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BLINDDOG SMOKIN²

Thursday, July 21st @ 6 pm • \$10 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha Saturday, July 23rd @ 9 pm Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln





Schucks 10th Anniversary Party Featuring CHUBBY CARRIER AND THE BAYOU SWAMP BAND

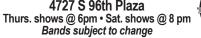
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119th and Pacific, Omaha



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	Band - Voodoo Vinyl opens @ 8 pm (\$5) 21st Saloon Open, No Band
	Rockin' Johnny with Aki Kumar (\$10)
July 9th (8 pm)	Sidecar 69 (Rock) (\$5)
July 14th	Rusty Wright Band (\$10)
July 16th (8 pm)	Sailing In Soup (\$5)
July 21st	Blind Dog Smokin' (\$10)
July 23rd (8 pm)	The Mighty Jailbreakers (\$5)
July 28th	The Bel Airs (\$10)
July 30th (8 pm)	Daddy Mack and the Flak (\$5)
	The Chris Duarte Group (\$10) . Too Slim and the Taildraggers (\$10)

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The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc. is a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 members. BSO's mission is to "Keep the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies in the country – a very cool thing for our great city. Through your support we continue to contribute to Blues venues and musicians and events in the area through our sponsorship and volunteer support:

- 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. Blues Ed 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

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Monday — 3:00-6:00pm "World Gone Wrong Blues"

Tuesday — 3:00-6:00pm "Group W Blues"

Wednesday — 3:00-6:00pm "My Deja Blues"

Thursday — 3:00-6:00pm "Every Kind of Blue"

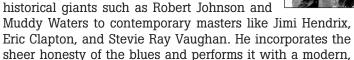
Friday — 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-4:30pm "Hudson Blues"

Friday — 4:30-6:00pm "Highway Blues"

AUSTIN YOUNG BAND

Friday, July 2nd @ 9 pm - Voodoo Vinyl opens @ 8 pm • \$5 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha Thursday, July 7th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln

Austin Young, a Colorado native, picked up his first guitar at age 12 and hasn't put it down since. Self taught, he churns out the blues and displays his music with electrifying passion that defies his young age. He engages his audience and can match any seasoned performer that currently draws large crowds. His inspirations run the gauntlet of the Blues from historical giants such as Robert Johnson and





high energy sound that remains faithful to its traditional roots.

Young has been described by some as being a "phenom" guitar player. His youth and energy lend to his own style of music which he calls "Texandrix Blues". At 20 years old he exudes unbelievable passion and displays electrifying musicianship in his performances. The band exudes stage presence and the relationship that

the band builds with audiences can only be described as "crowd pleasing" and moving.

From the Austin Young Band website

THE BEL AIRS

Thursday, July 28th @ 6 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha

"A knockout blend of excellent musicianship, solid vocals and pure showmanship whenever the Bel Airs take the stage."

- Kansas City Times

"The blues at its best: blues drenched guitar riffs ride on a rhythm that is tight and soulful."

- Spotlight Magazine

Fronted by brothers Dick and Dave

Pruitt on bass and electric guitars, with Michael Cherry on drums, the Bel Airs play a danceable mix with an authentic but eclectic bluesy-country-soul-and-rock-n-roll sound influenced by the likes of Wilson Picket, Slim Harpo, Howlin' Wolf and Johnny Cash.

Living on the road and playing clubs from "Austin to Boston", the Bel Airs are carrying on the tradition of American Rhythm and Blues. The band is fronted by brothers Dick



and Dave Pruitt on bass and electric guitars. Growing up on country soul and rock-n-roll, the Pruitt brothers have developed a harmony vocal style all their own. They have been performing together for more than 30 years, wowing audiences nightly with their unique brand of music-leading one reviewer to refer to them as the "Everly Brothers of Blues."

With four acclaimed albums and performances at festivals and night clubs across the USA as well as England, France, Belgium and Spain, the band continues to travel extensively. The Bel Airs' musical approach and superbly crafted showmanship make for a more than memorable concert whenever they appear.

From the Bel Airs artist website

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What's New with BluesEd?

All six of our BluesEd bands have had a great start to the 2016 season! Our bands have performed nearly every weekend in June at many area venues and festivals including Taste of Omaha, Bridge Beats, Summer Arts Festival, Blues at Bel Air, OEAA Summer Showcase & our "home away from home" The 21st Saloon. Our next big all BluesEd band event is our Benefit Concert at Alley V on July 10th. This spacious, air conditioned venue has something for everyone with live music, food, bowling, games and we have added some terrific Silent Auction items as well. Every donation at the door receives a free Alley V play or bowl card! Please make your plans to join us for a great afternoon at Alley V on July 10th.

