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JUNE 26

Jonas & The Massive Attraction
MONTREAL

The 9's
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Hector Anchondo
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JULY 3

Madame Louise Project
MONTREAL

Randy Oxford Band
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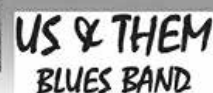
Mojo Bag / Blues ED
OMAHA

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BluesEd Fundraiser

Performing...



June 8, 2014

Music Begins @ 4:00 PM

6 Bands-\$5.00 cover

Raffle/Silent Auction

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4727 S 96th Plaza

All shows 6pm – bands subject to change



June 5th	The Red Elvises (\$10)
June 12th	Reverend Raven (\$10)
June 19th	Rick Estrin and the Nightcats (\$15)
	w/Selwyn Birchwood (Alligator Records showcase)
June 24th (Tues.)	The 44's (\$8)

SOARING WINGS 10TH ANNUAL
SPRING WINE, BEER, BLUES
AND BALLOON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH - 5:30-10:30PM



2613 N. Main St. • Summer Concert Series
June 7, 14, 21 & 28 • \$8 cover for all shows
Bar & grill and best seafing at 5:00
Music from 7 till 10:30

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

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

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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"

The 44's are a Los Angeles-based band who play blues-roots-rock music. The 44's are one the brightest rising stars on the American blues roots scene. Make no mistake about it. The raw rough and tough sounds generated by these four expert musicians during live performances and in the making of their Sophomore album Americana, on the Rip Cat label, demands to be heard by Blues music fans World Wide. They evidence a genuine gift for creating blues in the moment while at the same time showing loyalty to a remarkable blues-and-r&b tradition that goes back decades through the James Harman Band and the Red Devils to storied greats like Howlin' Wolf, Albert Collins, and Muddy Waters. They've become a favorite band of club and festival crowds across North America.



The 44's

21st Saloon, Omaha, NE • June 24th (Tuesday show), 6 p.m. • \$8 cover
Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE • June 25th, 6 p.m.

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?

BluesEd Draws Crowd at Pizza Shoppe Collective; Seniors Shine

People were literally walking in off Maple Street on May 3 to hear all six BluesEd bands belt out the blues at the Pizza Shoppe Collective in downtown Benson. Mojo Bag turned in a stellar performance as sisters Ali and Jenny Fisher wowed the crowd with vocals. Ben Curran (guitar), Ed Berry (keyboards), and Joe Fox (drums) round out the seasoned band. Third-year member Jenny added her skills on bass guitar as well. Ali, who graduates from Millard South this year and a six-year veteran of BluesEd, said she got involved in the program because of the influence of her cousin, Monica Maher, who was also a BluesEd artist. Monica played for Backer's Blues, named after Doug Backer, one of the original founders of BluesEd. Ali and Jenny's parents, Bill and Barb Fisher, are in their second year as directors of the BluesEd program.

One audience member at PS Collective said, "I heard this great vocalist when we walked by and had to come in and see what was going on." The vocalist was Becca Erdman for Far & Wide. Far & Wide also performed May 17 in Stanton,



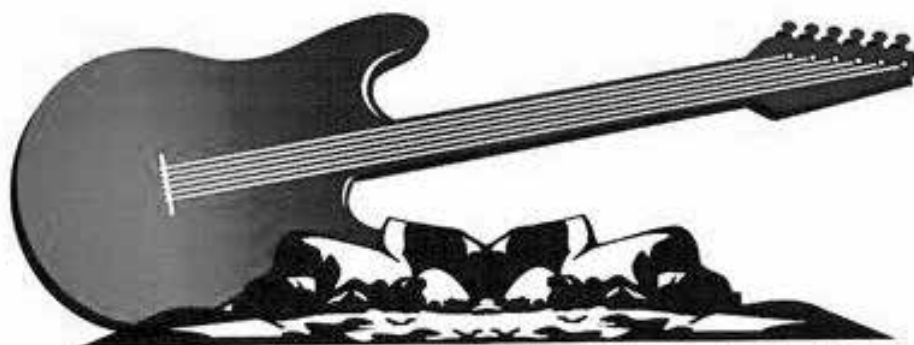
Jenny Fisher, bass guitarist and vocalist for Mojo Bag, performs at the Arthritis Walk in Stinson Park.

