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Second Annual Nebraska Blues Challenge



The Blues Society of Omaha (BSO) is hosting the Second Annual Nebraska Blues Challenge, sending the winning band on to compete in the 2013 International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis, TN. Three preliminary showcase events will be held with the band receiving the most points in each round advancing to the finals. The BSO invites all fans to attend and enjoy this celebration of Nebraska blues and its many talented musicians.

Congratulations to The Brad Cordle Band for advancing to the finals, as a result of winning their preliminary round at The Zoo Bar last month.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, SHAMROCK'S PUB & GRILL, 5338 NORTH 103RD ST.

3:30 p.m. Cold in Hand • 4:40 p.m. Matt Gagne & the Blues Experience
5:50 p.m. Christy Rossiter & 112 North Duck • 7 p.m. Levi William

SUNDAY, MAY 6, GATOR O'MALLEY'S, 12143 WEST CENTER ROAD

3:30 p.m. MojoPo • 4:40 p.m. Hector Anchondo • 5:50 p.m. Lil' Slim Blues Band

SUNDAY, MAY 20, NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE FINALS - 5:00 P.M.

SOARING WINGS VINEYARD BLUES FESTIVAL — JUNE 2ND

The line-up for the Blues Festival is in place and it looks to be a great event for the Blues lover in all of us! Be sure to bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket to ensure you get great seats! We have 6 fantastic beers on line, so come out and try them.



THE CANDYMAKERS

5:30 – 6:30 **Elwin James Band**
(2012 Nebraska IBC Finalist)
7:00 – 8:00 **Shannon & The Rhythm Kings**
(Popular KC Blues Band)
8:30 – 9:30 **The Candymakers**
(Central Iowa Blues Society
2011 Blues Challenge Winner)
9:30 – 10:00 **Jam Session**

Admission for all this entertainment is:

\$15 per person, age 21 and up (includes souvenir wine glass and first glass of wine) *Bacchus Wine Club members receive a \$5 discount on this event!*
\$10 per person, age 12-20 and
Free under the age of 12.

Food vendor will be available and bread, cheese, crackers, sausage, pop and water will be sold in the Tasting Room as well!

THE BSO PRESENTS RONNIE BAKER BROOKS



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Sunday May 27th

Sumtur Amphitheater

11691 S. 108th St • Papillion, NE

Gates Open at 3:00pm • Showtime 4:00pm

Opening acts:

**Blues Ed Youth Development Program Band
and**

**the winner of the 2nd annual
Nebraska Blues Challenge!**

Tickets available online www.sumtur.org

THE BSO PRESENTS THE AKSARBEN BLUES FESTIVAL AT STINSON PARK

Saturday, June 16th

Mojo Bag & What Happened? 4:00pm

Blue House and the Rent to Own Horns 6:30pm • Jonh Nemeth 8:00pm

The following artists will perform at

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

— All shows at 5:30pm —

Thu 5/3 Anthony Gomes Blues Band
Thu 5/10 The Kinsey Report
Thu 5/17 Sarah and The Tallboys
Thu 5/24 Brad Cordle Band
Thu 5/31 Debbie Davies

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!"

Please consider switching to the GREEN VERSION of Blues Notes. You will be saving the planet while saving BSO some expense. Contact Nancy at nwalsh6@cox.net to switch to e-mail newsletter delivery and get the scoop days before snail mail members!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday – 4:30-6:00pm "A Blues Oasis"

Saturday – 6:00-8:30am "Blues at Sunrise"

ANDERS OSBORNE BRINGS BLACK EYE GALAXY TO OMAHA!

Tuesday, May 22, 2012 • The Waiting Room Lounge • 6212 Maple Street • Omaha, NE • Phone: 402-884-5353
Showtime: 9:00pm • Ticket price: \$15 • Website: www.waitingroomlounge.com

"Raging, expressive guitar and soulful singing...from scorched-earth rock to sweet, tender ballads." -Relix

Award-winning New Orleans guitarist/vocalist/songwriter Anders Osborne celebrates the release of his powerful new CD, **BLACK EYE GALAXY**, with a live performance at The Waiting Room Lounge in Omaha on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. **BLACK EYE GALAXY** is a harrowing but ultimately uplifting cycle of richly detailed songs that are musically



and lyrically thought-provoking, exhilarating and completely engaging. Between the sheer force and potent lyricism of his guitar playing, the riveting depth of his songwriting and the straight-from-the-soul conviction of his vocals, Osborne is among the most original and visionary musicians writing and performing today. OffBeat magazine named Osborne the Crescent City's Best Guitarist in 2010 and 2011, and also named him the Best Roots Rock Artist of 2011.