LIVE MUSIC - SILENT AUCTIONS RAFFLES - BOWLING - GAMES FOOD - DRINKS Us & Them - Voodoo Vinyl 🛗 The Redwoods - Far & Wide Front & Center - Dilemma **SUNDAY-JULY 10** ALLEY V - 3375 OAK VIEW DR MUSIC STARTS AT 2PM Suggested Donation-\$5 at door

Thanks to our association with the Blues Society of Omaha our students have a chance to clinic with some of great musicians that come through Omaha. Just last month our students had an amazing clinic with Bruce Katz and The

Bruce Katz Band. Mr. Katz shared his experiences as a touring musician and also as a professor at Berklee College of

Music in Boston. Our students were glued to his every word & appreciated his time. Our students also had a chance to work with Omaha's own Brad Cordle of the Mighty Jailbreakers at several vocal clinics. Brad gave our students a great deal of insight into breathing and vocal techniques. Also, we are excited to add a harmonica clinic with Justin Shelton of Hector Anchondo's Band in July. Your donations to BluesEd ensure we continue to offer these clinics to our students to round out their blues education experience.

Finally, be sure to catch some of our BluesEd bands open at the amazing Playing with Fire Concert (July 2 & Aug. 27) & Jazz on the Green (July 7, July 21 & Aug. 4) both held at the Midtown Crossing Stage. After each Playing with Fire concert the headliners will join our students at the Cantina Laredo for a Jam to "Keep the Fire Burning."

Our final all BluesEd band performance of the season is being held at The Waiting Room on Aug. 7th as we say goodbye to some of our students as they head off to college. Be sure to check our facebook page – BluesEd – for all the latest performances and news for our BluesEd bands.

Chris & Kevin Shouse BluesEd Directors



ROCKIN' JOHNNY WITH AKI KUMAR

— Aki Kumar's Nebraska Debut —

Wednesday, July 6th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln Thursday, July 7th @ 6 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha



"His take on early 60's Chicago blues is in the pocket." James Porter, Time Out Chicago

"The great thing about Rockin' Johnny is that his sound is fully rooted in the old style Chicago Blues sound, but his approach is original and contemporary." Karen Hansen, Today's Chicago Blues blog.

The Rockin' Johnny Band has been one of Chicago's most loved blues bands since 1995. Guitarist Johnny Burgin came

to Chicago from South Carolina to attend the University of Chicago, and earned the name "Rockin' Johnny" as a DJ at the college radio station WHPK. Rockin' Johnny began playing in the ghetto clubs of Chicago's West Side with blues singer Taildragger, and then began touring nationally as a sideman with former Howlin' Wolf drummer Sam Lay and blues piano legend Pinetop Perkins.

After learning from the masters, he put his own band together. Things started happening for the Rockin' Johnny Band after they took a Monday night residency at The Smoke Daddy in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Their original, energetic approach soon made them a strong local draw week after week and year after year, bringing in blues aficionados, every musician in town, and a younger crowd that normally didn't go to hear blues bands. The atmosphere the band generated was so electric, that Delmark Records offered them a contract after hearing just one set. This was especially exciting because the prestigious Chicago label is revered by blues aficionados as the home of Junior Wells and Johnny's idol, Magic Sam!

Since those days, they've regularly toured Europe, played festivals and headlined clubs all over the Midwest. The Rockin' Johnny Band has recorded five CDs including "Grim Reaper", released in April of 2012. A true "musician's musician",Rockin' Johnny has been one of Chicago's most in-demand blues session men since the 90s, contributing his incisive playing to over a dozen CDs by artists such as Billy Boy Arnold, Jimmy Burns, Tail Dragger, Little Arthur Duncan, Paul DeLay and many more.

The Rockin' Johnny Band plays vintage Chicago blues, but

also is known for a wide repertoire which ventures into Stax style soul, swing, and lots of originals that are harder to classify. On stage, the band performs with spontaneity and fun, always showcasing fantastic guitar playing.

From the Rockin' Johnny Band website

AKI KUMAR

Dynamic frontman & harp player Aki Kumar is a bonafide star among the next generation of West Coast blues artists and the **world's first** professional blues harmonica player to hail from India. A master of the hugely influential Chicago blues sound, Kumar inherits his style from the harp legends of the 1950s and 60s. Aki has a unique voice in the blues, blending elements of blues harmonica pioneers of yesteryear with a signature sound of his own.