Iowa, for the graduation party of their guitarist, Phil Pfeiffer. Phil received an acrylic guitar as a gift from the band. "It's a really big deal to me. I am really grateful to be in a band with such cool people. I wouldn't have wanted my last BluesEd season to be with anybody else," said Phil in an e-mail to the band members.

Other seniors in their final year of the program are: Ed Berry (Elkhorn South), keyboardist for Mojo Bag, 6 years in BluesEd; Ben Curran (Lincoln Southeast), guitarist for Mojo Bag, 2 years in BluesEd; Grace Bydalek (Brownell-Talbot), vocalist for Dilemma, 3 years in BluesEd; Trace Jones (Creighton Prep), guitarist for Dilemma, 3 years in BluesEd; Ben Wellwood (Millard South), guitarist and harmonica player for Us & Them, 3 years in BluesEd; and Connor Swanson (Millard South), guitarist for Us & Them, 4 years in BluesEd.

Be sure to come out to the BluesEd Fundraiser June 8, 4 p.m., at the Slowdown, 729 N 14th St. Bad Brad and the Fat Cats will be the closing band at 8 p.m.

—Scott Stocking



GLADSTONE SUMMERTIME BLUESFEST

FREE FESTIVAL JUNE 6TH & 7TH IN GLADSTONE (K.C.)

June 6th

Fast Johnny Ricker • The Bel Airs • Larry Garner

June 7th

**Danny Cox • Doghouse Daddies • Brick Fields & the Chosen Ones
Moreland & Arbuckle • Walter Wolfman Washington**

REVEREND RAVEN AND THE CHAIN SMOKIN' ALTAR BOYS KEEP IT SIMPLE AND REAL

With their attention getting oddity of a name and Milwaukee as a home base, Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys are different in some ways, but faithful to the real Blues in the ways that count.

"The Reverend's ability to keep a crowd going all night long is a matter of haunted local legend."

**- Brian Barney,
Shepherd Express**

Once you hear their album *Shake Your Boogie* you'll know why the rest of the country is catching on. They have a simple and straight forward sound that locks into a variety of mostly Chicago type grooves. That makes sense since main man Reverend Raven was born on the south side of Chicago.

Where better for a Bluesman to call home?

"You know I hate these cookie cutter bios. I know they are necessary but you are only as good as last night's gig," said the Reverend Raven.

I'll keep it brief and simple: The Reverend started playing



the Blues in 1971 after he heard a Freddy King concert. His career was interrupted by a 15 year stint in the Navy where he got his nickname. One of his duties as a Chief was to console sailors with personal problems and the crew started calling him Reverend and it stuck.

After the Navy he moved to Milwaukee and hooked up with Jimmy Rogers longtime harmonica player Madison Slim and started collecting the personnel who now make up The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys. Since then they have opened for a who's who of Blues greats and moved up the line to play some of the top clubs and festivals in the country.

Among the festivals Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys will be playing this year is The 2014 Greeley Blues Jam, June 14 at the Island Grove Regional Park. I know you'll be glad when you come out and hear them. They're a real good time.

*—Marc Applegate
KUNC.Org Community Radio for Northern Colorado*



Vineyard & Brewing
10TH ANNUAL SPRING WINE, BEER, BLUES
AND BALLOON FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 7th - 5:30-10:30pm

Come join our annual celebration of blues music! Not only does the music rock all night but you can take in the beautiful scenery with a breathtaking display of hot air balloons. Bring your friends, lawn chairs, picnic blankets and baskets to enjoy a spectacular evening filled with music, wine, beer and cheer!

\$15 for adults (includes entry, first glass of wine or beer and a souvenir wine glass!), \$10.00 per child (12-20), Under 12 is free.

