



# BLUES NOTES

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JOHN NEMETH

## The Blues Society of Omaha presents THE AKSARBEN BLUESFEST AT STINSON PARK

67th & Center St. • Saturday, June 16, 2012

This free event will feature John Nemeth, Blue House, Mojo Bag, and What Happened? This is a BYOB event, but donations to the Blues Society of Omaha will be greatly appreciated at the event. Music starts at 4:00pm.

## THE ROYAL SOUTHERN BROTHERHOOD



Wed 06/06/12 Lincoln, NE Zoo Bar

Thu 06/07/12 Omaha, NE  
21st Saloon - 5:30pm

## 3rd Annual Lincoln BBQ AND BLUES FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Featuring

Magic Slim & The Teardrops

Plus

The Honeyboy Turner Band

Join us for a smokin' good time on Saturday, June 23 in the parking lot just east of Famous Dave's. (27th & Pine Lake Road at Southpoint Pavilion Mall) <http://www.southpointeshopping.com/events>



## TOMMY CASTRO & THE PAINKILLERS TO PERFORM AT THE ZOO BAR IN LINCOLN!

Monday, June 4, 2012

Showtime: 6:00pm

Ticket price: \$15 advance /  
\$18 day of show

"Tommy Castro can do no wrong soulful, heartfelt vocals, and exquisite, stellar guitar work. A seamless blend of blues, gospel-flavored R&B, soul and roadhouse rock."

--Blues Revue



## 2012 Omaha Summer Arts Festival

CenturyLink World Music Pavilion – Luigi Waites Main Stage Line-Up

Friday, June 8

12:00 p.m. Omaha Musicians Association Jazz All-Stars • 5:00 p.m. Fruition String Band

7:00 p.m. Gregg Wright

"The new King of Rockin' Blues Guitar!" - The Monterey Bay Blues Festival/CA, USA

"Gregg has an extra gear that most guitarists don't have!" - Zac Harmon/Blues Artist

9:00 p.m. Mingo Fishtrap

Saturday, June 9

11:00 a.m. TBD • 12:30 p.m. Marc Black • 2:00 p.m. The Mad Maggies • 3:30 p.m. Marc Black  
5:00 p.m. The Mad Maggies • 7:00 p.m. Lao Tizer • 9:00 p.m. Tiempo Libre

Sunday, June 10

12:00 p.m. Camille Meteyor Moten Band • 1:30 p.m. Luigi Inc • 3:00 p.m. Brad Cordle Band



GREGG WRIGHT

The following artists will perform at  
21st Saloon located at  
4737 S. 96th St. in Omaha, NE

— All shows at 5:30pm —

Thu 6/7 ..... Terry Evans  
Thu 6/14 ..... The Bel Airs  
Thu 6/21 ..... Studebaker John and The Hawks  
Thu 6/28 ..... Lady Bianca



LADY BIANCA



**Buddy Guy with Jonny Lang**  
**The Stir Cove at Harrahs**  
**June 24, 2012 8:00 pm**

## ***Why donate to The Blues Society of Omaha?***

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc is a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 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 The Blues, its musicians and events in the area through our sponsorship and volunteer support:

- BSO is a sponsor of Playing With Fire, a series of concerts held each summer on Omaha's riverfront. We support the event financially as well as provide 500+ volunteer hours for each of the events. The PWF concert series has drawn national recognition to Omaha!
- In 2001, BSO created BluesEd, a non-profit youth artist development program which provides opportunities for young musicians to perform with other students in a band format. BluesEd has also gained national attention for Omaha.
- Regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need
- Provides support to The Zoo Bar – Lincoln's award-winning Blues venue
- "Jammin Away The Blues" – annual fundraiser for The Nebraska Mental Health Organization
- Operation Feed the Troops – fundraiser to provide free food to deploying and returning armed forces members and their families
- Annual toy drive for the children of Pine Ridge Reservation

### **Other Donor Benefits:**

- Free monthly subscription to "Blues Notes" – our monthly newsletter that will keep you abreast of Blues events in the area, Blues CD reviews and other articles of interest to Blues connoisseurs!
- Weekly e-blasts with late-breaking Blues news
- Invitation to special events and parties
- Special pre-sale and discounted tickets to select events
- Various discounts offered by BSO advertisers
- Pride in belonging to a group dedicated to "Keeping The Blues Alive!"

