

Volume Twenty–Five, Number Four • July 2020



Tues, 7/14 and Wed, 7/15 2 shows each night @ 6 and 8 pm Zoo Bar Thurs. 7/16 - 2 shows @ 5:30 and 7:45 Stocks n Bonds

Fri. 7/17 @ 5:30 - Soaring Wings Wine, Blues, Beer and Hot Air Balloon Festival

16TH ANNUAL WINE, BLUES, BEER AND HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

July 17th and 18th

Fri. 7/17 @ 5:30 Mike Zito

Saí. 7/18 Indigenous, Nick Schnebelen, Rex Granife Band feat Sarah Benck

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PROPANE FUND BENEFIT Sun. July 19th from 3 pm to 7 pm Stocks n Bonds, Omaha



Sat. July 25th from 6 pm till 11 pm with some great bands MATT COX BAND, JOSH HOYER BAND, TIJUANA GIGOLOS REUNION, AND KRIS LAGER BAND.



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Unless noted otherwise, all shows are 6 pm and at Stocks n Bonds, 8528 Park Drive, Omaha.

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July 2nd
July 19th Sunday 3 to 7pm Toy Drive for Pine Ridge
Propane Fund Benefit (\$10)
July 23rdTijuana Gigolos Reunion Show! (\$8) July 30thPolly O'Keary and the Rythm Method (\$10) July 31st (<i>Fri.</i> @ <i>5:30</i>)Polly O'Keary and the Rythm Method @ The B Bar (\$8)
Aug. 6th

Why Join the Blues Society of Omaha with Your Membership Donation?

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 dues-paying members. BSO's mission is "Keepin' the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies in the country. With the help of your tax-deductible donation we continue to promote blues music, blues musicians, and live music venues & events. Among our many projects and accomplishments are these:

- BSO promotes musicians and venues by maintaining a comprehensive live music calendar on our website, omahablues.com. BSO also
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- BluesEd is a non-profit youth artist development program created and sponsored by Blues Society of Omaha. The BluesEd program
 began in 2001 to provide opportunities for young musicians to learn blues music in a series of workshops and to play with other
 students in a band format. Our BluesEd bands always are impressive and they have performed at some of the finest festivals & venues
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- The Blues Society of Omaha has hosted an annual Nebraska Blues Challenge competition for local bands since 2011. All of the participating bands are showcased in judged public events as they compete for a package of prizes and the honor of representing BSO at the International Blues Challenge competition held in Memphis. All of the winning Nebraska bands have gone on to receive national attention and acclaim while making BSO proud!
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- · BSO regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need.

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Friday – 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-6:00pm "Hudson Blue" Saturday – 6:00-7:00am "Beale Street Caravan" • 7:00-8:00am "Juke in the Back" Sunday – 2:00-4:00pm "Back at the Chicken Shack"

KRIS LAGER BAND

Thursday, July 2nd @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha



"For most of Kris Lager's life he has been a traveling musician, a troubadour, who has spent two decades on the road honing his craft and message.

Not only is he one of the funkiest and fiercest blues guitar players you'll ever witness with a uniquely expressive and heartfelt voice. He also crafts uplifting, interactive, and spiritual tunes with a 'Celebrate Life Mantra' that is woven throughout his entire performance.

Kris is a Lincoln, Nebraska native and a family man who has built a reputation for refusing to play by industry rules

or pander for awards and accolades. He is truly a one of a kind performer who hits the stage with an intense purpose of uplifting and engaging audiences while delivering his flavorful gumbo of rhythms and melodies.

Kris will also play a little keyboards, shimmy around the stage, attempt to connect with everyone he makes eye contact with, and offer up a healthy dose of his signature 'soul clappin'. This just scratches the surface of a genuine artist who has a powerful vision of what music can do to raise the human spirit and condition. You must see it, hear it, and dig into the vast KLB catalogue for yourself to fully understand and appreciate this musician on a mission.