5:30 - 6:30 - Jason Vivone and the Billy Bats
7:00 - 8:00 - Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers
8:30-9:30 - Bad Brad and the Fat Cats
9:30 - 10:00 - JAM Session

Where Friends and Family Meet

**Heartland
Cafe**
Elkhorn, Nebraska

2613 N. Main St.

6/7 Rockin' Jake from Chicago

6/14 Hector Anchondo

6/21 the Bel Airs

6/28 Levee Town

\$8 cover for all shows

**Bar & grill and
best seating at 5:00**

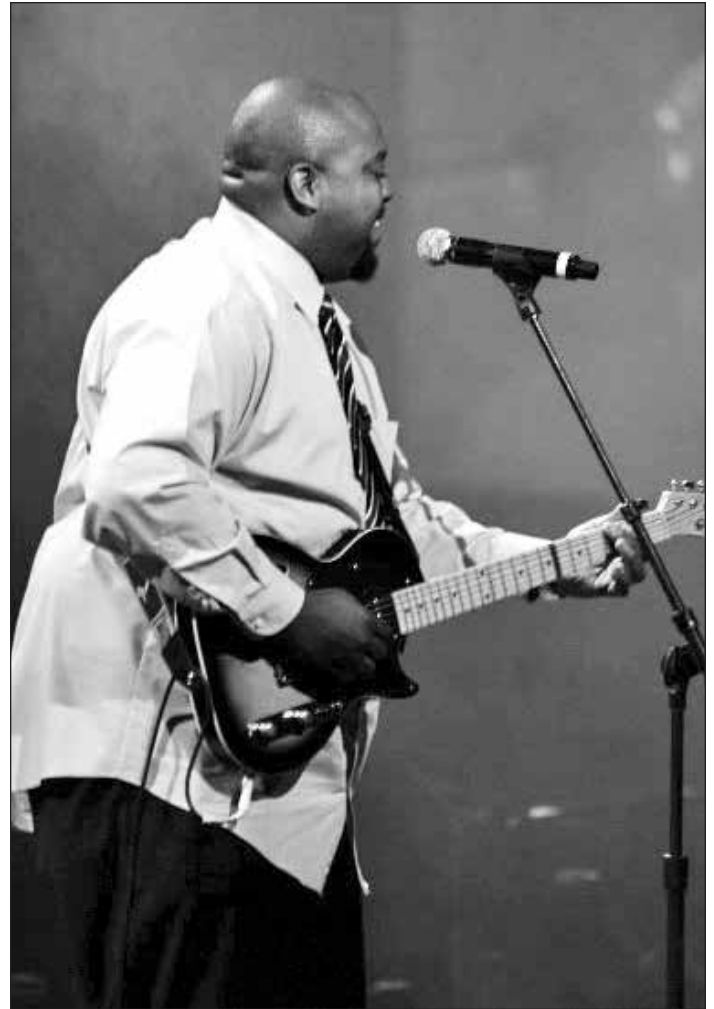
Music from 7 till 10:30

BSO SUMMER HELP WANTED!

The Blues festival season is almost upon us. The Blues Society of Omaha needs event planners/organizers for a variety of summertime Blues concert events of all sizes. Volunteer as an individual, couple, or group. Let us know your experience and talents, and we will put your skills to good use in a fun, music filled environment. Please contact BSO Volunteer Coordinators Lisa & Steve Krueger at volunteers4bso@yahoo.com and tell them you'd like to give the Omaha-Lincoln-Council Bluffs area the Blues this summer! If questions, call Lisa at 402-619-0309.