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## **BLUES ON THE RADIO:**

**Mondays 1pm-3pm on KIOS 91.5 "Blues in the Afternoon" with Mike Jacobs**  
 You can listen to the live stream at [www.kios.org](http://www.kios.org)

**Sundays 9am-Noon on KIWR 89.7 Rick Galusha's "PS Blues" Pacific Street Blues & Americana podcast:**  
[http://kiwrblues.podOmatic.com/entry/2010-02-03T11\\_00\\_49-08\\_00](http://kiwrblues.podOmatic.com/entry/2010-02-03T11_00_49-08_00)

**Lincoln's KZUM Radio - Nebraska's only community radio, and you can listen to it on the web at [KZUM.org](http://KZUM.org).**

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

**Tuesday – 10am-Noon "The X" • 3:00-6:00pm "Group W/ Blues"**

**Wednesday – 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.



Michael Burks  
1957-2012

Michael Burks died in Atlanta on Sunday, May 6, 2012. He was 54 years old. He was returning from a tour of Europe and collapsed at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and could not be revived.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations in Burks' name be to the HART Fund of the Blues Foundation, which aids musicians with health care needs.

[http://www.blues.org/#ref=hart\\_donate](http://www.blues.org/#ref=hart_donate)



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

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# What's New with BluesEd?

## New BluesEd Clinician – Matt McLarney

We are excited to welcome Matt McLarney as our newest BluesEd clinician! When he was just five years old, Matt remembers hearing the song *That's What Friends Are For* on the radio. His life was forever changed in that moment because he says that's when he knew he had discovered his life's calling.

He began taking piano lessons at age eight and believes that a strong background in keyboard provides a huge advantage for any musician (no matter what becomes your principal instrument in the end). As a young musician, Matt loved composing, the creative process, bringing life to an idea, and inventing something that didn't exist before. He has always been fascinated by the way different chords and melodies have certain emotional qualities and attitudes, but most importantly, he values the relationships he has formed through music. Matt has been playing with his band mates for more than half his life and feels they are all like family.

In 2003, Matt graduated from Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, where he majored in songwriting and was a piano principal. Since then, he has been teaching private lessons in guitar, keyboard, and songwriting/performance and recently opened a teaching studio out of his home called Modern Method Music. He currently keeps busy playing with local bands Old Money and Satchel Grande and continues to study music independently.

Matt loves teaching young people. For him, teaching music becomes an interesting process where he can explore different ways to communicate an idea. "It is especially exciting to see a student perform when you are aware of the journey it took to get there," he adds.

Although he has only been with the BluesEd program for a few months, Matt says he is very impressed with the level of talent and dedication he has already seen in many of the students and appreciates the emphasis on interpretation of the material rather than recitation.

All of us in BluesEd are thrilled that Matt is part of our program and look forward to his mentorship in the months to come!



## Upcoming Performances

**Saturday, June 9** - Omaha Summer Arts Festival - Blues Dilemma, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 16** - Aksarben Village BluesFest - What Happened? & Mojo Bag, 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 22** - Omaha Storm Chasers - Blues Dilemma, 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 1** - Open for Luther James Band - Grant Street Bar & Grill - Mojo Bag, 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 3** - Omaha Storm Chasers - Mojo Bag, 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 13** - Omaha Storm Chasers - Us & Them, 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 14** - Omaha Storm Chasers - Crimson Dawn, 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 28** - Playing With Fire - Us & Them, 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 5** - BluesEd Showcase - All BluesEd bands - 5:00-9:00 p.m.

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

--Vicky DeCoster

## ZOO Fest

### July 13th & 14th, 2012

**Join us for our 39th Anniversary Celebration!**

ZOO Fest 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!

### Tickets

Tickets will be available for purchase from The ZOO Bar, O'Rourke's Tavern, Sportscasters, or online at eTix.com. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or Twitter feed for updates!