**Big show announced for Lincoln this August at Pinewood Bowl...
Located inside Pioneers Park in
SW Lincoln, NE, 3201 South Coddington Ave.**

**BB King and Robert Cray play 8-16-2012
Tickets go on sale May 4th @ 10:00 AM...**

**Refer to Pinewood Bowl Website for directions -
www.pinewoodbowltheater.com
See ticketmaster.com for ticket info.**

- CONRAD GOOD

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 Students

We want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new BluesEd students! With the addition of two more bands, we anticipate our program this summer will be filled with lots of fun and great music! The bands (with new members noted with an asterisk) are as follows:

Crimson Dawn is the only band without any new members this year. Camie (vocals), Carlee (vocals), Andrew (drums), Tag (guitar), Ben (keyboard), and Dain (bass guitar) are all returning to continue to share their musical talents with us.

Mojo Bag is pleased to welcome Jenny (bass)*, Michael (guitar)*, and Caleb (guitar/vocals)*. Returning to the band are Joe (drums), Ali (vocals), and Ed (keyboard).

Us & Them is excited to welcome David (bass guitar)* and Ben (guitar)* to the band. Three members are returning this year: Connor (vocals), Connor (guitar), and Josh (drums).

What Happened? is a new band formed this year with both new and returning BluesEd students. Enya (bass guitar) and Joey (drums) return this year and are joined by new members Graham (alto sax/guitar)*, Grant (guitar/trumpet)*, Sarah (vocals)*, Schylar (tenor/soprano saxophone)*.

Blue Dilemma is our second new band and is comprised of BluesEd students new to the program this year. The members are as follows: Jeremy (bass guitar)*, Grace (vocals/guitar)*, Trace (guitar)*, Joseph (guitar)*, and Erik (drums)*.

Workshops and Performances

We are off and running! With two workshops already completed in April and more planned for the following three months, our students are excited to learn even more from our clinicians, Ron Cooley, Craig Balderston, Carlos Figueroa, and Matt McLarney. In addition, in April, all of our BluesEd bands performed at the Omaha Bowl Expo at Southroads. In addition, Us & Them entertained the crowd at Teacher Appreciation Day at Aksarben Village. More good times to come!



2012 May / June Performance Dates:

Saturday, May 5 – Omaha Storm Chasers pre-game – 6:00, Us & Them

Sunday May 27 – Ronnie Baker Brooks BSO Performance – Papillion Sumpter Ampitheater – Crimson Dawn

Sunday, June 3 – 2012 BluesEd Fundraiser – Slattery Vintage Estates – 3:00-7:00 – All Bands

Sunday, June 10 – Omaha Summer Arts Festival – time TBD, Blue Dilemma

Saturday, June 16 – Aksarben Village BluesFest – 4:00, Mojo Bag & What Happened?

Saturday, June 22 – Omaha Storm Chasers pre-game – 6:00, Blues Dilemma

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

--Vicky DeCoster



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Second Annual NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE

hosted by Blues Society of Omaha

A CELEBRATION OF NEBRASKA BLUES!

Prelim Round A:

Lincoln, Sunday, April 22, The Zoo Bar

3:30 p.m. ~ *showcase set*

by last year's NBC winners, Lil' Slim Blues Band

4:40 p.m. ~ *competition begins with The Blues Mechanics*

5:50 p.m. ~ **Luther James Band**

7 p.m. ~ **Brad Cordle Band**

Prelim Round B:

Omaha, Sunday, April 29, Shamrock's

3:30 p.m. ~ **Cold in Hand**

4:40 p.m. ~ **Matt Gagne & The Blues Experience**

5:50 p.m. ~ **Christy Rositter & 112 North Duck**

7 p.m. ~ **Levi William**

Prelim Round C:

Omaha, Sunday, May 6, Gator O'Malley's

3:30 p.m. ~ **MoJoPo**

4:40 p.m. ~ **Hector Anchondo**

5:50 p.m. ~ **Lil' Slim Blues Band**

NBC Finals: Omaha, Sunday, May 20, 21st Saloon, 5 p.m.

~Special thanks to~

The Moose Lodge Recording Studio




The band selected to represent the BSO will receive a prize package that includes

~ a cash prize toward their trip to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis

~ the opportunity to open for Ronnie Baker Brooks at Sumtur Amphitheatre on Sunday, May 27

~ a studio recording package from the Moose Lodge Recording Studio

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— O.B.S. MAILBAG —

"Had a great time last night at Hector Anchondo's show. I'm super-stoked as we continue in pre-production for the music video. I love talking to people about the video and drumming up donations. It's really cool to have a reason to talk to everyone in the bar, meet a lot of interesting people and get the word out about great music. A special shout-out to the Blues Society of Omaha! Great to meet you guys last night!!"