RED ELVISES' founding member Igor Yuzov has been traveling the world conquering the hearts of screaming fans for over 10 years with upbeat music and amusing lyrics that demand, quite literally at times, that you "shake your ass". Constantly touring the globe and playing with a variety of talented musicians, and continuing to release albums on their own label, Red Elvises are known to be "the hardest working band in show business". They are also known to be extremely talented, over-the-top performers, complete with outrageously sexy lounge suits, pelvic gyrations, audience conga lines and a drum "solo" that includes the entire band playing one drum set simultaneously. These acts, among others, continually justify their title as the world's greatest "Rokenrol Vaudevillians". Red Elvises' eclectic career includes 11 studio albums, a double live album, and spotlights in both television and movies, including Six String Samurai, Mail Order Bride, VH1's Behind the Music, and Melrose Place. In 2005 Red Elvises were spotted on MTV while playing for the Live 8 benefit concert in Moscow. Currently they reside in Venice, CA, where they continue to pursue numerous film and music projects.



Shawn Holt and the Teardrops with Lincolnite Levi William had their dreams come true on a Thursday night in Memphis with a MAJOR award "Best New Artist Debut Of The Year," a Blues Music Award presented by The Blues Foundation on May 8th. The Teardrops played their own set on stage and were then asked to back Lurrie Bell (another award winner tonight) for his set...

What great exposure (just short of 25 minutes) for these guys in a room filled with who's who in the Blues world soaking up the Chicago Blues sound!

It was a special night to watch this award be given out to some hometown boys who have worked their tails off to earn this honor.

It was also ironic to see the sons of Blues Icons Magic Slim and Carey Bell working together on stage just as I had seen Magic and Carey work together on the stage of the Zoo Bar back in the day... Congrats Gentlemen well earned!

-Conrad Good



DOUG DEMING & DENNIS GRUENLING

with the Jewel Tones



"Completely restored my faith in the genre..." -muzikreviews

"...just swings with loads of energy and style" -sunday night blues project

"One of the great tandems in blues music today" -blues junction

"This is one tight band, right on the money and playing not only flawlessly, but with a passion"

-billtown blues

"If the efforts of Doug Deming don't garner him widespread attention and glowing reviews, then there is something seriously amiss in the music industry."

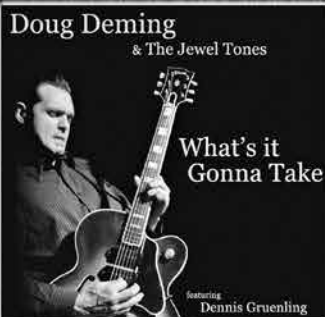
-blues on stage

"Gruenling shows why he is considered one of the top harp players on the planet"

-bman's blues

2013 "SEAN COSTELLO RISING STAR" BLUES BLAST MUSIC AWARD - DOUG DEMING

2013 "BEST HARP PLAYER" BLUES411.com JIMI AWARD - DENNIS GRUENLING



"WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE"

Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones featuring Dennis Gruenling

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Dennis Gruenling featuring Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones



FEATURED ON ((SiriusXM))

Zoo Bar • Tuesday, July 1, 6-9 p.m.

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"Tonight I was absolutely blown away by Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones featuring Dennis Gruenling. I had seen Doug and Dennis separately, but never together, and their act is full of energy, lots of great tunes and nice arrangements, and everyone in the band obviously loves what they do. Dennis Gruenling played one of the best Little Walter tributes over the Muddy Waters' tune 'She's So Pretty' that I've heard for a while, and I really dug the arrangement and skill required for Doug Deming to play guitar and sing Saturday Night Fish Fry - a song that Rick Estrin and I did for years in the early Nightcats. In fact, there's a lot that reminds me of our early versions of Little Charlie and the Nightcats in this band ... Check them out if you can - a refreshing dose of old style jump blues."

-- Charles "Little Charlie" Baty

BLUES IN JUNE & JULY

[Sun 6/1]

Bel Airs w/ Mojo Bag, Jailbreakers, Josh Hoyer & The Shadowboxers (03:00pm) (Bel Air Plaza Blues Festival (121st and W. Center Rd.))