Kris' longtime musical partner and rhythmic backbone of the group for over 15 years is Mr. John Fairchild AKA Scooby Sha Bo Bo. He brings a hiphop flare to the rootsy compositions and also some funky Beat box, flows, and freestyles. His charm, charisma, and silky smooth beats will make a distinct impression upon your backbone and have you wanting more and more of his signature 'feel good grooves'.

Please plan your next show soon (even if you have to road trip), dial up some jams wherever you stream or listen, and come experience this 'True American Musical Treasure' that is KLB while you still can."

From the Artist's Facebook page.

Check ouf B.J. Huchiemann's column Hoodoo Blues monthly in the Omaha READER for info on upcoming shows and other news in the roots-blues music scene. Look for B.J.'s byline under the Music tab at thereader.com

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POSTPONED

Dear Friends,

The events of the past few months have been unsettling, difficult and unpredictable, to say the least. It is due to this unpredictability that we must cancel our 2020 In the Market for Blues that was to take place on Aug. 1, 2020 in Omaha, Nebraska. We are heartbroken for our beloved musicians and venues who have already suffered so much in 2020. However, consideration for public safety is our utmost concern.

It is our hope and desire to resume In the Market for Blues in 2021 as Omaha's Blues festival in the heart of downtown Omaha. In the meantime, the Blues Society of Omaha hopes to schedule an event to benefit our community of blues musicians, live music venues, and fans.

The Blues Society of Omaha
In the Market for Blues Planning Committee



SEE YOU IN 2021!



TOY DRIVE for PINE RIDGE

BENEFIT FOR THE PROPANE FUND

Our annual summer show to help replenish the propane fund to help elders on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation stay warm in the freezing South Dakota winter.

Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 3 PM — 7 PM

\$10 at the door Stocks n Bonds, Omaha Three great bands

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DUSTIN ARBUCKLE AND MATT WOODS TRIO

Thursday, July 9th @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha

Dustin Arbuckle and Matt Woods have each been hard at work on the blues and roots music scene for nearly two decades. Arbuckle, from Wichita, KS, was a founding member of the critically acclaimed progressive roots rock/blues act Moreland & Arbuckle, with whom he toured internationally and released 7 albums over 15 years before the band parted ways in 2017.

Woods, a native of central Iowa, has been a fixture of the midwestern music community, averaging over 100 shows per year and recording 3 albums as a solo artist and 2 with his former band, The Thunderbolts. After years of hearing and admiring each other's music, Arbuckle and Woods finally connected and began playing together in 2018.

The two quickly developed a strong musical chemistry based on their mutual passion for old-school blues, especially the traditional rural styles of Mississippi and the electric Chicago blues sounds of the 1940s and 50s. Their music combines these influences with elements of gospel, country



music, and more, while Woods' fiery voice and tenacious guitar playing blend perfectly with Arbuckle's more subtly soulful singing and harmonica style to give the duo the ability to deliver it all with power and authenticity.

From the Artist's Faceboook page.



Tuesday, July 14th and Wednesday July 15th

Mike Zito

"Social Distancing Tour"

2 shows per night @ 5:50 and 7:30

For a full schedule see www.zoobar.com

NEW INFORMATION AT BSO WEBSITE



Our omahablues.com website now includes the results of the BSO survey conducted in 2019 and the minutes of quarterly meetings of the BSO Leadership Team. You'll find this information by hovering your cursor over the ABOUT tab in the header menu at top of any website page, and you then will see a dropdown where you can click to view links to the "BSO Survey 2019" and "Quarterly Meeting Minutes". There is also a link to both these new pages in the footer menu.