"..old school blues at its finest by way of India. And the lad has soul to spare."

Dan Aykroyd aka Elwood Blues

Born and raised in Bombay (now *Mumbai*) - India, Kumar established his mark on the West Coast blues scene as frontman of the SF Bay Area's highly acclaimed blues outfit **Tip of the Top**. His latest venture, **The Aki Kumar Blues Band**, involves several Bay Area blues luminaries and has been the culmination of his journey through American roots music. The band performs vintage blues with tremendous skill and energy and is guaranteed to entertain audiences across all venues, from intimate listening rooms to large festivals.

"(Kumar) has a natural propensity for the music, with a rich, deep tone and a sensitive, economic style that emphasizes feel over flash."

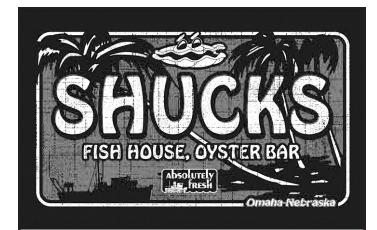
Jonny Whiteside, LA TIMES

In recent years, Aki Kumar has performed all across the United States and internationally (Norway, Finland, Sweden, Germany, UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, India), collaborating with some of the top blues artists on the scene. He has also contributed his blues harmonica licks to numerous recordings produced on the West Coast in the last decade. 2016 marks another exciting year for Aki Kumar, with upcoming recording projects, European appearances, featured performances at Mark Hummel's renowned blues harp blowouts and other musical collaborations across the country!

From the Aki Kumar artist website

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

Look for B.J.'s byline under the Music tab at thereader.com



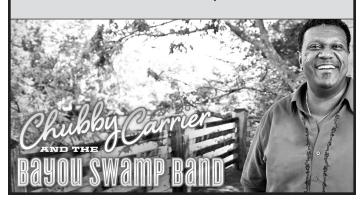
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Bring Lawn Chairs, but no coolers please. Very reasonable prices on food and drinks will be available.

Shucks location is 119th and Pacific, Omaha.





Tuesday, July 5th @ 6 pm Jon Dee Graham and the Fighting Cocks

Friday, July 8th @ 5 pm **ZOOFEST**

Saturday, July 9th @ 3 pm **ZOOFEST**

Wednesday, July 13th @ 6 pm Janiva Magness

Thursday, July 14th @ 6 pm Rick Estrin and the Nightcats

Saturday, July 16th @ 6 pm
The Steepwater Band

Saturday, July 23rd @ 6 pm Blind Dog Smokin'

Wednesday, July 27th @ 6 pm Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band

For a full schedule see www.zoobar.com

RUSTY WRIGHT BAND

Wednesday, June 13th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln Thursday, June 14th @ 6 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha

"Make no mistake, this act is much more than a 'guitar' band. They are the embodiment of what The Blues is all about. Some the best blues I've ever heard."

Craig Martin, Executive Director,
Pix Theatre

"One of the BEST blues guitarists you'll ever hear... They were on fire! This band is destined for greatness! Very

nice people as well. Watch for them in your area...you will not be disappointed!"

John Galvin, keyboardist, Molly Hatchet

In 2004 Michigan guitarists Rusty and Laurie Wright put together the first incarnation of the group that would become the Rusty Wright Band. It was only the band's second show together when they opened for Lynyrd Skynyrd, a performance which garnered them a standing ovation and prompted Skynyrd guitarist Rickey Medlocke to exclaim "Dude – where the hell did YOU come from?"

John Blueshammer from Blue Monday Monthly once described the band as "tighter'n a tutu on a sumo wrestler," but this band is much more than that. They project nonstop exuberance and energy, and their engaging onstage chemistry and superb musicianship bring people to their feet immediately. They have been called "one of the most entertaining Blues bands in the country today." (Steve Simon, Founder of the St. John Blues Festival and Bluzapaloo-



za Armed Forces Entertainment tours)

About 85% of the band's repertoire consists of original, rock-tinged blues that has been described by the El Paso Times as "a smart collection of adrenalized modern blues that showcases not only Rusty Wright's considerable guitar chops but an obvious ability to fuse blues and rock in a way that draws from the former's traditions and the latter's high-voltage power."