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Taste of Omaha, Riverfront)

Tijuana Gigolos (03:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Wildfire Band (04:00pm) (Heron Bay; Louisville, NE)

[Mon 6/2]

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

[Thu 6/5]

Jackie Allen (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

Red Elvies (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

[Fri 6/6]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (LaVista Library)

Michael Charles (08:00pm) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sat 6/7]

Bad Brad and the Fat Cats w/ Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (05:30pm) (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

Enigma The Ultimate Acoustic Duo (08:00pm) (Friends Bar in Underwood)

Far and Wide (11:00am) (Summer Arts Festival (Downtown Omaha))

Honeyboy Turner Band (09:00pm) (Havana Garage)

Honeyboy Turner Band (09:30am) (Haymarket Farmers Market, Lincoln, NE)

Honeyboy Turner Band (06:00pm) (Love Jazz and Arts Center; 2510 N 24th St, Omaha, NE)

Jason Vivone, Josh Hoyer, Bad Brad and More! (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

Rockin Jake (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Rod Steward and Santana (Pinnacle Arena (Haymarket in Lincoln))

Tim Koehn on the Patio (Dave and Busters)

[Sun 6/8]

Blues Ed Fundraiser (04:00pm) (Slowdown)

Tim Koehn (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Mon 6/9]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)

[Thu 6/12]

Bobby Layne Orchestra featuring Trudy DuMay (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin Altar Boys (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

[Fri 6/13]

Honeyboy Turner Band (09:00pm) (Micek Bar, Columbus, NE)

Sailing in Soup (08:00pm) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Swampboy Blues Band (Rockbrook Village Shopping Center)

Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Us and Them (06:00pm) (Bridge Beats)

[Sat 6/14]

40 Sinners (08:00pm) (Friends Bar in Underwood)

David Lindley (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Hector Anchondo (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

The Neptunes (08:00pm) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Tim Koehn (Dave and Busters)

Wildfire Band (07:00pm) (Davies Amphitheater in Glenwood, IA)

[Sun 6/15]

Swampboy Blues Band (04:00pm) (Heron Bay)

[Mon 6/16]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)

[Tue 6/17]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Old Mattress Factory)

[Wed 6/18]

Felix and Los Gatos (08:00pm) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Rick Estrin and The Nightcats w/ Selwyn Birchwood (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu 6/19]

Chris Duarte (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Cornerstone Dub (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

Rick Estrin and The Nightcats AND Selwyn Birchwood (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Samantha Fish (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

Tim Koehn (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Fri 6/20]

Hector Anchondo (08:00pm) (McKennas Blues, Booze and BBQ)

Trampled Under Foot (09:30pm) (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

[Sat 6/21]

Bel Airs (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Hector Anchondo (09:00pm) (Magoons St Joe Missouri)

Jared s Super Blues Party (09:00pm) (Friends Bar in Underwood)

[Sun 6/22]

Sue Murray Solo (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Winery)

[Mon 6/23]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthonys)

[Tue 6/24]

The 44s (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

Widespread Panic w/ Galactic (Pinewood Bowl at Pioneer Park (Lincoln))

[Wed 6/25]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (White Rhino Music Festival at Stinson Park)

[Thu 6/26]

Jonas & The Massive Attraction w/ The 9s and Hector Anchondo (06:00pm) (Playing with Fire at Midtown Crossing)

Sandy Creek Bluegrass (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

Swamp Jam (Rusty Nail Pub)

[Fri 6/27]

Tijuana Gigolos (06:00pm) (Duggans Pub FAC)

Tim Koehn (Malvern City Park, Malvern, IA)

[Sat 6/28]

Ben Poole (The Hive Rock Club and Art Gallery 1207 Harney)

Levee Town (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

Nick Moss (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)

Tijuana Gigolos (07:00pm) (Famous Daves South Pointe parking Lot - Lincoln)

Tim Koehn (Dave and Busters)

Waterfront Blues Band (08:00pm) (Friends Bar in Underwood)

Wheelin and Dealin (Friends Bar in Underwood)

BLUES IN JUNE & JULY

[Mon 6/30]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthony's)

[Tue 7/1]