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## AkSarBen Blues Fest at Stinson Park



Saturday, June 16

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**What Happened?** (BluesEd band) **4 PM**

**Mojo Bag** (BluesEd band) **5:15 PM**

**Blue House** **6 PM**

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## CANDYE KANE featuring Laura Chavez

Thursday, July 12th-The 21st Saloon

Friday, July 13th-Panic, Lincoln

Saturday, July 14th-The Zoo Bar



"The Most powerful and entertaining female blues singer of her generation" — *Bluesbytes.com*

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"Laura Chavez is not just a rising star. She's already arrived."

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### International Blues Challenge Winners!

Bart Walker was awarded the prestigious Gibson Guitar Best Guitarist in the 2012 International Blues Challenge. The band placed 2nd in the overall competition out of 228 competing bands

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# BSO MEMBERSHIPS ARE BOOMING

Thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people in BSO, our numbers have ballooned in recent months to a current total of 842 memberships. That's up from 659 memberships just one year ago, and we are confident that we are well on our way back to the past glory days of more than 1000 proud, card-carrying BSO members! No doubt about it, BSO is one of the best deals going for anyone and everyone who loves live music. BSO extends **A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!** These folks have joined our ranks as brand new members since January, and several already have stepped up to volunteer at BSO events:

Jon Allen  
Daniel Amundson  
David A. Anderson  
Marshall Anderson  
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## 2nd Annual Nebraska Blues Challenge



The 2nd Annual Nebraska Blues Challenge concluded on Sunday, May 20, with the finals at The 21st Saloon.

Levi William received the most points from the judges and will represent the BSO at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in 2013. Thanks to the other finalists, Brad Cordle Band and Lil' Slim Blues Band, and to all the bands who participated, and all the fans who came out. Also thank you to the venues that hosted events and to all the judges who gave their time to work with us on this year's Nebraska Blues Challenge.



# 5th Annual

## BluesEd Fundraiser

### Slattery Vintage Estates

Sunday, June 3rd 2012, 3:00-7:00

Blues Dilemma

Crimson Dawn

Mojo Bag

Us & Them

What Happened?

- YOUR \$5.00 ADMISSION SUPPORTS BLUESED, A NON-PROFIT MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
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# BLUES IN JUNE & JULY

[Fri 6/1]

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)  
The Candymakers (06:00pm) (Shamrocks Pub (5338 N 103rd St.))

[Sat 6/2]

Brad Cordle Band (06:00pm) (Benson Festival)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (Havana Garage)  
Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Platte Duesche, Grand Island, NE)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Foursomes)  
Swampboy Blues Band (03:00pm) (Heron Bay (Louisville))  
The Candymakers w/ Shannon and the Rhythm Kings and Hector Anchondo (05:30pm) (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

[Sun 6/3]

Scott H. Biram (Bourbon Theatre)

[Mon 6/4]

Marbin (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Tommy Castro and the Painkillers (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Zoo Bar House Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Tue 6/5]

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (Bluesday Open Jam)

[Wed 6/6]

Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)  
Royal Southern Brotherhood (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Fun Plex)  
The Pounders (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Thu 6/7]

Brad Cordle Band (07:30pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater-Papillion)  
Royal Southern Brotherhood (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Washington Park)  
Terry Evans (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)  
Whiskey Pig (Gator OMalleys Pub)

[Fri 6/8]

55 Bands in multiple venues (Downtown Benson)  
Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Legacy Ampitheater)  
Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)  
Susie Thorne Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)  
The Good Foot (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sat 6/9]

55 Bands in multiple venues (OEA Showcase Downtown Benson)  
Back Alley Blues Band (Observatory Lounge)  
Cymbolton (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)  
Stone River Boys (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Welcome Inn, S.O.B. Parking Lot Party)

[Sun 6/10]

Brad Cordle Band (03:00pm) (Summer Arts Festival)  
Dead Bundeys (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)  
Sue From Wildfire Solo (Soaring Wings Vineyard)

[Mon 6/11]