Danielle Smith

Could you please print our schedule for May & June for Blues Notes. May 19th Sat. Downtown Plattsmouth, bikers on mainstreet & rhino run. all day event. show time/music 7pm-10pm. May 26th Sat. McKenna's BBQ, Booze & Blues, 9pm-1am, June 9th Sat. Observatory Lounge 9pm-1am, June 30th Sat. Soaring Wings winery/vineyards 7pm-9:30pm gates open at 6:00pm \$5.00 gate children under 12 free.

Thank you.

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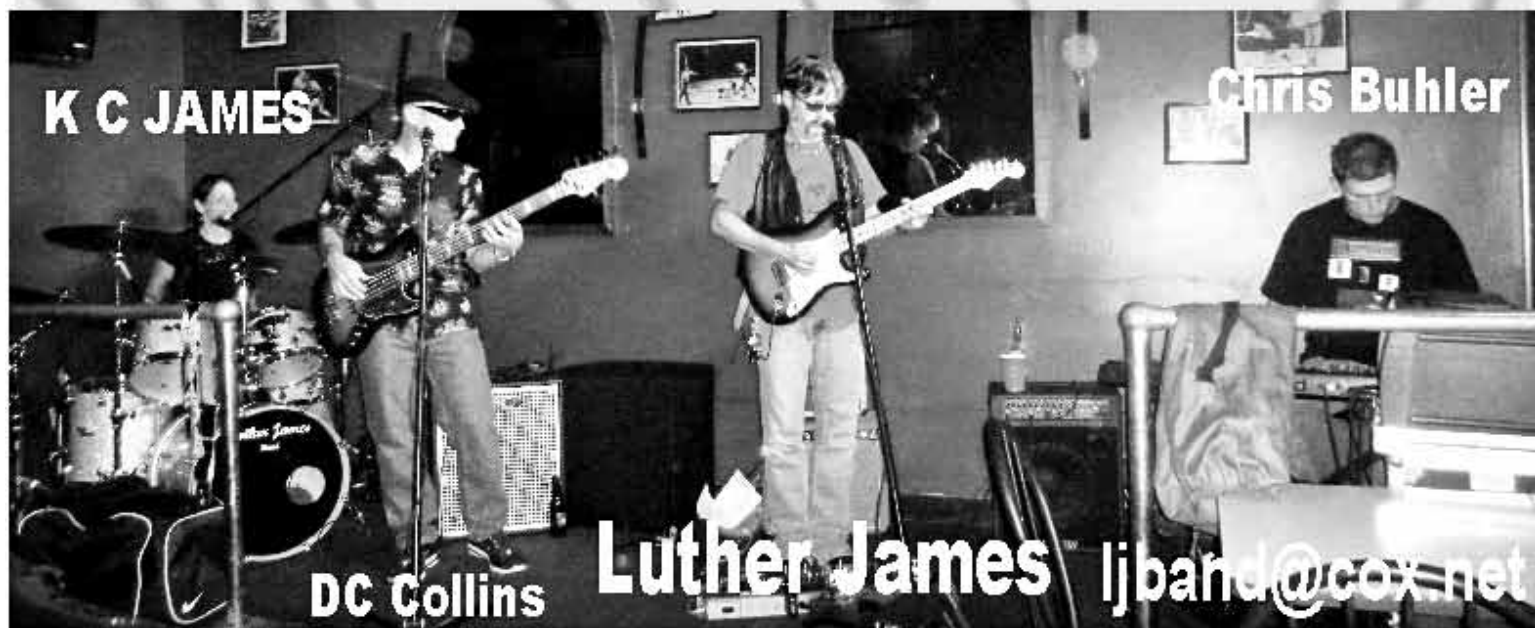
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BSO MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2012

Meeting was held at McKenna's at 7:00 PM on April 11, 2012

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

OFFICER ATTENDEES

BILL MARTIN.....	PRESIDENT
MARK GRUBBS.....	VICE PRESIDENT
JEFF MALLOY.....	TREASURER
NANCY WALSH.....	MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
B. J. HUCHTEMANN.....	BOARD OF DIRECTOR
MARY ELOFSON.....	BOARD OF DIRECTOR
BILL FISHER.....	BLUES ED REPRESENTATIVE
LYNDA GRUBBS.....	SECRETARY

Also in attendance at this meeting were TWENTY BSO MEMBERS. (THIS WAS A GENERAL MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC/BSO MEMBERS)

THE BSO OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF THE MEMBERS FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND THE BSO GENERAL MEETING.

The goal for the general meeting is to invite ALL members so that we can hear their vision/suggestions for BSO and how to keep promoting the Blues in our area.