GOOD TIMES AT CHROME LOUNGE! Photos by Gabe McGrath







































Mike Zito Social Distancing Tour 2020

Zoo Bar, Lincoln • Tuesday, July 14th and Wednesday, July 15th - 2 shows each night at 5:30 and 7:30

Stocks n Bonds, Omaha • Thursday, July 16th – 2 shows @ 5:30 and 7:45 (\$15 per show or \$25 combined for both) Advance tickets at Eventbrite.com

Soaring Wings Wine, Blues, Beer and Balloon Festival, Springfield, NE Friday, July 17th @ 7 pm (\$10 – adv. tix @ Etix.com)

He may be one of the most lauded artists in the contemporary blues arena today, and rightfully so, but for Mike Zito, the thing that counts the most is maintaining his honesty, authenticity and integrity. Those are the qualities that have steered Zito's career since the beginning and continue to define every effort he's offered since.

"I have nothing to hide; it seems my honesty is what people relate to most,"

he once told Vintage Guitar magazine. "Anders (Osborne) told me early on, 'If you don't believe what you're singing, you'll never be a good singer.' I try not to write fluff; I try to make every word count."

That point became convincingly clear with his last record 2018's First Class Life, a collection of songs that detailed his journey from addiction to sobriety and the subsequent success he achieved through his award-winning body of work. A multiple award winner and nominee, Zito has built his career on an ability to tap into tradition while maintaining contemporary credence all at the same time.

Zito's upcoming album -- his 16th -- due this November on Ruf Records and descriptively titled Rock N Roll: A Tribute to Chuck Berry, finds him broadening his boundaries still



further even as it marks a return to his roots. The album consists of 20 Chuck Berry classics performed by Zito and an impressive array of 21 guest guitarists, among them Joe Bonamassa, Walter Trout, Eric Gales, Robben Ford, Sonny Landreth, Luther Dickinson, Albert Castiglia, Anders Osborne and, significantly, Chuck's grandson, Charles Berry III.

"This was a very special project for me," Zito says. "I lived in Chuck's hometown

of St. Louis for 32 years, and I worked at a small musical instrument store where his drummer also happened to be employed. Chuck's son would drop by on occasion as well. He was an icon, and rightfully so. I've been playing his songs since I was a kid. Needless to say, he was a tremendous influence on my career, and, of course, on many other musicians' as well."

Produced by Zito himself, the album was recorded at his own Marz Studios and mixed and mastered by David Farrell. "We recorded the basic tracks and then sent them to each guest musician," Zito recalls. "They added their contributions and then sent the files back to us. The process took a year to complete."

From the Artist's website.

BSO PRESENTS MIKE ZITO AT STOCKS N BONDS INFORMATION AND POLICIES

In order to accomplish Social Distancing, Mike will be performing two separate shows, advance tickets are available at Eventbrite.com

EARLY SHOW Doors at 3pm, Showtime 5:30pm Advanced tickets \$15 for the EARLY SHOW.

LATE SHOW Doors at 7:30pm, Showtime 7:45pm Advanced tickets \$15 for the LATE SHOW.

Advanced COMBO TIX for the EARLY & LATE SHOW can be purchased for \$25.

(Day of Event Single Show tickets are \$20 at the door, \$30 for Combo Tickets)

If purchasing only the EARLY SHOW TICKETS, please quickly depart as the show ends at 7pm, to allow for the sanitization of the venue for the Late Show. Upgrades to admission for both the 5:30pm AND 7:45pm show may be obtained at the Door for an additional \$10 (if the second show is NOT a sell-Out.)

The BSO is concerned for the welfare of our members and guests, musicians, and team-members of our venue partners. Everyone should evaluate their risk in determining whether to attend shows during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19, and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit. Masks are encouraged and all venue restrictions must be observed. Stocks and Bonds will be enforcing all protocols that have been put in place by the Health Department, City, and State. Attendance will be limited to enable safe social distancing. Regardless of your personal comfort level, regarding going out to venues at this time, please be extremely considerate of invading other's personal space. We look forward to once again sharing great music with all of you!

