the current prize package for the winner of NBC was reviewed. It was agreed that the event checklist will need to be started in January or February, 2013 at the latest so that volunteers can be identified as well as judges and so the work can be spread about so that we are not so pressed on time.

There will be a fund raiser on Sunday, July 1 2012 for Mike "Ringo" Maguire. Reviewed logistics for the event.

JES IN JULY &

Benefit for Ringo Maguire featuring The Mercurys and B & The Hot Notes (03:00pm) (Gator OMalleys Pub)
Speakeasy Sundays: JAZZ JAM (The Hive)
Sunday Open Jam (05:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S.
24th St.,402 344-2850) Swampboy Blues (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery) [Mon 7/2]

Blue Monday with the Zoo Bar House Band, 7-10 pm w/ Zoo Bar House Band (07:00pm) (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 w/ Emily
Bass (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

Singer/ Songwriter open mic/jam (The Hive)

[Tue 7/3]

Honey Boy Turner Band (Block Party, Seward, NE) Mojo Bag (Omaha Stormchasers)

The Betties, Matt Cox Band, Gerardo Meza, 9:30 pm, \$5

(09:30pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754) The Derailers, 6-9 pm, Americana/Bakersfield Country (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (07:00pm) (The Hive)

[Wed 7/4]

Open Mic with Luther James (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 7/5]

Ed Archibald (Ozone)

Red White & Blues All-Star Jam w/ The ZOO Bar House Band and guests! (09:30pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754) Rhythm Collective (The Hive) Swampboy Blues (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

The Nighthawks www.thenighthawks.com w/ Peter Karp & Sue Foley www.karpfoley.com (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 7/6] Dick Dale (Waiting Room)

Honey Boy Turner Band (Havana Garage)

The Nighthawks www.thenighthawks.com (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar FAC, 5-7 pm)

The Pounders (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) WGO Orchestra Revue (Ozone)

Bishops (Gator OMalleys Pub)
Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Ozone)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Doghouse Bar and Grill - Wymore, NE)
Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Robert Jon & The Wrecks (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754) STEVE WIK & SOUL FUNK (McKennas)

Swampboy Blues (Heron Bay (Louisville)) Swampboy Blues (09:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S. 24th St.,402 344-2850)

[Sun 7/8]

Grant Peeples (Americana) (05:00pm) (Sunday Roadhouse at Side Door Lounge) HTH (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit, 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary Week)

Speakeasy Sundays: JAZZ JAM (The Hive) Sunday Open Jam (05:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S. 24th St.,402 344-2850)

Yonder Mountain String Band (Slowdown)

[Mon 7/9]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone) Singer/ Songwriter open mic/jam (The Hive)
Tinsley Ellis, Brad Cordle Band, Zoo Bar House Band, 6 pm

(06:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary Week)

[Tue 7/10]

Smokin Joe Kubek and Bnois King 6pm plus more to be announced see zoobar.com (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary

Tuesday Bluesday: Open Blues Jam (The Hive)

Open Mic with Luther James (Grant Street Bar)
Russos open mic and jam session (Gator OMalleys Pub)
Samantha Fish, Sons of 76 and more see zoobar.com (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary Week)

[Thu 7/12] Candye Kane featuring Laura Chavez (05:30pm) (21st Saloon) Cold In Hand (Gator OMalleys Pub)

George Walker (Ozone)

Josh Garrett and The Bottomline plus Sarah & The Tall Boys, 6pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary Week)
Mike Gurcuilos Las Vegas Lab Band (Jazz on the Green at

Midtown Crossing)

Rhythm Collective (The Hive)

[Fri 7/13] Blu Simon (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Brewskys (84th and Park Drive)) Elwin James and The Way Outs (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Gigolos 5-7 inside, outside Bel Airs 7, Brave Combo 9, Split Lip Rayfield 11 pm (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary Week) Honey Boy Turner Band (Micek Bar, Columbus, NE) Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754) Us and Them (Omaha Stormchasers)

[Sat 7/14] Back Alley Blues (07:00pm) (Observatory Lounge) Back Alley Blues Band (Observatory Lounge) Crimson Dawn (Omaha Stormchasers) Daddy Mac and the Flak (Gator OMalleys Pub) Honey Boy Turner Band (Micek Bar, Columbus, NE) King Johnson (McKennas) Levi William (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Lil Slim 3, Son del Llano 5, Candye Kane 7, New Orleans Suspects 9, Good Foot 11 (12:00pm) (Zoo Bar 39th Anniversary

Ron E. Beck (08:30pm) (Lauter Tun)

[Sun 7/15]

Speakeasy Sundays: JAZZ JAM (The Hive) Sunday Open Jam (05:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S.