Members did suggest at this meeting they would like to see more BSO support for the local musicians/bands. BSO would like to team with the musicians/bands to have them promote BSO to their audiences as well. This will be an on-going team effort.

FINANCIALS AND MEMBERSHIPS UPDATE:

FINANCIALS:

April's current balance sheet is \$26,455.00 This includes a profit of \$536.00 from the Carolyn Wonderland membership drive show.

MEMBERSHIPS:

For the Carolyn Wonderland membership drive show held on 4/8/12, we had 59 free memberships and 44 of those are brand new BSO members. We also took in \$265.00 in paid memberships at the show.

WEB MASTER:

Michelle Saltzman gave a presentation for the new proposed web page. She has been hired to create the new design of the web page and to host and transfer the domain. This will allow the domain and the hosting to be on the same provider's account.

Michelle Saltman is working with Dave Dotson, our current web master, to ensure that the web page has all of the features we are

requesting including a membership page and a volunteer page.

Bill Martin is the project leader. Others will be called upon for their input to ensure that we have a web page that is user friendly for the administration team and for all users. Up-to-date technology such as, Word Press will be used for this new web page to achieve this goal.

NBC BLUES CHALLENGE UPDATE:

Bill Martin is the project leader for this event.

Mary, B.J. and Terry Sedivy are on the committee assisting Bill with organizational logistics including coordinating judges for the rounds and identifying other volunteer needs.

Priority for the committee is to confirm the judges and to fill volunteer positions.

There are 10 bands representing the NBC this year. More announcements concerning this event to come.

Bands will be picked randomly to play at the venues this year. Venues will be in Omaha and Lincoln. The committee will try to accommodate all bands schedules/playing times.

Discussed logistics for the wevent. The musicians who participated last year provided valuable input for this years contest.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

BSO requested volunteers for upcoming events. BSO is also still looking for a VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. This can be more than one person. Vanessa, (previous volunteer coordinator) was in attendance at this meeting and offered her documents and knowledge for the new volunteer coordinator so that we do not have to reinvent the wheel. Vanessa did caution that the volunteer coordinator position should be separate from each event/committee chair person.

BSO members whom attended the meeting stated that before they would be able to commit to any event/volunteer position, they would like to see the charter for the event as well as all open volunteer positions. BSO will add the charter and volunteer positions to the Event Checklist and it will be public knowledge well in advance of each event going forward.

AKSARBEN EVENT:

Ann Greco stepped up as Team leader for the raffle at this years Aksarben Event. The raffle is to raise funds to help cover the cost of putting on the event. Volunteers will be needed to canvass the audience and to promote the raffle before the show and during breaks between artists. If you would like to assist with the raffle, please contact Ann at C- 402-659-8253 or H- 402-553-0875 to volunteer.

NEW BLOOD BLUES COMMITTEE:

Matt Gagne has offered to be the project leader/chair person for NBB's meetings. Matt is a local musician and he has many ideas and the vision to involve a younger generation to BSO. Matt will be invited to the monthly BSO meetings to keep the officers abreast of the progress.

MISCELLANEOUS:

NEWSLETTERS/STREET TEAM:

JE has stepped up to volunteer to distribute newsletters to the SouthWest area of Omaha.

Steve Baumel has also volunteered to be on the street team with Mark Grubbs covering the Council Bluffs venues. JE, Steve, and Mark will work out the logistics and newsletter quantities with Jeff Malloy for covering their venues.

BSO would like to thank everyone that volunteered at the meeting and for assisting with BSO's mission to promote the blues.



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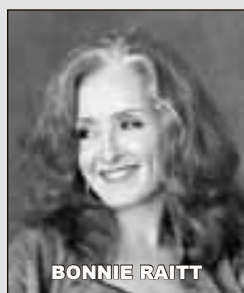
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Too Slim and the Taidraggers pay a visit to the 21st Saloon. Jane Cowger follows the blue parrot in her series of photos.



BONNIE RAITT *with Special Guest* MAVIS STAPLES

Friday, August 24, 2012 | 8:00pm | Slosburg Hall | Orpheum Theater

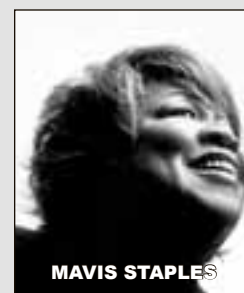


BONNIE RAITT

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

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

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



MAVIS STAPLES

<http://www.ticketomaha.com>

The Blues Society of Omaha Presents



**SUNDAY MAY 27TH
SHOWTIME 4PM**

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**Opening acts: Blues Ed Youth Development Program Band CRIMSON DAWN
And the winner of the 2nd annual Nebraska Blues Challenge!**

Advanced Tickets \$15

Tickets available online www.sumtur.org



Admission is \$20 day of show. Gates open at 3:00 pm.