Zoo Bar House Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Tue 6/12]

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (Bluesday Open Jam)  
Walter Trout (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Wed 6/13]

Dale Watson (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 6/14]

Bel Airs (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Legendary Shack Shakers (Bourbon Theatre)  
Lil Slim Blues Band (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Fri 6/15]

Brad Cordle Band (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Kris Lager CD Release Party (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)  
Mike Gurcuillo Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Tiguana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Sat 6/16]

BSO presents the Aksarben Bluesfest w/ John Nemeth, Blue House, BluesEd Bands (04:00pm) (Aksarben Village-67th and Center Street)  
Daddy Mac and the Flak (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Daybreak (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Tin Lizzy Tavern)  
Omaha Multi-Generational Big Blues Band w/ Precious Moore (04:00pm) (Benson Park-Bouncin Blues & BBQ)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))

[Sun 6/17]

Lil Slim Blues Band w/ Brad Cordle Band (04:00pm) (Blues at Bel Air)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Heron Bay (Louisville))

[Mon 6/18]

Zoo Bar House Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)

[Tue 6/19]

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (Bluesday Open Jam)

[Wed 6/20]

Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 6/21]

112 North Duck (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:30pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater-Papillion)  
MFN Bad Sneakers (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)  
Mike Gurcuillo Band (09:00pm) (Myth-Old Market)  
Studebaker John and The Hawks (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)  
Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Fri 6/22]

Hegg Brothers (Lauter Tun)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (05:00pm) (Duggans Pub FAC)  
Honeyboy Turner Band (09:00pm) (Sun Valley Bar and Grill)  
Janet Staley (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Jumpin Kate and the Naked Reserves (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
Lil Slim Band (House of Loom)  
MFN Bad Sneakers (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
Swampboy Blues Band (The Obar)

[Sat 6/23]

Daddy Mac (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
Magic Slim and The Teardrops w/ Honey Boy Turner Band (Lincoln BBQ and Blues at SouthPointe Pavilions, Lincoln, NE)  
Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Island Bar)  
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)  
The Pounders (Gator OMalleys Pub)

## HEY BANDS & BARS

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# BLUES IN JUNE & JULY

[Sun 6/24]

Jonny Lang w/ Buddy Guy (Stir Concert Cove)  
 Roy Kay Trio (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
 Swampboy Blues Band, Magick K Band, Drew and the No Name  
 Blues Band w/ Luther James Band (Ricks Boatyard Blues  
 Festival)

[Mon 6/25]

Zoo Bar House Band (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Tue 6/26]

Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (Bluesday Open Jam)

[Wed 6/27]

Kilborn Alley Blues Band (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)  
 Luther James and Friends Open Mic (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 6/28]

Jon Dee Graham and The Fighting Cocks (Zoo  
 Bar, 402-435-8754)  
 Jumpin Kate and the Naked Reserves (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
 Lady Bianca (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
 Charlie and the Fez Kings (Gator OMalleys Pub)  
 Little Joe McCarthy (Lauter Tun)  
 Tim Keohn (County Fairgrounds Missouri Valley, IA)  
 Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam (The Hive)

[Fri 6/29]

Honeyboy Turner Band (Road House Bar and Grill (Lincoln))  
 Levee Town (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Reverend Horton Heat w/ Mountain Sprout (Bourbon Theatre)  
 Tim Keohn (Foursomes)  
 Wildfire (Soaring Wings Vineyard)

[Sat 6/30]

Back Alley Blues Band (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
 Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Foursomes)  
 Brad Cordle Band (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Honeyboy Turner Band (Silver Hills Winery, Tekamah, NE)  
 The Pounders (Fun Plex)  
 Tim Keohn (Cafe 110)  
 Wildfire (08:00pm) (Lauter Tun)

[Thu 7/5]

Nighthawks (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 7/6]

Dick Dale (Waiting Room)  
 Pounders (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sat 7/7]

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Ozone)  
 Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Tue 7/10]

Smokin Joe Kubek and Bnois King (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Wed 7/11]

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

[Thu 7/12]

Candye Kane featuring Laura Chavez (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 7/13]