Rusty, the band's namesake and primary songwriter, has drawn on his family's Southern roots and a wealth of Blues, Southern Rock and legendary Blues Rock influences to craft his uniquely 'bluescentric' sound that leans on duet-style songs and showcases his flamboyant guitar style. Wright has done an amazing job of creating a signature style and sound all his own that fuses naturally with whatever song it is applied to.

The band's fourth album "This, That & the Other Thing" made it's debut at #5 on the Relix Magazine/Jambands.com airplay chart; #15 on the Roots Music Report Blues chart; #21 on the Living Blues chart, and #149 on the Americana Music Association chart. The album was added into rotation on 220+ stations across the US and in April the album was made available on more than 57,000 Touchtunes digital jukeboxes across North America.

From www.lastfm.com

The Chris Duarte Group

Thursday, August 4th @ 6 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha

"Full of hell-bent energy, lean and mean, this is about as in-your-face as Texas blues-rock gets, especially in the opening cuts. Duarte holds your attention with a variety of pockets and unexpected textural twists and turns, borrowing a rap groove here and machine-gunning a little Hendrix there."

Dean Cottrill - HOUR Entertainment Weekly

"This Austin-based six-string virtuoso believed that, in music, the journey is as important as the destination—maybe even more so. Get on the bus. This trip isn't one you wanna miss."

Kelly Kerr – Tulsa World

Austin-based guitarist, songwriter, and singer **Chris Duarte** has often been compared with the late **Stevie Ray Vaughan**. It's heady stuff for the musician, who plays a rhythmic style of Texas blues-rock that is at times reminiscent of **Vaughan's** sound, and at other times reminiscent of **Johnny Winter**.

The truth is, Duarte has his own sound that draws on elements of jazz, blues, and rock & roll. Although he is humbled by the comparisons with the late Vaughan, the San Antonio-raised musician began playing out in clubs there when



he was 15 years old. After Duarte moved to Austin when he was 16, he began taking his guitar playing much more seriously, and at that time, Vaughan was still around playing in Austin-area clubs. Duarte was one of those lucky few thousand who got to see Vaughan at the Continental Club before the late guitarist got his first break with **David Bowie**.

After a short stint in an Austin jazz band, Duarte joined Bobby Mack & Night Train and began getting heavily into blues at that point. He traveled all over Texas with that band before a big break came his way in 1994, when New Yorkbased Silvertone Records released his critically praised debut album, Texas Sugar/Strat Magik. Tailspin Headwhack followed in 1997 and Love Is Greater Than Me appeared three years later. Romp from 2003 featured a cover version of Bob Dylan's "One More Cup" and was followed by the 2007 album Blue Velocity, 2008's Vantage Point, 2009's 396, and 2010's Infinite Energy. My Soul Alone showed up early in 2013, with Lucky 13 arriving in 2014.

Biography by Richard Skelly, source: www.allmusic.com

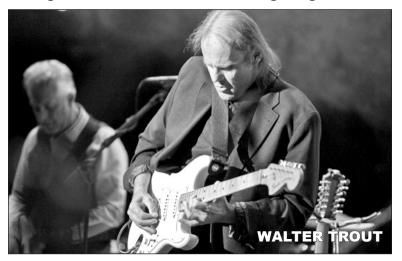
PLAYING WITH FIRE RETURNS TO SATURDAYS WITH ROSTER OF AWARDING WINNING ARTISTS

Free summer concerts series roars with growlin' vocals and twangin' guitars

Playing with Fire (PwF) will celebrate its 13th annual free concert series by returning to our original Saturday roots. The series was established in 2004 to bring people together to "celebrate and build community" with the most accomplished international, national and local musical artists. PwF is honored to support the growth of the BluesEd program as the opening band at every show. This year BluesEd bands, Far and Wide take to the stage to kick off the July 2nd concert, The Redwoods open for the August 27th date.

On August 27th the 'Twang Bar Kings' will bend their strings in support of Donate Life Nebraska. Lincoln's 'young gun,' Levi William marks his return for a second appearance on the PwF stage. Montreal's one man band, Steve Hill, winner of the 2016 and 2015 Maple Blues Awards for Electric Act of the Year, Entertainer of the Year and Guitarist of the Year, 2015 Recording/ Producer of the year and, finally, a 2015 Juno Award for Blues Album of the Year, amps it up for headliner, Walter Trout who requested PwF to produce this show. Walter's nominations and awards span the continent with his most recent, 2016 Blues Music Award for Rock Blues Album: Battle Scars and Song of the Year for "Gonna Live Again." Walter came through the 'darkest times a human being can experience' as he battled liver failure and a life saving transplant in Omaha at University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2014. Walter returns to Omaha with the release of his new album, "ALIVE in Amsterdam."