24th St., 402 344-2850)

Swampboy Blues (Heron Bay (Louisville)) Zoo Bar will be Closed - reopens Wednesday, July 18 (Zoo

Bar.402-435-8754)

[Mon 7/16]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone) Singer/ Songwriter open mic/jam (The Hive)
Zoo Bar will be Closed - reopens Wednesday, July 18 (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Tue 7/17]

Tuesday Bluesday: Open Blues Jam (The Hive) Zoo Bar will be Closed - reopens Wednesday, July 18 (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

Lil Slim Blues Band 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754) Open Mic with Luther James (Grant Street Bar) Russos open mic and jam session (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Banjo Loco (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Josh Garrett and The Bottomline (05:30pm) (21st Saloon) Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers (Jazz on the Green at

Midtown Crossing) Rhythm Collective (The Hive)

Soul Cousins (Ozone) Susie Thorne Band (09:00pm) (Myth-Old Market)

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Gator OMalleys Pub)

FAC with Earl & Them featuring Earl Cate and Baby Jason Davis 5-7 pm (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Friday Nights Live)
Lloyd McCarter and the Honkey-Tonk Revival CD release plus
Matt Cox (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Maguin Koxy (Hongton) (Cof Ellyborn)

Marquis Knox (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Peace, Love, Etc. (The Anchor Inn) The LymphNode Maniacs (Lauter Tun)

Tijuana Gigolos (North Platte Blues Festival)

7:00PM-10:00PM THE ZOO BAR HOUSE BAND - \$300

JES IN JULY &

Back Alley Blues (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))
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Bel Airs (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
Blind Dog (Gator OMalleys Pub)

In The Moment (Lauter Tun)

Phantom Blues Band 6-9 pm with The Monophonics 9 pm

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

Tijuana Gigolos (North Platte Blues Festival)

[Sun 7/22]

Grace Potter (Stir Concert Cove)

Katie Logan (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard) Speakeasy Sundays: JAZZ JAM (The Hive)

Sunday Open Jam (05:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S. 24th St.,402 344-2850)
The Reverend Peytons Big Damn Band (Waiting Room)
Three Bad Jacks (Gator OMalleys Pub)

[Mon 7/23]

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

Singer/ Songwriter open mic/iam (The Hive)

Tuesday Bluesday: Open Blues Jam (The Hive)

[Wed 7/25]

112 North Duck (Music in the Parks-Bayliss Park 84th & Lincoln -

Open Mic with Luther James (Grant Street Bar)

Russos open mic and jam session (Gator OMalleys Pub) Sugar Thieves (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) The BoDeans (Waiting Room)

[Thu 7/26]

Camille DeVore (Lauter Tun)
Kathy Kosins (Jazz on the Green at Midtown Crossing)
Meena Cryle (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Rhythm Collective (The Hive) Sena Ehrhardt (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

Swampboy Blues (Bryson Airboat Tours in Fremont)

[Fri 7/27]

Cymbolton (Gator OMalleys Pub)

Jumpin Kate (06:00pm) (Wunderrosa Winery-Lincoln)

Luigi, Inc. (Lauter Tun)

Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Fun Plex) Mike Gurcuillo Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Swampboy Blues (Havana Garage)

[Sat 7/28]

Back Alley Blues (Foursomes)
Brad Cordle hosts the Afterburn Jam (DJs Dugout 10th and

Capitol)

John Worsham (Lauter Tun)

Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (New York Bar and Grill,

Playing With Fire Concert Series w/ the Rick Vito, Meena

Pounders (Lewis and Clark Landing)

Swampboy Blues (11:00am) (Village Pointe Farmers Market) Swampboy Blues Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sun 7/29]