Elwin James and The Way Outs (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)  
 Zoo Bar Anniversary Street Festival (Outside of the Zoo Bar)

[Sat 7/14]

Back Alley Blues Band (Observatory Lounge)  
 Levi Williams (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Zoo Bar Anniversary Street Festival w/ Candye Kane (Outside of  
 the Zoo Bar)

[Thu 7/19]

Josh Garrett and The Bottomline (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)  
 Susie Thorne Band (09:00pm) (Myth-Old Market)

[Fri 7/20]

Marquis Knox (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (North Platte Blues Festival)

[Sat 7/21]

Back Alley Blues Band (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))  
 Bel Airs (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (North Platte Blues Festival)

[Sun 7/22]

Grace Potter (Stir Concert Cove)  
 Katie Logan (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)

[Wed 7/25]

Sugar Thieves (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 The BoDeans (Waiting Room)

[Fri 7/27]

Jumpin Kate (06:00pm) (Wunderrosa Winery-Lincoln)  
 Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Fun Plex)  
 Mike Gurcuillo Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sat 7/28]

Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (New York Bar and Grill,  
 Blair)  
 Playing With Fire Concert Series w/ the Rick Vito, Meena  
 Pounders (Lewis and Clark Landing)  
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# BSO MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2012

Meeting was held at McKenna's at 7:00 PM on May 9, 2012

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

## OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS/REPRE BSO MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 2012 SENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

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**BILL FISHER** ..... **BLUES ED REPRESENTATIVE**  
**MATT GAGNE** ..... **FRIDAY NIGHT BLUES/FAC**

## FINANCIALS UPDATE:

May's current balance sheet at the time of the May monthly meeting was \$23,000.00. (Rounded up)

## NBC BLUES CHALLENGE UPDATE:

The logistics for the third and final round of the NBC was reviewed. Confirmation for the third round judges and lodging was also discussed. The topic of selling BSO merchandise and the current inventory of merchandise was discussed. The merchandise includes the new t-shirts and existing inventory of hats and such. Heartland Cafe' will provide food for the finals at NBC.

## EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

The position of the Volunteer Coordinator has been filled. The Officers and Board of Directors would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to STEVE and LISA KRUEGER. EMAIL ADDRESS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS IS: <volunteers4bso@yahoo.com>

Efforts to fill volunteer positions for the Ronnie Baker Brooks concert @ Sumtur Amphitheater are already under way.

BSO would also like to give one last THANK YOU and SHOUT OUT TO VANESSA BAUER for being the previous volunteer coordinator AND for working with Steve and Lisa in efforts to make their transition to the position as seamless and easy as possible.

## MERCHANDISE:

There was a discussion on what various new items to order and the quantities to order versus the merchandise budget for the year. The topic to create a t-shirt for sale to celebrate BSO's 15th anniversary was discussed.

## FRIDAY NIGHT/FAC UPDATE:

Matt gave a verbal proposal to everyone at the meeting for the need to have a weekly FAC where one or two local bands would play at a venue on Friday evenings as well as on a Sunday every now and then. **BACKGROUND:** The idea is to get a venue to buy into the idea and to have an FAC for the older crowd and a later show that same evening for the younger crowd (and for anyone who wants to stay from the previous show) Matt would like the backing of the BSO name and suggested that BSO have a few representatives at each show to sell BSO Memberships and merchandise. Matt suggested trying this for eight weeks rotating in the local bands that are interested. The idea is to give exposure to the local bands and to expose BSO to a crowd other than the regular crowd that goes to see the national acts. More details to follow on this topic at next months meeting.

## PWF PROPOSAL:

Bill stated that there is a PWF vending opportunity for this year.

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## JUMP START

On June 5, 2012, JUMP START, the blistering new album from Chicago blues masters Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, will be released. Just five days later, on June 10, the band will perform at the world famous Chicago Blues Festival before heading out on the road. You should already have your copy of JUMP START along with the new bio. You can also read the bio and listen to the entire album streaming here: <http://www.airplaydirect.com/music/LilEd/>.