Blues in July & August

[Thu Jul 02]

Kris Lager Band @ Stocks & Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

[Fri Jul 03]

Luther James Band @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar) Enjoli Mitchell & Friends at The Jewell Reopening (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Sun Jul 05]

Hector Anchondo at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Thu Jul 09]

Jazz on Your Green (online) with Darcy Malone and The Tangle (6:00 pm) (Online virtual concert)

Dustin Arbuckle at Stocks & Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds) Matt Wallace Fusion Force at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Fri Jul 10]

Dust Devil Choir @ B Bar F.A.C. (5:30 pm) (The B Bar) Slaughter, Towne & Morrison Jazz Trio at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Blue House & The Rent to Own Horns @ Rockbrook Village (7:00 pm) (Rockbrook Village)

[Sat Jul 11]

Oye Como Va – Santana Tribute at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Blue House @ Copa Cabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

[Sun Jul 12]

Hector Anchondo at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Tue Jul 141

Mike Zito @ The Zoo Bar (Social Distancing, Limited Attendance with separate shows at 6pm and 8pm) (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Wed Jul 15]

Mike Zito @ The Zoo Bar (Social Distancing, Limited Attendance with separate shows at 6pm and 8pm) (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar) NATION, featuring Topher Booth, singer songwriter at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Thu Jul 16]

Mike Zito Band @ Stocks & Bonds (Shows at 5:30pm & 7:45pm) (5:30 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

Jazz on Your Green (online) with Ladama (6:00 pm) (Online Virtual Concert)

Latin Nights with Matt Wallace & Friends at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

HEY BANDS & BARS

If you want your schedule printed monthly in BLUES NOTES and listed on omahablues.com, e-mail to calendar@omahablues.com
All schedules must be received by the 21st of each month.

Get calendar updates @ www.omahablues.com

[Fri Jul 17]

Front Porch @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

Soulful Saxophonist Chad Stoner at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Mike Zito @ Soaring Wings Pre-party for Wine, Blues, Beer, & Hot Air Balloon Festival @ Soaring Wings Vineyard (7:00 pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

Blue House @ Copa Cabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

[Sat Jul 18]

Indigenous, Nick Schnebelen Band, & Rex Granite Band feat. Sara Benck @ 16th Annual Wine, Blues, Beer and Hot Air Balloon Festival (5:30 pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossel, Funk, Blues, R&B Soul at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Blue House with the RTO Horns @ The Dam Bar (8:00 pm) (The Dam Bar)

[Sun Jul 19]

Propane Drive Concert for Pine Ridge at Stocks & Bonds (3:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

Hector Anchondo at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Wed Jul 22]

Mitch Towne Organ Trio at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Thu Jul 231

The Hegg Brothers @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)
Jazz on Your Green (online) with Farofa (6:00 pm) (Online Virtual
Concert)

Tijuana Gigolos Reunion @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

Reverend Horton Heat w The Goddamn Gallows @ Waiting Room (8:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)

[Fri Jul 24]

Blue House with The Rent to Own Horns at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Kris Lager & Friends @ Falconwood Park (8:00 pm) (Falconwood Park)

[Sat Jul 25]

Concert to benefit The Zoo Bar @ Falconwood Park feat. Hector Anchondo Band, Josh Hoyer & The Soul Colossal, Tijuana Gigolos Reunion, Kris Lager Band & BIG JAM feat. KLB, Heather Newman, LeFever & Many More! (6:00 pm) (Falconwood Park)

Big Wade and The Black Swan Theory at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Blue House with the RTO Horns @ Shadow Ridge (7:00 pm) (Shadow Ridge Country Club)

[Thu Jul 30]

Jazz on Your Green (online) with Matt Wallace and the Hegg Brothers (6:00 pm) (Online Virtual Concert)

Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

Mitch Towne & Friends at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

Blues in July & August

[Fri Jul 31]

Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

Polly O'Keary and the Rythm Method @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

Andrew Bailie at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Sun Aug 02]