Doug Deming & Dennis Gruenling w/The Jewel Tones 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)
The Chris O'Leary Band (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Tue 7/1]

Doug Deming & Dennis Gruenling w/The Jewel Tones 6-9 pm (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar)
The Chris O'Leary Band (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Thu 7/3]

Back Alley Blues Band (08:00pm) (Friends Bar in Underwood)
The Madame Louise Project feat. Lulu Hughes. w/ Randy Oxford Band (05:30pm) (Playing with Fire at Midtown Crossing)

[Fri 7/4]

Shawn Holt & The Teardrops, Hector Anchondo, 40SINNERS, Swampboy Blues Band (12:30pm) (Blues Brews and BBQ Glenwood, IA)

[Sat 7/5]

Bonnie Raitt (12:00pm) (Grandview Park - Sioux City, IA)
Lionel Young Band (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sun 7/6]

Wildfire Band (04:00pm) (Heron Bay; Louisville, NE)

[Mon 7/7]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthony's)

[Wed 7/9]

Eddie Turner (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Thu 7/10]

Hector Anchondo (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)

[Fri 7/11]

Swampboy Blues Band (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)
The Killigans (05:00pm) (ZooFest)

[Sat 7/12]

Delbert McClinton (03:00pm) (ZooFest)
Hector Anchondo (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)
Personics (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Sun 7/13]

BluesEd Showcase 6 p.m. (06:00pm) (21st Saloon)

[Mon 7/14]

Dick Dale (08:00pm) (Waiting Room)
Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthony's)

[Wed 7/16]

Studebaker John (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Thu 7/17]

John Walker and the Hoakum Boys (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)
Nace Brothers (21st Saloon)

[Fri 7/18]

Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar FAC, 5-7 pm)

[Sat 7/19]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
BluesEd Showcase (10:00am) (Bellevue Riverfest)
Scott Ellison (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Mon 7/21]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthony's)

[Wed 7/23]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (08:00pm) (McKennis Blues, Booze and BBQ)

[Thu 7/24]

Jack Hotel (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)
Wildfire Band (07:00pm) (Harrison County Fair)

[Fri 7/25]

Hector Anchondo (Blues Brews and BBQ Glenwood, IA)

[Sat 7/26]

Drew Jude and the Cool Tones (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Mon 7/28]

Mike Gurciullo & his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone at Anthony's)

[Thu 7/31]

Big Sams Funky Nation (07:30pm) (Midtown Crossing)
Honeyboy Turner Band (07:00pm) (Stransky Park - 17th and Harrison; Lincoln, NE)
Jason Boland and the Stragglers (Waiting Room)

HEY BANDS & BARS

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7:00PM-10:00PM

**THE ZOO BAR
HOUSE BAND - \$3⁰⁰**

FIRST TUESDAY JAM

**With Da Crabby Blues Band
Featuring Bucky McCann**

June 3rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Shuck's 119th & Pacific

**All proceeds to benefit
Angels Among Us**



RICK ESTRIN & THE NIGHTCATS with SELWYN BIRCHWOOD

June 18th Zoo Bar, 6 p.m.