Speakeasy Sundays: JAZZ JAM (The Hive) Sunday Open Jam (05:00pm) (Welcome Inn Tavern,2332 S. 24th St.,402 344-2850)

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

Singer/ Songwriter open mic/jam (The Hive)

Tommy Castro and the Painkillers (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

Tuesday Bluesday: Open Blues Jam (The Hive)

[Thu 8/2]

Samantha Fish (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

Swampboy Blues (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

The Lil' Slim Blues Band (Jazz on the Green at Midtown Crossing)

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Swampboy Blues (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sat 8/4]

Back Alley Blues (06:30pm) (Ozone)

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

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[Mon 8/6] Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone)

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[Thu 8/9]

Tinsley Ellis (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 8/10]
Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:00pm) (LaVista Library)
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[Sat 8/11]

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[Mon 8/13]

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

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Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Stinson Park)

Multi-band (Aksarben Village Ribfest)
Randy McAllister (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

Susie Thorne Band (09:00pm) (Myth-Old Market)

Country Music Night (Aksarben Village Ribfest) The Gulizia Brothers (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Tijuana Gigolos (Columbus Days Street Stage)

[Sat 8/18]

Brad Cordle Band (Stinson Park) Daddy Mac (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Multi-band (Aksarben Village Ribfest)

[Mon 8/20]

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

[Thu 8/23]

Kelly Richey (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Ozone)

Susie Thorne Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Bodo Bay)

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Ozone) Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn) Loose Cannon (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

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

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.)) Wildfire (Soaring Wings Vineyard)



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Come early to see the remarkable Lincoln youth band, 'Cold in Hand,' BluesEd group, 'Us & Them,' and local favorite 'The Pounders.' The evening is capped off with Meena, the runner-up in the 2011 European Blues Challenge, giving one of her first ever performances in the United States and headliner, Rick Vito, whose name you may not know but whose music you have heard a thousand times...THINK... Fleetwood Mac, Bob Seger.

The AfterBurn Jam returns this year. Immediately following the concert, there will be more fun and music at DJ's Dugout, located at 10th & Capitol, within walking distance of the concert site. Join Rick Vito, Meena, and many other of the evening's musicians at the Jam, hosted by The Brad Cordle Band.

On Thursday, July 26, previous 'Playing with Fire' artists Dawn Tyler Watson and Paul Deslauriers perform a free show at The Ozone, 72nd & F. This Omaha Smooth Jazz Society sponsored show starts at 6:30pm. At 9pm, that same evening, Meena and her band perform a free show at Gator O'Malleys, 132nd & Center.

On Saturday morning, July 28, Rick Vito will present a slide guitar clinic at Russo's, 114th & Dodge, sponsored by BluesEd. For more information, contact the BluesEd directors at directors@bluesed.com.

Interested in volunteering? Watch for emails from BSO Volunteer Coordinators, Steve & Lisa Krueger for the Adult Beverage Site and from Vanessa Bauer for the PwF Production volunteers. Don't miss out, sign up early!

Check out next month's BluesNotes for details of an exceptional 'Playing with Fire' fundraiser to be held at Slowdown on Friday, October 12. Save the date!

As always, your 'free will' donations at the gate and support of our sponsors are much appreciated and helps Keep the Fire Burning.

For updates and full details, visit our website at www.playingwithfireomaha.net and our Facebook page at Playing with Fire Concert- Omaha.

See you July 28th on the Lewis & Clark Landing for the hottest show of the summer!

-The Playing with Fire Organizational Team Jeff Davis, Vanessa Bauer, Ron Gerard, Laura Luger



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Hello friends and family,

I want to send special thanks to the Omaha Blues Society for all the support they're giving, it really helps to have such great blues lovin' people to back you up! It's great getting to know everyone and to make new friends.

I didn't think we'd get added to so many blues festivals this year but already they're adding up. Festivals are my favorite to play because there's always great crowds, there for the same cause. Nothing but good vibes and energy and musicians feed on that, it helps the show, it's give and take. We couldn't have the good shows without all of you there. You are part of the show, so get out there rehearse by seeing as many blues shows as you can this summer!!!;)

There's going to be a new HectorAnchondo.com launched this summer and will be a great step up from what it is now. You'll have more access to info, the shows will be better displayed, a bio section will be added, with a great new look, and a few other things! I will be sure to keep all of you updated on that.