Turner Park will open at 3:30 p.m. each date. The music begins at 4:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but free-will donations will be accepted. A percentage of the giving on August 27 will benefit Donate Life Nebraska and its mission to create organ donor awareness. The charity partner for the July 2 series is nearing announcement. BluesED will host the ever popular, AfterBurn Jams at Cantina Laredo immediately following each concert. This year's AfterBurn Jams at Cantina Laredo are going to explode with crazy! PwF is supported by the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund, the City of Omaha, private sponsorships plus in-kind donations and volunteers. If you would like to donate or learn more about Playing with Fire and the 2016 concert series and artists, visit www.playingwithfireomaha.net. PwF Social media sites are https://www. facebook.com/PlayingWithFireOmaha., https://twitter. com/ PWFireOmaha.





Blues in July & August

Fri Jul 01

4TC (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge) Austin Young Band (9:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Sat Jul 02

Playing with Fire (3:30 pm) (Turner Park at Midtown Crossing)
Terry Parker on Piano & Vocals, John Mertz on Guitar, and Tommy Wells on Bass.
Motown. (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sun Jul 03

MTC Blues and Brews (12:30 pm) (Glenwood Lake Park)

Mon Jul 04

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Tue Jul 05

Zoo Bar Anniversary week with Jon Dee Graham (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Jul 06

Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Jul 07

Rockin' Johnny Burgin with Aki Kumar (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)
Stransky Park Concert Series – Ed Archibald (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park)
Ed Archibald on Sax with Craig Franklin on Piano. Smooth Jazz (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Fri Jul 08

ZOOFEST – Day 1 (5:00 pm) (Zoo Bar) The Old No 5s (8:30 pm) (Doghouse Saloon) 4TC (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sat Jul 09

ZOOFEST – Day 2 (3:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
Dax's Band (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)
Torry Parker on Pigno 8 Vegels, John Mortz on

Terry Parker on Piano & Vocals, John Mertz on Guitar, and Tommy Wells on Bass. Motown. (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sun Jul 10

BluesEd Benefit Concert (2:00 pm) (Alley V) Rayford Jones & Friends (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge) Nita & the Pipe Smokin' Charlies (4 pm) (Corner Bar)

Mon Jul 11

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Jul 13

Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive) Tab Benoit (8:00 pm) (Bourbon Theater) Andy T and Nick Nixon Band (4 pm) (Corner Bar)

Thu Jul 14

Rusty Wright Band (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Stransky Park Concert Series – A Ferocious Jungle Cat (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park) Ed Archibald on Sax with Craig Franklin on Piano. Smooth Jazz (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Rick Estrin & the Nightcats (6 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Fri Jul 15

4TC (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)
Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal (9:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

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

Sat Jul 16

BluesEd Bands perform at Bellevue Riverfest (12:00 pm) (Haworth Partk) An Evening with Lyle Lovett and his Large Band (8:00 pm) (Rocco Theatre) Sailing in Soup (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Terry Parker on Piano & Vocals, John Mertz on Guitar, and Tommy Wells on Bass. Motown. (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sun Jul 17

Schucks 10th Anniversary Party – featuring Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band (3:00 pm) (Schucks)

Julie Baker-Anderson & Company (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Titanium Blue (4 pm) (Corner Bar)

Mon Jul 18

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Jul 20

Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Jul 21

Blind Dog Smokin' (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Stransky Park Concert Series – Hector Anchondo Band (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park) Ed Archibald on Sax with Craig Franklin on Piano. Smooth Jazz (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Fri Jul 22

4TC (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sat Jul 2

The Mighty Jailbreakers (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Terry Parker on Piano & Vocals, John Mertz on Guitar, and Tommy Wells on Bass. Motown. (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sun Jul 24

The Cooley Strawn Duo (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge) Kirsten Theim Band (4 pm) (Corner Bar)

Mon Jul 25

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Jul 27

Chubby Carrier (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar) Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Jul 28

The Bel Airs (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Stransky Park Concert Series – Emily Bass and The Near Miracle (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park)

Ed Archibald on Sax with Craig Franklin on Piano. Smooth Jazz (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Fri Jul 29