**Proceeds benefit BSO, a 501c3 non-profit organization
dedicated to Keepin' The Blues Alive!**

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BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

[Tue 5/1]

Bluesday Tuesday Open Jam (07:00pm) (Hive (19th and Jackson))

[Wed 5/2]

Cassie Taylor (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Luther James Open Mike (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/3]

Anthony Gomes Blues Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
Camille Metoyer-Moten (Lauter Tun)
Ed Archibald (Ozone)
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive)
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)
Whiskey Pig (Perrys Place)

[Fri 5/4]

Bel Airs (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Brad Cordle Band (08:00pm) (Lauter Tun)
Honey Boy Turner Band (JJs Bar and Grill in Lincoln)
Luther James Band (Sullivan's Bar)
Mezcal Brothers (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
MFN Bad Sneakers (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)
The Tierney Sutton Band (Holland Performing Arts Center)
Tijuana Gigolos (Duggans Pub FAC)

[Sat 5/5]

Bel Airs (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Gooding (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Havana Garage)
Levi William (JJs Bar and Grill in Lincoln)
VooDoo Method (Waiting Room)

[Sun 5/6]

Nebraska Blues Challenge (03:30pm) (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Open Jazz Jam (The Hive)
Stephen Monroe (09:00am) (Lake Manawa Clean Up Day)
Swampboy Blues Band (Andrews Bar)

[Mon 5/7]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Tue 5/8]

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

[Wed 5/9]

Kinsey Report (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Luther James Open Mike (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/10]

Christy Rossiter and 112 North Duck (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Kinsey Report (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
Koffin Kats w/ the w/ The Hooten Hallers Blacktop Ramblers,
Video Ranger (Slowdown)
Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive)
Swampboy Blues Band (The Obar)
The Loose Brothers (Lauter Tun)
Whiskey Pig (Perrys Place)

[Fri 5/11]

Blind Dog Reggae and Blues (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Our Place-Ashland, NE)
Jumpin Kate (06:00pm) (Wunderosa Winery-Lincoln)
Swampboy Blues Band (Havana Garage)

[Sat 5/12]

Bill Kirchen (07:30pm) (Waiting Room)
Luther James Band (Ricks Boatyard)

[Sun 5/13]

Luther James Band w/ Crimson Dawn (04:00pm) (Grant Street Bar)
Open Jazz Jam (The Hive)
Rev Dead Eye (Gator OMalley's Pub)

[Mon 5/14]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Tue 5/15]

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

[Wed 5/16]

Luther James Open Mike (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/17]

Brad Cordle Band (06:30pm) (Ozone)
Levi William (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive)
Sarah and The Tallboys (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
Susie Thorne Band (Myth-Old Market)
The Pounders (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)
Whiskey Pig (Perrys Place)

[Fri 5/18]

Daddy Mac and the Flak (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Darryl White w/NY guests (Lauter Tun)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Lincoln Foundation Garden)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Sun Valley Bar and Grill)
Kris Lager Band (Waiting Room)
MFN Bad Sneakers (Firewater Grille)
Swampboy Blues Band (Sullivan's Bar)
Terry Quiet Band (Stir Live and Loud (inside Harrahs Casino))

[Sat 5/19]

Anchondo 10th Anniversary w/ w/ Swizzle Tree, Mia LeBlon,
Clay Hughes (Slowdown)
Back Alley Blues Band (Downtown Plattsmouth, bikers on
mainstreet and rhino run)
Big Sams Funky Nation (Scott Recital Hall, Holland Performing
Arts)
Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (Ameristar Casino)
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Levi William (501 Bar and Grill, Lincoln)
Levi William (03:00pm) (Heidelbergs North, 4620 Bair Ave.,
Lincoln)
Luther James Band (Brass Monkey)
Novak and Haar (Lauter Tun)
Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sun 5/20]

Nebraska Blues Challenge Finals (05:00pm) (21st Saloon)
Open Jazz Jam (The Hive)

[Mon 5/21]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Tue 5/22]

Anders Osborne (Waiting Room)
Bluesday Tuesday Open Jam (07:00pm) (The Hive)

[Wed 5/23]

Luther James Open Mike (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/24]

Brad Cordle Band (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive)
Son Volt (Waiting Room)
Soul Finger (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Whiskey Pig (Perrys Place)

[Fri 5/25]

Brad Cordle Band (09:00pm) (Gator OMalley's Pub)
Honey Boy Turner Band (Zoo Bar,402-435-8754)
Swampboy Blues Band (Soaring Wings Vineyard)
The Pounders (Anchor Inn (5413 S. 72nd St.))