Lil' Ed Williams is among the last of the current bluesmen who came directly out of Chicago's deep blues tradition. He didn't learn his craft listening to records, he learned first-hand from the greats all around him, most prominently his uncle, the great Chicago slide guitarist and blues legend, J.B. Hutto. Ed and the band -- guitarist Michael Garrett, Ed's brother James "Pookie" Young on bass and drummer Kelly Littleton -- have been together for almost 25 years. This is an amazing feat for a band in any genre, and is almost unheard of in the blues world. There is an amazing chemistry in this band that adds to the magic. Ed and Pookie have been playing together since Ed was 12

and Pookie was 10. Mike and Kelly joined a mere 24(!) years ago. You can feel their deep friendship in every note they play.

According to Alligator Records president Bruce Iglauer, "Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials' live performances and records have earned them the love of the entire blues world; no one in the blues creates more contagious fun and puts more pure, visceral energy into making music."

For JUMP START, Ed wanted to (and did) experiment with some new grooves and rhythms. He also wanted to present a few songs that showed the band's more serious and subtle side. Of course he also brought a batch of the shuffles and driving boogies the band is famous for. And he also covered (as he always does) a song by his Uncle J.B.. (If You Change Your Mind). Every other song on the album is a new original, ranging from wild slide workouts to the most intense of slow blues.

*Very best regards,*

*Marc Lipkin*

*Director of Publicity, Alligator Records*

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## NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ANNOUNCED

As many of you know, Vanessa Bauer recently stepped down as Volunteer Coordinator Extraordinaire. Leaving behind some pretty big shoes to fill, it looked like a job for two people. How appropriate, then, that a married couple who met as BSO Volunteer ID Checkers for a Playing With Fire Concert in the summer of 2006, would feel the calling, and step up to the plate?

Lisa and Steve Krueger met at the PWF in July 2006, which headlined up-and-coming Joe Bonamassa, who would become one of their mutually favorite artists. Their first official "date" was a three-day concert trifecta, consisting of Buddy Guy & Robert Cray on a Friday, followed by Susan Tedeschi on Saturday, and then Bonnie Raitt and Keb' Mo' on Sunday. They honeymooned in Winter Park, CO at the "Blues at the Top" Festival with Walter Trout, Ana Popovic and Lisa's fave, Curtis Salgado. I guess you could say that the Blues is the backbeat of their relationship!

"Steve says, 'Coordinating volunteers is easy as long as there are volunteers to coordinate!' So if you haven't yet, get to the BSO website ([www.omahablues.com](http://www.omahablues.com)) and 'opt-in' to the volunteers email list (i.e. click on the link 'Volunteers Needed!'). Upcoming opportunities include the Aksarben Bluesfest on June 16th, and Playing with Fire on July 28th. Volunteers get all kinds of great perks, not to mention you will make new friends and (for you single folks) just might meet that special someone!"

# JAMMIN' AWAY THE BLUES AT THE BOURBON THEATRE



PHOTOS BY CONRAD GOOD

# — O.B.S. MAILBAG —

It's Tuesday Bluesday Open Jam at The Hive from 7pm to 11pm on its way to becoming an Omaha institution thanks to huge support thus far from the mighty BSO. Last week, **Tyrese, KC Williams, Doug Collins, Dave Halverson, Tim "Swamp-boy" Koehn, Brent Vignery Babby Clark, John Hartley, Norma, A.J. Foyt, Hector Anchondo** and the legendary **Joe Voda** hung out. **The Hive** is located at 19th & St. Mary's Ave in Omaha. As always a big thank you to **Jake Gardner & Lebron** for keeping our ice cold and for keeping the **BLUES** alive in downtown Omaha. Stop by and Play, Jam, Listen or do a lot of both with **Brad Cordle, Craig Balderston, Elwin Moseman, Gunner Guenette & Devon Fulton**.

*Devon Fulton*



Just want to thank everyone for all the support! It still feels somewhat crazy to think yesterday actually happened. So much emotion flowing all day. Watching my beautiful girlfriend walk across the stage at graduation, to an absolute fun, amazing time on stage with Brian, and Josh. I'm very grateful for all of it. Though the night may have seen every member in my family balling their eyes out, it was a beautiful day... Lol Memphis, here we come! Can't wait!