A shout out to everyone, we're looking for a new/used tour van, so if anyone knows of anything please let me know!

The Momma's A Hard Man video is still in the works and going to take place at the end of the summer, we're still working to save up the funds to do it justus. For now here's a new live video, it was posted on http://www.youtube.com/AnchondoTV from when Carl and I did an acoustic set at The Tea Smith in Downtown Omaha, NE, it was a great time! http://youtu.be/GW6pqinvjqk

That's it for now, keep watching for new show updates at http://www.facebook.com/thehectoranchondo and http://www.HectorAnchondo.com

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-Hector Anchondo



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Ron E. Beck (former 'Tower of Power' drummer)

Lauter Tun • Saturday 7/14, 8:30 pm - 11:30 pm



From 1975 through 1978, Ron E. Beck toured and recorded with the highly acclaimed group Tower of Power. He has also performed and recorded with Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., Bobby Womack, John Lee Hooker, Bell & James, Robbie Nevil, Sylvester and 2 Tons of Fun, Bill Withers, Clifford Coulter, Lydia Pense, Sista Monica, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Fred Wesley, Chester Thompson, and Merl Saunders to name a few. Ron E. Beck was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. At age eighteen, after reaching the top of the Omaha music scene Beck decided to go west along with his twin brother Donnie. The brothers followed their mentors Buddie Miles, Herbie Rich, and Stemsie Hunter to the West Coast, all

of whom had just joined Michael Bloomfield's Electric Flag. Since the 70's Beck has been an established and welcomed contributor to the Northern California music scene. Ron E. will be joined by Mitch Towne on organ, Andrew Bailie on guitar, Craig Balderston on bass with Brad Cordle a guest vocalist at the show as well.





Letter from the former Prez

Greetings Blues fans,

I am very proud of all the events the BSO has been involved with already this year. Quite the list:

We helped send Lil Slim's Blues Band and Crimson Dawn to Memphis for The International Blues Challenge.

We helped sponsor Kenny Neal's performance at Jammin' Away the Blues, the mental health benefit in Lincoln.

We sponsored Michael Charles' show at BBQ for the Troops, an organization that feeds soldiers and their families at deployment.

We produced our 2nd Nebraska Blues Challenge with 14 bands competing for the chance to compete in Memphis next year. Congrats to Levi William Band on their win!

We sponsored Lionel Young's club date in Omaha.

Ronnie Baker Brooks at Sumtur Amphitheater

Royal Southern Brotherhood at 21st Saloon (plus our ongoing support of all the touring acts that perform at 21st Saloon. Without BSO's support, that awesome Thursday afternoon series would not continue.)

Our production of the Aksarben Blues Festival with performances by John Nemeth, Blue House, Mojo Bag, and What Happened.

We have quite a list of upcoming events as well:

Thursday, July 5th, BSO has stepped up to add Peter Karp and Sue Foley Band to The Nighthawks show at 21st Saloon. Without BSO's involvement, the great Sue Foley would not be making an appearance in Omaha.

July 13 and 14 BSO will again be a sponsor of the Zoo Bar's Anniversary (39th) Street Festival. Sweet line-up as always (see ad at right).

Tickets are available for purchase from The ZOO Bar, O'Rourkes Tavern, Sportscasters, or online at eTix.com

Playing with Fire returns to Omaha's Riverfront on Saturday, July 28th and BSO will again support this great event with hundreds of volunteer hours, and financial sponsorship. In exchange, PwF founder Jeff Davis has allowed BSO to again profit from the beer sales. Please thank Jeff when you see him. It would not be an over-statement to say PwF has been a critical contributor to BSO's financial success. Once again Jeff has lined up some some fabulous acts: Rick Vito, Meena, and The Pounders. Hopefully you are able to volunteer or at least support this very cool event. I know Mark Grubbs is going to need a lot help at the beer tent.

Tuesday, July 31st BSO brings the incredible Tommy Castro to 21st Saloon for a special matinee. We need a big crowd to pay the bills on this one. Please spread the word.