[Sat 5/26]

Back Alley Blues Band (McKennas)
Levi William (Bobs Tavern (Lincoln))
MFN Bad Sneakers (Ozone)

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BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

[Sun 5/27]

Brad Cordle Band (06:30pm) (Sugar Clay Winery and Vineyards, Thurman, IA)
 Katie Logan (02:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Sugar Clay Winery and Vineyards, Thurman, IA)
 Open Jazz Jam (The Hive)
 Ronnie Baker Brooks w/ NBC Winner and Crimson Dawn (04:00pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater-Papillion)

[Mon 5/28]

MFN Bad Sneakers (Twin Peaks)
 Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)

[Tue 5/29]

Bluesday Tuesday Open Jam (07:00pm) (The Hive)
 Kris Lager Acoustic (Ozone)

[Wed 5/30]

Debbie Davies (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)
 Luther James Open Mike (Grant Street Bar)

[Thu 5/31]

Debbie Davies (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
 Rhythm Collective Reggae (The Hive)
 Stan Spurgeon (Lauter Tun)
 Terry Quiet Band (Gator OMalley's Pub)
 Whiskey Pig (Perry's Place)

[Fri 6/1]

Swampboy Blues Band (Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen)

[Sat 6/2]

Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Platte Duesche, Grand Island, NE)
 The Candy-makers w/ Shannon and the Rhythm Kings and Elwin James and The Way-Outs (05:30pm) (Soaring Wings Wine and Blues Festival)

[Sun 6/3]

Scott H. Biram (Bourbon Theatre)

[Wed 6/6]

Royal Southern Brotherhood (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)
 The Pounders (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)

[Thu 6/7]

Brad Cordle Band (07:30pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater-Papillion)
 Matt Gagne and the Blues Experience (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
 Royal Southern Brotherhood (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)
 Terry Evans (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)

[Fri 6/8]

Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)
 Susie Thorne Band (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
 Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 6/9]

Back Alley Blues Band (Observatory Lounge)
 Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
 Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)

[Sun 6/10]

Multi-Band Line-up (Omaha Summer Arts Festival)
 Sue From Wildfire Solo (Soaring Wings Vineyard)

[Thu 6/14]

Legendary Shack Shakers (Bourbon Theatre)

[Sat 6/16]

BSO presents the Aksarben Bluesfest w/ John Nemeth, Blue House, BluesEd Bands (04:00pm) (Aksarben Village-67th and Center Street)

[Thu 6/21]

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns (07:30pm) (Sumtur Amphitheater-Papillion)
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe Casino)
 Studebaker John and The Hawks (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
 Susie Thorne Band (Myth-Old Market)

[Fri 6/22]

Jumpin Kate and the Naked Reserves (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)
 MFN Bad Sneakers (Gator OMalley's Pub)

[Sat 6/23]

Magic Slim and The Teardrops w/ Honey Boy Turner Band (Lincoln BBQ and Blues at SouthPointe Pavilions, Lincoln, NE)

[Sun 6/24]

Jonny Lang w/ Buddy Guy (Stir Concert Cove)

[Thu 6/28]

Jumpin Kate and the Naked Reserves (Soaring Wings Vineyard)
 Lady Bianca (05:30pm) (21st Saloon)
 Lil Brian and the Zydeco Travelers (Gator OMalley's Pub)

[Fri 6/29]

Reverend Horton Heat w/ Mountain Sprout (Bourbon Theatre)
 Wildfire (Soaring Wings Vineyard)

[Sat 6/30]

Back Alley Blues Band (Soaring Wings Vineyard)
 Brad Cordle Band (07:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
 Wildfire (08:00pm) (Lauter Tun)



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 Fri. 4th.....Bad Sneakers
 Sat. 5th.....Paisty Jenny
 Sun. 6th.....**Nebraska Blues Challenge** 3:00pm
 Thurs. 10th...Blues Night.....112 North Duck
 Fri. 11th.....Blind Dog Fulton
 Sat. 12th.....Session 7
 Sun. 13th...**ROCKABILLY**.....Rev Dead Eye
 Thurs. 17th...Blues Night.....Levi William
 Fri. 18th.....Daddy Mac and the Flak
 Sat. 19th.....BossPhilly
 Thurs. 24th...Blues Night.....Soul Finger
 Fri. 25th.....Brad Cordle Band
 Sat. 26th.....R Style
 Sun. 27th...**ROCKABILLY**.....Big Red Rawkit
 Thurs. 31st...Blues Night.....Terry Quiet Band

Blues Society of Omaha to Host the SECOND ANNUAL NEBRASKA BLUES CHALLENGE

OMAHA, NE/USA (April 20, 2012) - The Blues Society of Omaha (BSO) is hosting the Second Annual Nebraska Blues Challenge, sending the winning band on to compete in the 2013 International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis, TN. Three preliminary showcase events will be held with the band receiving the most points in each round advancing to the finals. The BSO invites all fans to attend and enjoy this celebration of Nebraska blues and its many talented musicians.