*Levi William*

This is a few months out but we're really excited about it. We just booked a gig with Rockin' Johnny Burgin from Chicago. It'll be two nights of Rockin' Johnny with The Honeyboy Turner Band at The Havana Garage in Omaha.

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Jeez what a great time for a great cause... "Blues for Lily" brought the Omaha Blues Society to the river again! A bunch of generous folks showed up to lend support to David and Susie Dotson who's 5 year old daughter Lily is courageously dealing with Leukemia. The Blues Society and its members have always put causes like this one in the forefront and this cruise was no different. The Kris Lager Band along with the Brad Cordle band joined forces with Hector Anchondo for a perfect evening of entertainment on the "Mighty Mo".

I instantly remembered why the BSO blues cruises were so damn fun and nearly always sold out... Today we cruised with a purpose... For Lily and her family! camaraderie and friendship can go a long way in making a spiritual boost to an already difficult situation.

Look closely at Picture 7153, Brad Cordle, Mr. Sunshine himself coaxed a Rainbow to show it's colors as if to say There will be a bright future for Lily... Thanks to all who supported this cause in any way, and keep the Dotson family in your thoughts and prayers if you are so inclined!

-Conrad Good

**Editor's Note: This cruise was a benefit for Lily Dotson, who is undergoing chemo treatments for her Leukemia. Lily is the 5 yr. old daughter of David Dotson, longtime webmaster for The Blues Society of Omaha, and his wife Susie.**



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# CD Reviews



## Aaron Williams and the Hoodoo 10:49



In 2008 Aaron Williams and the Hoodoo were formed in Madison, Wisconsin. This is a band of younger musicians that tour the Midwest extensively, reportedly are increasing their fan base, and had the opportunity and experience of playing with many top notch blues artists. Their line up consists of

the standard rock/blues trio band (guitar, bass, & drums). However they invited a keyboard and a harmonica player to assist in cutting the CD they released in 2011 named, or should I say numbered, 10:49. This CD appears to be either from an independent label or a self-assembled project, with some assistance of The Blues Foundation. The CD has 10 songs, all but one written by the band members. The songs are generally quite rock oriented with a few in the blues vein. A few of the songs have a sound and style that sometimes remind me of Jim Suhler and Monkeybeat, George Thorogood, and even to lesser extent Led Zeppelin; not bad company. One of my favorites is the song My Turn as it is one of the most blues like and longest at a little over 6 minutes. Aaron, the guitarist, plays some good slide on several songs and a cigar box guitar on a few others. All of the band members share in the vocal duties, but I was not overly impressed with that aspect of their talents. If you like your blues with a strong rock approach you would likely enjoy this CD. To get a better read on this group you can visit their website at <http://aaronwilliamsandthehoodoo.com> There you can see a video with the cigar box guitar and slide in action. The band is scheduled to appear at Harrah's Casino (Stir Live & Loud) on Friday July 21st. I expect that will be a good show.

--Dan Betts



## Pinetop Perkins Heaven

Blind Pig Records



Pinetop Perkins died recently just shy of his 98 birthday. Pinetop spent twelve years with the Muddy Waters Band. He was self taught on the piano and is widely regarded as one of the greatest blues players of all time. He was very active creating exceptional blues right up to his death.

Heaven was recorded in 1986, when Pinetop was only 73. All but four tracks have him performing solo. Contributions were recently added to these tracks by Willie "Big Eyes" Smith and Otis Clay.

Pinetop is in excellent form throughout this cd. Highlights include Sitting on Top of the World and the classic Pinetop's Boogie Woogie.

The vocals by Perkins have a rough authentic feel of someone that has lived the lyrics. The piano playing is more of the classic style that Pinetop is known for the world over.

I enjoyed this cd a great deal, but it is not for everyone. It is sparse and has a very old-time feel. This could be viewed as a strength by some, but I think others will be put-off.

--A. J. Foyt



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