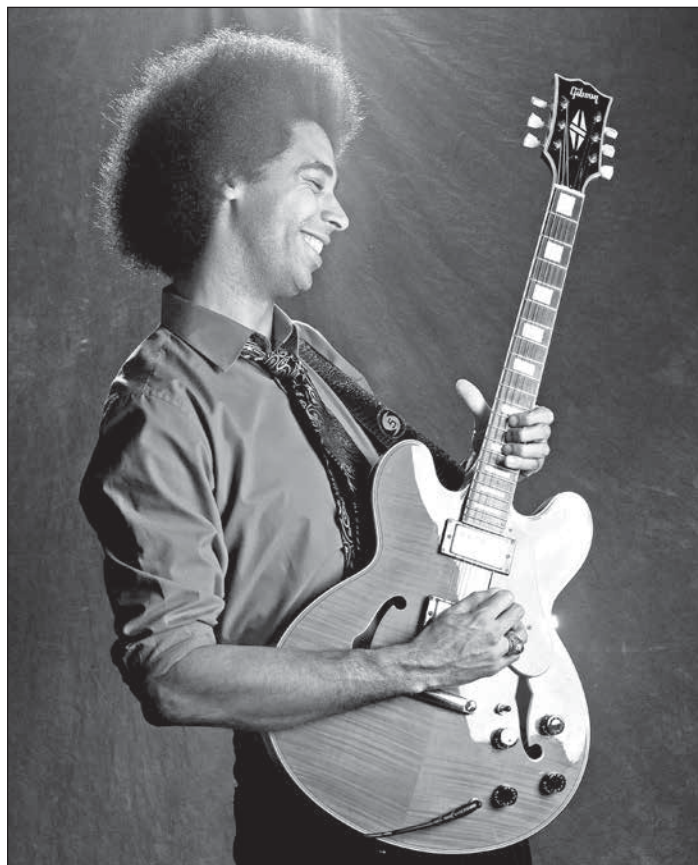
June 19th The 21st Saloon, 6 p.m. \$15

RICK ESTRIN & THE NIGHTCATS



Sacramento-based rocking blues masters are touring in support of their latest Alligator CD, *ONE WRONG TURN*. Estrin, along with The Nightcats -- jaw-dropping guitarist Chris "Kid" Andersen, singing drummer (who plays standing up) J. Hansen and dynamic multi-instrumentalist Lorenzo Farrell (electric and acoustic bass, organ and piano) -- serve up fresh and modern original blues injected with a solid dose of gritty roadhouse rock 'n' roll. Since the 2009 release of their celebrated Alligator Records debut, *TWISTED*, the band has toured non-stop, honing their creative synergy to a razor's edge. Night after night, the band blazes their own innovative musical path while still remaining true to the blues. Rick Estrin won a 2013 Blues Music Award for Instrumentalist Of The Year - Harmonica. Look for Rick Estrin & The Nightcats' new release, *YOU ASKED FOR IT...LIVE!*, on July 8, 2014.

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Thanks to 34 generous donations, Blues Society of Omaha raised \$1,125 on May 21 during the 2nd annual Omaha Gives! charitable giving challenge. BSO also will receive additional matching funds, an amount not yet announced prior to our news-letter deadline. In the 24 hours of May 21, an astounding \$6.3 million was given to 569 nonprofits by 34,275 people. That's TRIPLE the number of people that gave last year and DOUBLE the amount given last year during the 1st Omaha Gives! Wow!

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The BSO is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the 4th ANNUAL BLUES CHALLENGE. Various prizes are available to the best scoring bands including cash and travel expense money to the winning band who will represent Nebraska at the 2015 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN! Preliminary rounds of the competition are tentatively scheduled for August 10, August 24 and September 7. The winning bands from each preliminary round will compete at the finals on September 21. Venues for all rounds TBA. All bands interested in receiving additional information should send an email to NebraskaBluesChallenge@gmail.com or contact Michelle Olmstead at 402 658 5737 (call or text).

In addition, BSO will be producing a new CD this year to commemorate our 15th Anniversary of keeping the blues alive in the area! Our last CD, Deep Blue, was produced in 2003 to celebrate our 5 year anniversary and was a huge success. If you don't currently own a copy of that work be sure to pick one up! Like the Deep Blue project, our 2014 CD will be a compilation of our amazing local/regional artist's original music.

All local/regional Blues Bands are encouraged to submit one original Blues song for consideration of inclusion. Please contact Jeff Malloy via email at ooobaby44@yahoo.com or call 402-536-0739. Bands who express interest will then be sent any applicable paperwork necessary in order to submit their entry. Submissions will need to be submitted on a CD and will be screened for inclusion by a panel chosen by BSO, with the goal of producing a new BSO CD that equals or exceeds the awesome quality of the "Deep Blue" CD. The decision of the panel will be final. Submission of music is not a guarantee of inclusion on the final product. We will be as inclusive as possible with the space available on the CD. BSO will undertake all costs involved with the production of the new CD and we will again sell the CD at a very reasonable price to the largest audience possible. Any profits will go to support BSO's continuing efforts to promote live blues music in the area and putting more butts in seats! All bands whose music is included on the new CD will be provided complimentary copies of the final product for their band members.