Hector Anchondo at The Jewell (6:30 pm) (The Jewell)

[Thu Aug 06]

Brandon Miller Band – CD Release Party @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

[Fri Aug 07]

Brody Buster @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar) Brody Buster @ The B Bar (5:30 pm) (The B Bar)

[Sat Aug 08]

Boz Scaggs w/ JD McPherson @ Arnold's Park/Okoboji (Event Canceled) (7:30 pm) (Arnold's Park)

Blue House @ Copa Cabana (9:00 pm) (Copa Cabana)

[Thu Aug 13]

Shawn Pittman @ Stocks & Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

[Sat Aug 15]

Blue House with the RTO Horns @ Taste of Omaha at Elmwood Park (3:00 pm) (Taste of Omaha at Elmwood Park)

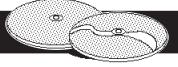
[Thu Aug 20]

Orphan Jon and the Abandoned @ Stocks n Bonds (6:00 pm) (Stocks n Bonds)

[Sat Aug 22]

Blue House with the RTO Horns at Stinson Park (7:00 pm) (Stinson Park – Aksarban Village)

CD Review



Cindy Cashdollar · Waltz for Abilene

Silver Shot Records



Cindy Cashdollar hits the jackpot with her new release, "Waltz for Abilene". Yes, Cashdollar is her real name, and she's an accomplished Dobro, lap steel, and steel guitar musician. If you're not familiar with her, she's origi-

nally from Woodstock, NY and she spent the majority of the 1990's recording and touring with Asleep at the Wheel. She's appeared on many albums as a session musician, including being a member of Dave Alvin & The Guilty Women.

Cindy produced "Waltz for Abilene" on her own Silver Shot Records label. There are 13 tracks on the album and guest musicians appear on 11 of the tracks. There is exquisite musicianship throughout, covering various genres of music. Although not a blues album, it certainly has its blues influences. My favorite track is "That's No Way For Me To Get Along" featuring Rory Block. Cashdollar and Block have

toured recently as Sisters Of Slide. Another blues favorite is the old Howlin' Wolf song, "How Many More Years", featuring Omar Kent Dykes, of Omar & The Howlers fame. The blues standard, "This Train", features former Lovin' Spoonful front man, John Sebastian, on harmonica. Sonny Landreth and Marcia Ball appear on beautiful instrumentals. Landreth playing his distinctive style on "Sey Seychelles" and Ball playing piano on "Salvation".

Cashdollar and guitarist Albert Lee collaborate brilliantly on "Foggy Mt. Rock" and "Memphis Blues". Amy Helm is the daughter of Levon Helm and she adds her heartbreaking vocals to "Ring Them Bells". Former bandmate, Ray Benson of Asleep At The Wheel, joins in with Austin musicians Mike Flanigin and Derek O'Brien for the western swing tinged "Peacock Alley". Jake Langley plays guitar on the jazzy "Skylark" and Arlen Roth shows off his versatile guitar technique on "In The Heart Of This Town". Cashdollar can bring you to tears on her version of "Oh Susanna" and the album closes out with the title track.

Cashdollar's most recent album, "Slide Show", was released in 2004 and it's another brilliant album featuring guest musicians. It would be a major coup to get Cindy to Omaha sometime. I'm hoping that happens soon.

--Glenn Bauer

SEEKING NEW SECRETARY AS OFFICER FOR BSO

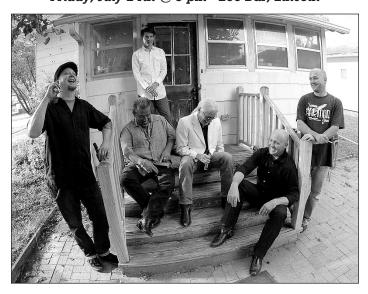
BSO is in need of a member to serve in the office of Secretary. The Secretary attends and keeps the official minutes of meetings of members, the Board of Directors, and the Leadership Team. The Board and Leadership Team typically meet together on a quarterly basis, and general membership usually meets annually. The Secretary actively participates in the business of BSO, and may be requested to keep other records of the organization and to perform other duties. Estimated time commitment is about 6 hours in a 3 month period of time. If you are interested, please contact President Mark Grubbs at 402–598–8644 or mdgrubbs2612@gmail.com.