Last year's first-ever Nebraska Blues Challenge sent the Lil' Slim Blues Band to Memphis in February of this year, where we are proud to report that they made it into the semi-finals of the IBCs.

All local events will showcase hometown talent vying for the opportunity to represent the BSO in Memphis in 2013. Each event is open to the public. There will be a \$5 cover charge with proceeds going toward the costs of sponsoring the band that will represent the BSO in the 2013 International Blues Challenge.

From an open call for entries, the following bands have submitted materials and been scheduled to perform at participating venues. For more about the Blues Society of Omaha visit omahablues.com.

Ten bands from the Omaha/Lincoln area will perform.

Dates and times are listed below:

Sunday, April 22, Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14TH St., Lincoln, Nebraska • zoobar.com

3:30 p.m. showcase performance by last year's NBC winners Lil' Slim Blues Band

4:40 p.m. competition begins with The Blues Mechanics • 5:50 p.m. Luther James Band • 7 p.m. Brad Cordle Band

Sunday, April 29, Shamrock's Pub & Grill, 5338 North 103rd St. (103rd & Fort) shamrockspubandgrill.com

3:30 p.m. Cold in Hand • 4:40 p.m. Matt Gagne & the Blues Experience

5:50 p.m. Christy Rossiter & 112 North Duck • 7 p.m. Levi William

Sunday, May 6, Gator O'Malley's, 12143 West Center Road • gatoromalleys.com

3:30 p.m. MojoPo • 4:40 p.m. Hector Anchondo • 5:50 p.m. Lil' Slim Blues Band

All schedules are subject to change.

The finals will be held at The 21st Saloon, 96th & L, on Sunday, May 20, at 5 p.m., with the three bands receiving the most points in the individual showcases advancing to the final round. Bands are scored by judging panels following the scoring system that is used by the International Blues Challenge.

The band selected to represent the BSO will receive a prize package that includes a cash prize to assist with their trip to Memphis, the opportunity to open for Ronnie Baker Brooks at Sumtur Amphitheatre on Sunday, May 27, and a studio recording package from **The Moose Lodge Recording Studio**. See mooselodgestudio.com.

The Moose Lodge Recording Studio is Omaha's High Quality, Affordable and Musician Friendly Recording Studio and is once again proud to be a sponsor of this year's event. Moose Lodge Recording Studio has generously agreed to present the Top 3 acts this year with the following awards:

1st place - 12 hours studio time • 2nd place - 6 hours studio time • 3rd place - 4 hours studio time

The IBC has evolved into the nation's biggest and most respected showcase for blues musicians ready to take their act to the national stage. Industry professionals say that winning the International Blues Challenge gives the top band the equivalent of \$100,000 in media awareness and publicity. Winning the IBC has been a stepping-stone to a high-profile career for artists like Trampled Under Foot, Zac Harmon, Eden Brent and JP Soars, to name a few.

Phoenix, AZ, bluesman Bob Corritore, Blues Music Award winner and Keeping the Blues Alive Award recipient, says of the IBCs *"I once thought that going to the IBCs (AKA the International Blues Challenge) was all about the band competition, and perhaps for some it is. But for a number of years now I have chosen to attend to be a part of what I feel is the bigger picture of this event. To me this event is a family gathering of blues people who come to get the feeling of community that is so powerfully demonstrated in these few days. Everyone is there for the blues, and that's a powerful thing."*

The 29th International Blues Challenge is set to begin Tuesday, January 29, 2013 and conclude on Saturday February 2, 2013. The competition will be held in Memphis, TN in the Beale Street entertainment district.

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1998. They are an all-volunteer organization that raises operating capital through their donors and community involvement. Their mission of "Keeping the Blues Alive" can be seen through their efforts in supporting Blues music and its musicians across the area. They are recognized as one of the top blues societies in the country. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to BSO, P.O. Box 246198, Omaha, NE 68124 and can also be made online at omahablues.com.