4TC (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Sat Jul 30

Daddy Mack and the Flak (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Terry Parker on Piano & Vocals, John Mertz on Guitar, and Tommy Wells on Bass. Motown. (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Corner Bar 35th Anniversary (all day) (Corner Bar)

Sun Jul 31

Chester McSwain & Company (7:00 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Mon Aug 01

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Tue Aug 02

First Tuesday Fundraiser with Da Crabby Blues Band Featuring Bucky McCann (6:00 pm) (Schucks)

Joanne Shaw Taylor (8:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)

Blues in July & August

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Stransky Park Concert Series – Swing Fever (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park)

Fri Aug 0

The Sunday Roadhouse presents "Hayes Carl" (9:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)

Sat Aug 06

Too Slim & the Taildraggers (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Sun Aug 0

BluesEd Season Finale (2:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge) Julie Baker-Anderson & Company (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Mon Aug 08

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Tue Aug 09

Dick Dale (9:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)

Wed Aug 10

Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers (7:30 pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater) Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Aug 11

Jeff Jensen Band (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Stransky Park Concert Series - The Bel Airs (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park)

Sat Aug 13

Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Sun Aug 14

Rayford Jones & Friends (7:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Mon Aug 15

Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone)

Wed Aug 17

Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Aug 18

Andy T Nick Nixon Band (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Stransky Park Concert Series – Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal (7:00 pm) (Stransky Park)

Fri Aug 19

The Old No 5s (6:00 pm) (Dillon Brothers Harley-Davidson)

Bo'Dell Experience (9:00 pm) (21st Saloon)



Sat Aug 20

Boondoggle (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

The Old No 5s (9:00 pm) (Roadhouse Saloon)

Sun Aug 2

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Mon Aug 22

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Aug 24

Swampboy Blues Jam (8:00 pm) (Black Eye Dive)

Thu Aug 25

Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (6:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Fri Aug 26

Achilles Last Stand (9:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Sat Aug 27

Playing with Fire (3:30 pm) (Turner Park at Midtown Crossing) The Mighty Jailbreakers (8:00 pm) (The Stave)

Country Two Piece (8:00 pm) (21st Saloon)

Sun Aug 28

The Cooley Strawn Duo (8:30 pm) (The Omaha Lounge)

Mon Aug 29

Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band (7:00 pm) (Ozone) Zoo Bar House Band (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wed Aug 31

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BLINDDOG SMOKIN'

Thursday, July 21st @ 6 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha Saturday, July 23rd @ 9 pm • Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln

Grammy Nominated Funk Collective Blinddog Smokin' Makes High-Energy Roots Music With Humor, Depth, and Soul!!

A great funk and blues showband with a deep and original American repertoire of fatback funk, blistering blues, uptown horns and lowdown grooves, Blinddog Smokin'

has been gigging together for 23 years. Just this year Elmore Magazine described their recent New York City show as; "It was, in a word: phenomenal."

This extremely entertaining, soulful, bluesy, and funky 8-piece group is the house band for the Snowy Range Music Festival, where they've performed with Dr. John, Bobby Rush, Los Lobos, Billy Branch, among many others. Creative, fun, and interactive with their audience, they've played every conceivable venue, from Mississippi juke joints to high mountain roadhouses; across Europe and the Mediterranean all the way to the main stage at the King Biscuit Blues Festival in Helena, Arkansas, an event that attracts upwards of 100,000 attendees over three days.

This year kicked off with an appearance at The Grammy's for last year's award winning, Grammy nominated release Decisions with their longtime friend and soul-blues legend Bobby Rush, leading them into their own release High Steppin' which debuted at number 10 on the Blues radio chart in July. Elmore Magazine called the album "spectacular" and "spine-rattling" and Billboard's All Music Guide gave it 4 stars. The disc's nine songs ricochet from rock 'n' roll to juke joint blues to New Orleans jazz to raw Americana, all supported by the band's twin pillars: hot 'n' greasy funk



and frontman Carl Gustafson's epic storytelling.

The original songs of Blinddog Smokin' animate a vivid cast of motley characters. They sport "Pimp Shoes," see visions of "Angels at the Crossroads," chase young girls like a "Funky Old Man," ruminate on "Skinny Little Ladies,"

arrive on "Bobby Rush's Bus," and accompany the ancient bluesman who has "Just Come Home to Die." We meet a disillusioned preacher in an old West saloon on "Church of Fools," and Miss Peggy, proprietress of the Pie-a-Rib Cafe, where the band's founder and charismatic front man Carl Gustafson was first entranced as a teenage runaway by the rhythm and blues that helped shape his destiny.