Tuesday, August 28th we will be bringing Carolyn Wonderland back to The Waiting Room for a 5pm show. Always a treat:-)

Our last huge event on the summer calendar is team-

ing up with The Kris Lager Band to produce Hullabaloo, the awesome Camping and Music Festival to be held at Riverwest Park on 233rd and Maple for the second year. Grubbs will be needing lots and lots of volunteers August 3–5 at the beer tent. Sunday is Blues Day with Curtis Salgado, Kris Lager Band, Brad Cordle Band, Lil Slim's Blues Band, Zoo Bar House Band, and much more. I love this event, Riverwest Park is perfect for this, and what a line-up.

I just wanted to write and say how proud I am of all we have accomplished this year, and all the cool stuff on the horizon.

Thanks for belonging to BSO. Our power is in our numbers. We truly appreciate the support.

--Terry O'Halloran

fka The Prez, Current BSO Board Member







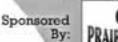






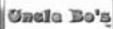


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Royal Southern Brotherhood perform at the 21st Saloon and The Zoo Bar in June. Photos by Ric Cowger and Conrad Good.



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CD Reviews



Peter Karp/ Sue Foley Beyond the Crossroads



"Beyond the Crossroads" is the second collaboration from Peter Karp and Sue Foley. The CD has fine songwriting and even better musicianship. All twelve songs are written by Karp and Foley individually or as a team. Many are about trying times that they each have experienced recently. Other songs discuss their relationship.

The duo work well together, sharing duties on vocals. Foley displays the guitar ability she is known for world wide with Karp supplying impressive slide guitar or keyboards.

"Plank Spank" is a scorching instrumental featuring Foley. This song emphasizes the fact that Foley is one of the most respected guitarists playing today. Another favorite of mine is a boogie number called "You've Got a Problem". Karp sings this rockin' song and plays keyboards. He explains that his partner has a problem – him.

This is a very good blues based CD that has strong writing and exceptional musicianship. Horns are added by Swingadelic on a couple of songs that are a great contribution. These musicians are making music that should please their old fans and add new ones as well.

Grady Champion · Shanachie Days



Grady Champion has a "new" release out. Actually, **Shanachie Days** is just that – a retrospective of his early recording days for Shanachie Records. The tracks were chosen from his two Shanachie albums released in 1999 and 2001. All seventeen tracks are original compositions and feature Grady's many harp styles and raspy vocals.

Even though they are early releases for the most part they are strong performances. The selections cover a wide range of soul and traditional blues styles and

show that Grady had his act pretty well honed before he broke through at the 2010 International Blues Challenge. They are well produced with quality backing musicians.

There are no better examples than the first three tracks. The opening track, <u>Brother</u>, is a powerful but smooth ballad with great backing guitar and full vocal backing. <u>I'm Smilin' Again</u> is an up-tempo, harp driven romp sure to fill the dance floor. <u>Lady Luck</u> is a shuffling, bluesy tune featuring a strong story line and soulful guitar licks.

Among the rest, the highlights for me are: <u>Roberta</u>, – a shuffling old time sounding ballad with great vocals, harp and dobro backing, <u>Love Is My Middle Name</u> – a horn driven pop dance tune and <u>Honeybee</u> – a strong vocal with harp and piano interplay driving the tune

Even though these recordings are over ten years old, their timeless styling makes them seem fresh and new. There is something for every blues lover in this release.

--Charlie Johnson

Johnny Rawls · Soul Survivor

Johnny Rawls is a soul survivor. He is carrying on the soul tradition and making some of the best, and most consistent, music of any artist working today. He is perennially up for Blues Music Awards – as he was again this year. Rawls' latest cd, "Soul Survivor", continues this tradition.

To some degree, this is a tribute to the soul men Johnny has worked with that are now gone. The cd cover shows a poster of Johnny, O. V. Wright, and Little Johnny Taylor advertising a gig from May 25, 1978.



The touching title song, "Soul Survivor", tells how Rawls is the last of a dying breed- which in many ways he is. The final song, "Yes", is a nice change of pace. It has some fine dobro and harp accompaniment supplied by Michael Kakuk. Many of the tunes have the classic Memphis-style horn sound.

This is an exceptional cd that is carrying on the great soul tradition of the past without sounding the least bit dated. Rawls singing is smooth and authentic throughout. He has experienced these songs. I highly endorse this cd.