We sincerely thank Bonnie Mercer, who is leaving as BSO Secretary after six years. Bonnie remains dedicated to BSO, and she will continue to perform all the tasks related to getting our monthly "Blues Notes" newsletters mailed to members—a job she has done for two years.



TIJUANA GIGOLOS Reunion Shows!

Thursday, July 23rd @ 6 pm (\$8) Stocks and Bonds, Omaha Friday, July 24th @ 5 pm • Zoo Bar, Lincoln



The Tijuana Gigolos started playing together in 2001. The brain child of Marty Steinhausen, lead guitarist and vocals, the band took off along with Dave Robel on drums and Tony Meza on percussion and vocals. They started practicing in Marty's basement before having a name.

After multiple practices and the consumption of multiple beers and shots of Patron (tequila) they came up with the name - The Tijuana Gigolos. With the addition of Jeff Boehmer on bass and occasional lead guitar and Tom Harvill on the keys, they started playing gigs. Playing almost exclusively original music, they started attracting fans. Having the advantage of living in the same town as the legendary, nationally-known Zoo Bar, they had the opportunity to open for and play with national acts such as: Billy Bacon and The Forbidden Pigs, The Hacienda Brothers, The Blazers, Los Super Vatos and many more. They released their first CD, "Do Ya' Wanna Go" in May of 2005. The band released their second CD "Laid to Waste" on June 8th 2007. Their latest CD "Shotoun" 2013.

Marty Steinhausen will be in town for 3 special reunion shows....as Tony Meza says "Come On". With the band having influences like Billy Bacon, Dave Alvin, Elvis, Chris Gaffney, Link Ray, Eddie Cochran, Ritchie Valens, Hank, The Texas Tornadoes, Joe Ely, Los Lobos, Bo Diddley, The Blazers, The Blasters, James Harmon, The Paladins, Buddy Holley, Bill Haley, Gene Vincent, Chuck Berry, Los Super Seven, Johnny Cash, Bill Kirchen, Cheap Trick, Jerry Lee Lewis, Dean Martin, Magic Slim you know it will be a party!

From the Band's Facebook page.

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POLLY O'KEARY AND THE RHYTHM METHOD

Thursday, July 30th @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha Friday, July 31st @ 5:30 pm (\$8) • The B Bar • 4330 Leavenworth Street, Omaha



"A power blues trio in the finest sense of the term- guitarist David Miller is a revelation. The songwriting is consistently strong and catchy without ever losing its driving edge"

-Chameleon Fire

"O'Keary is a powerful singer- a primal force...mastery of the groove is everything- if you don't have that you're missing the point, and Polly O'Keary & The Rhythm Method have it down cold...extremely cool"

-Gonzo Okanagan

Polly O'Keary is today's blues woman, rooted in tradition, but informed by the 21st Century. Pulling in influences from zydeco, country, funk, jazz, rockabilly, surf and rock and roll, she and her trio, Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method, bring a searing and joyful performance of today's blues to audiences across the U.S. and Canada.

Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method is the trio she built with her husband and drummer Tommy Cook, also a highly sought touring drummer and winner of the 2017 Washington Blues Society Blues Drummer award, with whom she shared rhythm section duties for international touring act Too Slim and the Taildraggers for four years.