Last year's release Decisions with the band's longtime soul mate, Blues Music Hall of Famer Bobby Rush, garnered great acclaim, charting on Blues and Americana radio, and with press in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and MTV. The album garnered the award for Best Blues Album in New Orleans' Best of the Beat Awards and Best Soul Blues Album in Chicago's Blues Blast Music Awards. The album features Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Dr. John and the music video with the artists went on to gain over 125K views on YouTube.

The band covered the length of the United States in their three-month High Steppin' tour this year and will be continuing their journey across the U.S. and world through 2016 and onward.

From the BiCoastal Productions website

LOOKING FOR BSO MERCHANDISE COORDINATOR/ASSISTANT

BSO is seeking a volunteer to either take over the Merchandise Coordinator position, or, work as an assistant with our current Merchandise Coordinator.

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Coordinate merchandise volunteers for events • Manage receipts and report to Treasurer-Report at BSO meetings
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If you are interested in volunteering, or, if you have any questions, please contact Jeff Malloy at ooobaby44@yahoo.com or call 402-536-0739. Training will be provided.





TAB BENOIT

Wednesday, July 13th @ 8 pm • \$22 to \$36 tickets Tickets and info at www.bourbon theatre.com



6/30: **Levi William**

7/7: Ed Archibald

7/14: A Ferocious Jungle Cat7/21: Hector Anchondo Band

7/28: Emily Bass and the Near Miracle

8/4: Swing Fever

BSO SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE 2016 NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE

The annual Nebraska Blues Challenge will be in October this year and we are looking for volunteers to help organize a committee, and help with the logistics of the event. There will be 3 preliminary shows, and a final competition. We are looking for volunteers to help in contacting the bands with the rules and forms for the competitions. Also looking for volunteers for help during the actual events, with tasks from tracking time for each band's performance to assisting the event Judges. Sher Dostal is working with this upcoming event and could definitely use a hand. Please contact Sher Dostal at membership@omahablues.com.



Sunday, July 10th @ 4 pm Nita and the Pipe Smokin' Charlies

Wednesday, July 13th @ 4 pm
The Andy T – Nick Nixon Band

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Sunday, July 24th @ 4 pm Kirsten Theim Band

Saturday, July 30th

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TOO SLIM AND THE TAILDRAGGERS

Thursday, August 4th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th Street, Lincoln Saturday, August, 6th @ 8 pm • \$10 • 21st Saloon, 96th & L Street, Omaha



New York writer Dave Rubin stated, "If Tim "Too Slim" Langford only played slide guitar, he would slither around most other blues guitarists and take a ferocious bite out of their pride. But as the sole six-string slinger, songwriter and lead vocalist of the power trio Too Slim and the Taildraggers, Langford is a force of nature leaving musical tracks others try to follow".

Those tracks led to Nashville, where Langford has been hanging and working with the big dogs. After teaming up with Grammy-winning producer Tom Hambridge (Buddy Guy, ZZ Top, Joe Louis Walker, George Thorogood, Susan Tedeschi...) Langford headed into the studio to track a new album, Blue Heart, released in June 2013. Now Langford has again teamed up with Tom Hambridge to co-write and record three new songs for the upcoming June 2014 release of "Anthology". "Anthology" features the recordings of Langford from the Underworld Records catalog spanning the last 15 years. To top it off, in May 2014 through January 2015, Tim "Too Slim" Langford was chosen to be featured at the Nashville International Airport and the Country Music Hall of Fame alongside the likes of Elton John, Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell, Buddy Miller, Ray Stephenson, and The Carolina Chocolate Drops.

Creating an eclectic style of blues and rock that has become a genre all its own, Tim "Too Slim" Langford's ever-evolving musical direction cannot easily be classified. Too Slim and the Taildraggers effortlessly cross genres, flavoring Blues with Rock and Americana, they appeal to audiences of varying musical tastes.

Tim Langford has won multiple individual awards for Best

Guitarist, Best Slide Guitarist, and Best Songwriter and the band are in the Hall of Fame in three Northwest blues societies. The band's 2013 release "Blue Heart" Reach as high as #3 on the Billboard Top Blues Album Chart and Shiver, the bands previous release was a 2012 Blues Music Award nominee for "Blues Rock Recording of the Year".

They are currently touring in support of their 2016 release "Blood Moon", which is getting great reviews.