CD Reviews



The Mannish Boys · Double Dynamite

Delta Groove was formed in 2004 after Randy Chortoff could not find a label interested in the first Mannish Boys CD. He had it ready to market but nobody was interested in the album so he formed his own label and marketed it himself. Since that time Delta Groove has thrived and become a

strong magnet, drawing in the best of the west coast blues musicians and artists from all over the country and world.

The current Mannish Boys roster includes: Finis Tasby (vocals), Sugaray Rayford (vocals), Randy Chortkoff (harmonica, vocals), Kirk Fletcher (guitars), Frank Goldwasser (vocals, guitars), Willie Campbell (bass) and Jimi Bott (drums). **Double Dynamite** is the sixth Mannish Boys release and it follows the general

pattern of their recent albums. It is a "plug in and play" blues jam that includes a good share of the label's artists. In addition to the current seven band members, the CD lists over 20 "special guests." This guest list includes James Harman, Mud Morganfield, Bob Corritore, Rod Piazza, Jason Ricci, Elvin Bishop, Kid Ramos, Junior Watson, , , , , You get the picture.

Double Dynamite is a double CD of thirteen tracks each. The first CD is subtitled "Atomic Blues" and contains, as this suggests, early Chicago and delta blues songs. It opens with an outstanding version of Son House's <u>Death Letter</u>. It features the voice of Sugaray Rayford and the outstanding slide

work of Frank Goldwasser. Sugaray (vocalist for Aunt Kizzy's Boyz) is new to the Mannish Boys and his full-bodied, powerful singing is a highlight throughout this album. This first CD closes with Muddy Waters' son, Mud Morganfield singing his father's classic – Mannish Boy. It would be tough to single out any of the tracks as my picks. This is just an

outstanding look back at the music and style that is timeless and as fresh here as it ever was. Included in the covers are songs by Son House, T-Bone Walker, Robert Nighthawk, Muddy Waters, Frank Frost, Little Walter and Otis Spann.

The Second CD's subtitle is "Rhythm & Blues Explosion" - this title says it all. It includes covers of James Brown, Albert King, Ray Charles and James Cotton to name a few. It opens with

Born Under A Bad Sign with longtime front man Finis Tasby on vocals and Elvin Bishop tearing through the guitar parts. James Brown's You've Got the Power Is performed as a classic soul duet with Cynthia Manley joining Sugaray in the vocal highlight of the album.

While these two CDs have a very different feel, the one constant is the quality of the performances. Hell, the second CD here is just a bonus. CD#1, "Atomic Blues", is worth the price of admission.

--Charlie Johnson

Heritage Blues Orchestra • And Still I Rise

You know how you will have a favorite c.d. for awhile and then move on, well right now This is my favorite. It is Ter-

rific, it is juke joint blues and church, all on the same disc! Some folks might not think this is right but take it from me, It is sooooo right! The c.d. starts off with the Son House Tune, "Clarksdale Moan" which on first listen you will know you are in very capable hands musically, I know Nothing about this band so my apologies for my shortcomings. The next song is rolling drums only and call and response on "C-Line Woman" very warm vocals throughout this album! "Big Legged Woman" and "Cat-

fish Blues " are next, probably a little overexposed songs but done quite well just the same. The middle of the c.d. WE GO TO CHURCH! Hang on to something sturdy and just let yourself go. The next 5 songs are the feel good time of the Summer! You will dance around your home, That is my quarantee to you IF YOU DONT MOVE, PLEASE CALL YOUR DOCTOR BECAUSE SUMPINS WRONG! I dont want to give

too much away but RUN DONT WALK to amazon and order this record! There is field hollers, new orleans horns, Spiri-

tuals, delta, Hill Country stuff all over this record and my most pleasant discovery NO SCREAM-ING GUITARS! Also I recently read Buddy Guy's new autobiography entitled "When I left Home" I enjoyed it, quite a few stories that cant be repeated here! and for you "Rolling Stones" fans, I recently got a hold of a DVD Set called "Four Flicks", it is three concerts of the stones with 3 different set lists and a 4th bonus disc. It is from 2003-4 tours and it is amazing and I am proclaiming right now THE

ROLLING STONES ARE THE GREATEST ROCK BAND OF ALL TIME! (I am on the cutting edge)

--Hogsquat

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