Rounding out the trio is David Miller, who grew up listening to blues in Texas. At 17, then living in California, Miller met a piano player who was then working for Tommy Castro. The older musician recruited Miller to come play at several bars, and assured the young man that he could get him in, underage though he was. Miller became a regular in clubs in the Bay Area, sitting in with local and touring acts night after night. At 25, then living in San Luis Obispo, he assembled The Dave Miller Band, and for the next 18 years, he and the group went on to become one of Southern California's most popular blues bands, leading one reviewer

to describe his "jaw-dropping guitar licks" and praise his "extraordinary mixture of inspiring virtuosity both vocally and instrumentally."

Critics love Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method's 2017 album Black Crow Callin', which has been in the Top 20 on Roots Music Report's blues rock chart since its release.

From the Artist's website.

Playing with Fire 2020 Rescheduled to 2021

OMAHA, Neb. – After much consideration Playing with Fire has determined it is in the best interest of our fans, artists, and volunteers to postpone the 2020 concert series until 2021. This year's concerts had been scheduled for July 24 and 25, and August 22. The free annual concerts have been held every summer since 2004, presenting local, national, and international musical artists, drawing thousands of fans. Earlier this year, the Playing with Fire Concert Series had announced its move to the Capitol District for 2020."Our top priority is the health and safety of our fans, our volunteers, and our performers," said Jeff Davis, Playing with Fire's promoter. "While we are disappointed in changing our plans this year, we are pleased to announce that all artists scheduled for 2020 are reconfirmed for 2021. We are excited to have added an additional date in 2021 date as well."The confirmed dates for Playing with Fire 2021 are Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, and Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14. The concerts will be held in the Capitol District, 10th & Capitol, in downtown Omaha. Stay up to date on all of the latest Playing with Fire 2021 schedules, artists announcements, biographies, and concert memories at www.playingwithfireomaha.net. Like and follow our social media on Facebook at PlavingwithFireConcert-Omaha and on Twitter and Instagram at PwFireOmaha.





Friday, July 17 4pm: Gates Open • 7pm: Mike Zito

Saturday, July 18

4pm: Gates Open • 5:30pm: Rex Granite Band feat. Sarah Benck 7pm: Nick Schnebelen • 8:30pm: Indigenous 9:30pm: Jam session to end the night!

Tickets available at Etix.com Friday \$10 • Saturday \$30 | Ages 12-20 \$25 • 11 & Under Free

Food and beverage available for purchase. Chairs and umbrellas allowed, no tents. Coolers allowed, but will be searched. Food permitted, no outside alcohol. Weather permitting, a fleet of hot air balloons will launch Saturday only. Event is rain or shine.

> Social distancing and safety measures in place following CDC guidelines:

Staff and customer masks required indoors Hand sanitizer provided

Scheduled sanitizing of high touch/high traffic areas

See the Blues Society of Omaha website for additional information. Festival brought to you by Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing in conjunction with Blues Society of Omaha



July 25 @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm **Concert to benefit The Zoo Bar** @ Falconwood Park — GATES OPEN AT 5 PM —

Feat. HECTOR ANCHONDO BAND **JOSH HOYER & THE SOUL COLOSSAL.** TIJUANA GIGOLOS REUNION. **KRIS LAGER BAND** Plus

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Independent music venues have been one of the most hard-hit industries across the globe, and the World-Famous, Award-Winning, Zoo Bar is no different. Please join us for a great day of music in the beautiful setting of Falconwood Park with their fantastic stage. sound, & lights, as we support our friends at The Zoo Bar! (Anyone that knows Pete Watters won't be surprised to hear he was resistant to a benefit, because so many other people are hurting. When I explained he'd be cheating his friend's bands out of a fun gig, (albeit not a lucrative gig), Pete gave in, and is looking forward to celebrating live music with y'all again:-)

Social Distancing will be easily maintained at this large park, but we do need everyone to be careful not to invade other's spaces. Looking forward to a great day of music for a great cause!