Too Slim and the Taildraggers current rhythm section consists of Nashville bassist Eric "Stretch" Hanson and drummer Jeff "Shakey" Fowlkes (Kid Rock, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise).

From the Too Slim and the Taildraggers Facebook page



2016 CONCERT SCHEDULE

July 7 **Blue House with the Rent to Own Horns**

July 14

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July 21 Cha Wa

July 28

Billy McGuigan and the Omaha Big Band

August 4 **Davina and the Vagabonds**

August 11
Kim Waters

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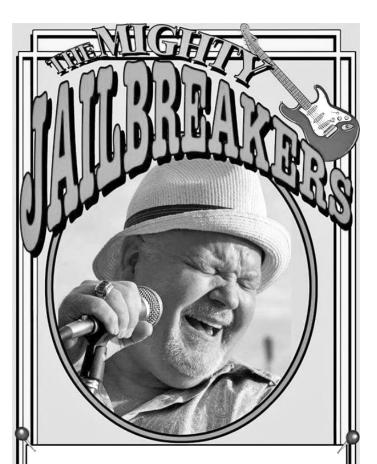


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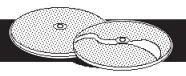
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CD Reviews



John Long · Stand Your Ground

John Long's second release on the Delta Groove label is titled *Stand Your Ground*. This is a deceptively simple old time roots blues CD with a mix of covers and new tunes written by Long. The CD is dedicated to Homesick James Williamson, reputed cousin of Elmore James, who also played for a number of years in James' band. Legend has it that Williamson gave Elmore James his first guitar, and that Elmore

died on his cousin's couch. The opening track is a cover of Homesick's "Baby Please Set a Date", and you can hear



Elmore's influence in the opening guitar rift.

Long has a compelling voice that smoothly dips to baritone. The mix of secular and gospel blues tunes reminds me of a Holmes Brothers CD. One of those gospel blues tunes is a cover of Blind Willie McTell's "Climbing High Mountains (Trying to Get Home)". You might remember another famous cover of McTell's music, "Statesboro Blues" by the Allman Brothers.

On the original tune "One Earth, Many Colors", Long cries out for racial acceptance. In another original tune, "No Flowers for Me", Long sings about Parkinson's disease. The closing cut, also original, is "Suitcase Stomp", which had me tapping my toes and dancing in my seat.

I found this CD to be an elegant example of old school blues. In fact, it is difficult to tell which songs are new and which are covers of decades old blues classics. And that is true craftsmanship. I highly recommend this album to those who appreciate this genre of Blues/Americana music.

Gail Beaudry-Heuton

Big Jon Atkinson & Bob Corritore House Party at Big Jon's

Delta Groove Music



This collaboration, between Atkinson and Corritore, is an introduction of sorts to guitarist Big Jon by the veteran harmonica player Corritore. Atkinson is a 28 year old guitarist from San Diego that got into classic blues from an early age. He then had a desire to play with the

blues masters that he admired.

Corritore is a harp veteran that opened the Rhythm Room in Phoenix in 1981 bringing with him the blues he loved from his native Chicago. Many blues veterans have played there since then.

Corritore and Big John are a great match because of their passion for post-war classic blues. They use vintage instruments and recording equipment to create a sound that harkens back to the sound of Chess.

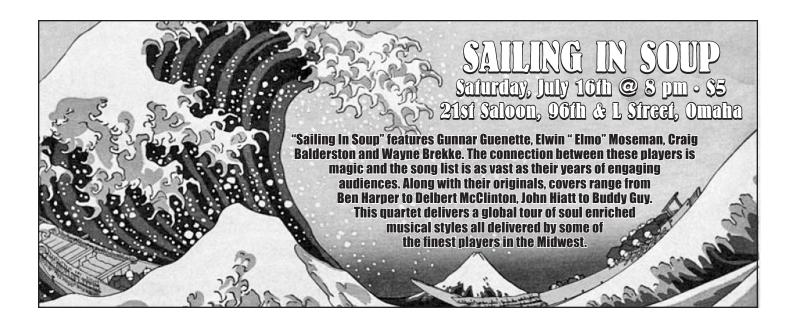
Atkinson plays and sings in a style, and with a strength, that is beyond his age. Corritore's harp playing is solid and understated throughout. Backup work is supplied admirably by veterans Alabama Mike, Dave Riley, Tomcat Courtney, and Willie Buck.

This cd will be appreciated by blues fans that enjoy classic Chicago blues. It is unadorned and rough to give it that unmistakable classic sound.

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