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— Review by Eric Gleason

In 2011, The Chris O'Leary Band was nominated for a Blues Music Award in the category of Best New Artist—an honor they went on to win when nominated later in the year by Blues Blast Magazine. Chris' musical background includes duties as lead singer and front man for rock and roll hall of famer and Grammy award winner Levon Helm's band, The Band. During the six years Chris and Levon played together they toured across the US and Canada, lighting up stages everywhere they went. Chris has appeared on stage with legendary Rolling Stones sideman Bobby Keys, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Jimmy Vivino, Jeff Healy, Dan Akroyd, Albert Lee, Dave Edmunds, Dave Maxwell and the great James Cotton to name just a few. Chris has also recorded with Bill Perry and Hubert Sumlin among others.

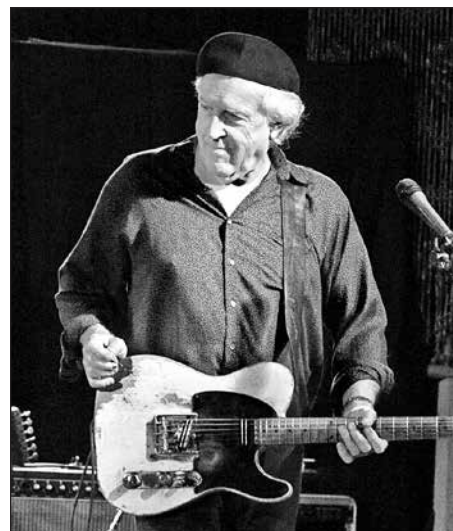
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The May 22nd show at the 21st Saloon with the Cate Brothers was enjoyed by all. It was their first show in Omaha as well. Like many bands I think they are surprised by a full house at 6 p.m. on a weekday. They played a solid up tempo show from the first song to the last. A big BSO thanks to Terry Sedivy for booking the show.

Photos from Ken Benton

— B.S.O. Mailbag —

FROM THE ORI NAFTALY BAND

Our last 3 shows in Lincoln, Omaha and KC were awesome, we woke up feeling blessed this morning 😊 Thank you everyone who came out, you gave us the best beginning for the next 3 months on the road!

Steven Kirsty will be joining us for the next couple of months on the Sax 😊

We love this guy, stoked to have you back on the road with us Steve!

ORI NAFTALY

Ori Naftaly is tearing up the Midwest on his Summer 2014 American tour, a tour that started right here in Nebraska. On Wednesday May 14, 2014 the Israeli blues sensation played a mind-blowing set at the legendary Zoo Bar in Lincoln, the following night they played Omaha's 21st Saloon for all of the amazing BSO members that came out to the show! Thursday night, they shared the bill with the unbelievably talented Voodoo Vinyl band (a product of the Blues Ed program), Katy Guillen & The Girls (2014 IBC finalists), and Peter Karp & Sue Foley (Top 10 Billboard Blues Artists). Over all it was a show to remember, from the incredible bands to the unbeatable food provided by Hawk's BBQ. Since joining The Blues Society of Omaha this year, I have constantly been blown away by their efforts to keep the blues alive. It pleases me greatly to be apart of this, and I hope that all of you are enjoying your memberships as much as I am.

As my way of thanking all of you for the support, I have several cd's that I will be giving away for FREE. So, head out to my website (www.amsentertainment.weebly.com) and subscribe to the email list. When you do, I'll send you an email confirmation, and if you mention the Blues Society of

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—Andrew Smith



with the Ori Naftaly Band at the Zoo Bar



BSO President Mark Grubbs with Ori Naftaly Band at the 21st Saloon



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