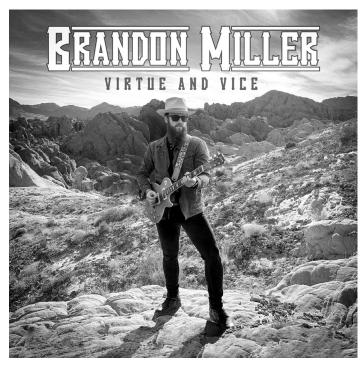
> A donation of \$20 per person is suggested, however any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Overnight Camping Available. Tickets and V.I.P. Packages on sale soon at eventbrite.co

If you are unable to attend, but would like to support The Zoo Bar, check out the Zoo Bar Merch Page and upgrade your wardrobe.

Brandon Miller Band CD Release Party!

Thursday, August 6th @ 6 pm (\$10) • Stocks n Bonds, Omaha



Music has always been a part of Brandon Miller's life. From an early age, his dad would let him explore his record collection of Led Zeppelin, Genesis, Aerosmith and other classic rock legends. Miller spent countless days and nights trying to recreate the sounds of his musical heroes. After sculpting

his sound for years, he formed the Brandon Miller Band, a powerful, guitar-driven blues-rock trio. Having released two, full-length albums and sharing the stage with artists like Jonny Lang, Foghat, Night Ranger and Eddie Money; Brandon Miller brings a fiery passion to the guitar that is unlike any other.

Brandon grew up listening to classic rock from the 60s and 70s because of his parents love for music. Listening to the rock n roll stories of disc jockeys from a famous Kansas City radio station just stirred the fire of his love for music even more. When he first began elementary school, his older brother had begun playing guitar. Brandon would sneak into his brothers room to grab his guitar just to play around with it. Driving his brother mad because of his always wanting to play, Brandon received his first guitar for Christmas when he was seven.

Shortly after he turned thirteen in seventh grade, the music bug bit him deeply

and over the summer his talent exploded. He would sit and practice for hours upon hours. Some days he would practice up to ten hours, and soon he was recreating what before he couldn't. He began going to blues jam sessions around Kansas City where he began to gain popularity with his audiences in large part due to his young age and immense talent. Quickly he realized that his age always presented some problems when clubs and bars would not let him into play until they witnessed his precocious ability first hand. At these jams, he met some of the most influential musicians in his career. With these musicians, he discovered his true love blues. He could be found during his middle school years not listening to what was popular at school dances or on the pop radio stations, but listening to legendary blues artists such as Robert Johnson, Albert King, Freddie King, Howlin Wolf, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, and many more. One artist stuck out the most, Stevie Ray Vaughan. Listening to how he put all of his emotions into his playing inspired Brandon to do the same to spread the blues and bring it back to Kansas City.

Brandon currently performs with his own band as well as the Danielle Nicole Band.

Brandon is touring in support of his new CD Virtue and Vice which will be released on July 31st.

From the Artist's website.



BANDS AND VENUES...HELP US HELP YOU!!! HELP US PUT MORE BUTTS IN MORE SEATS

The Blues Society of Omaha maintains a powerful calendar of events on its website, **omahablues.com**. We invite all venue and band managers to take advantage of this free opportunity for promotion. Since we are an all volunteer organization, we ask you to get an account and help us by maintaining your digital space on this calendar.

Our calendar has the following features:

- A real-time page showing the most timely upcoming events.
- A powerful search engine for users to find specific events by name, venue, band, and date.
- Events pages that allow rich text, photos, and external links to band site and venue pages. Much of the page is generated automatically from the venue page. It also makes it easy for use to add events to their calendar and to use a map.
- Venue pages that allow contact information and photos, map insets linked to full mapping, and links to external sites.
- For bands, we have a band listing page with links to individual band pages. These are full free-form WordPress pages supporting text, graphics and links.
- The site works well on mobile devices like smartphones.

If you are interested, please contact Sid Sidner at support@omahablues.com to learn more and to get registered for a free account today.

Musical genres supported by the Blues Society of Omaha on our calendar.

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