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The Joe Lidgett Blues Band	Joe Lidgett	712-813-1572
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The OK Sisters	Mark Weinand	308-236-8844
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Blues from the Five	Chris S.	402-560-7808
Blues Messengers	Jake Wiese	402-601-4959
Charlie Burton and the Dorothy Lynch Mob	Charlie Burton	402-476-9254
The Honeyboy Turner Band	Harv Brindell	402-435-5297
Jared's GoodTime BluesParty	Jared Alberico	402-474-2473
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The Kris Lager Band	Kris Lager	402-304-7269
The Mezcal Brothers	Gerado Meza	402-438-5120
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112 North Duck	Michelle	402-210-9378
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Chuck Brown and the Basement Devils	Chuck Brown	402-610-1522
The Confidentials	Stan Spurgeon	402-738-9225
Brad Cordle Band	Brad Cordle	702-533-2427
John Crews Blues	John Crews	402-714-7634
Lou DeLuca and the R & M Blues Band	Lou DeLuca	402-677-7156
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Drunken Intentions	Andy Dickinson	402-208-1231
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Photos by Conrad Good and Jane Cowger.

Hello all!

There's some great news I'm looking forward to sharing with you. The guys and I were invited to participate in this years Nebraska Blues Challenge on Sunday May 6th! We are very honored and we're very much looking forward to sharing the stage in one of three first rounds between all bands playing. Our round is located at Gator O'Malley's in Omaha, NE and starts at 3:30 with MoJoPo and we play at 4:40, with Lil Slim going up at 5:50. We need all the help we can get for this one and it could lead to great opportunities if we place. It's already a great opportunity just being involved. I hope to see some of you out if you can make it, it would mean a lot and would be great inspirational support. We need your good vibes and energy, wish us luck!

Other news: We're in the beginning stages of making a video for "Momma's A Hard Man" and we've got the locations picked out and plans for the most part set, still some tweaking here and there, but we're ready to start production on this. With all the feedback I get about this song I think it's going to be the perfect song to do a video for. Although I'm never happy to hear about someone else that grew up without a Father, it's nice to know there are others and I'm not alone, thank you to everyone that has shared their feelings and their stories with me. Stay tuned for youtube updates on the making of the video, we start in on it next month.

Thank you for your continuous support, couldn't do it without all of you.

Until next time, Hector Anchondo

Lincoln Sport Parachute Club presents their annual "Redemption Boogie" jump weekend July 19-22 at the Plattsmouth Airport. A training session and one tandem jump will be \$250.

Glenn Bauer, my son Nolan and I did this two summers ago and it took about three weeks to get the smiles off of our faces. If you have ever considered jumping out of a perfectly good airplane, this might be your opportunity. Please contact Mark Grubbs at mdgrubbs2612@gmail.com.

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'Playing with Fire' is ecstatic to welcome FirstComp Insurance as our new presenting sponsor. Without their generosity, and the continued support of many returning sponsors, the 2012 show would not be possible.

'Playing with Fire' grew from the vision of Jeff Davis as a way to say thanks to the community that helped make him a very successful businessperson. Davis combined his love of music with his desire to build, enrich and unite our community through music's universal language to prove that the best music, the most fun, and the best times can be had right here in Omaha, in our own backyard! At the core of Davis' vision, and the hundreds of volunteers who faithfully devote hours presenting 'Playing with Fire,' is a commitment to:

- Keep 'Playing with Fire' a free concert series so it is accessible to everyone.
- Maintain a 'Buy the Big O' philosophy by choosing local vendors and suppliers.
- Provide an opportunity for young musicians and local artists.
- Showcase Omaha's downtown as a vibrant core of our community.

Since the first note was played in 2004, 'Playing with Fire' has:

- Produced more than 200 hours of live free music that includes 35 shows and more than 140 bands.

And in that short time just a few of the outstanding performers 'Playing with Fire' has featured include:

- Bettye LaVette, twice, who also sang at the 2008 Presidential Inauguration.
- 'The Yardbirds,' which gave both Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck their start.
- 'Downchild,' a Canadian band that is the inspiration for the 'Blues Brothers.'
- Numerous musicians who have been featured multiple times on 'Austin City Limits.'
- Multiple Grammy nominee and award winning artists.
- Blake DeForest, a BluesEd Alumnus, and two time 'Louie Armstrong Award' winner for trumpet.
- Sam Burt, a BluesEd Alumnus, who received a scholarship to Berkley School of Music.

Through support of the Youth Artist Development Program, 'Playing with Fire' invests in the youth of our community. The talented young musicians of the Youth Artist program are not

only given a chance to perfect their artistic talents, they also foster their personal growth and become Ambassadors for our community. In fact, earlier this year the BluesED group, Crimson Dawn, travelled to Memphis to represent the BSO in the youth showcase in the International Blues Competition. 'Playing with Fire' has also initiated a Cultural Exchange Program with Canadian musical artists. This exchange of our artists with our Canadian counterparts, is yet another way to showcase the vibrancy of our community to the world and provides our local artists a vehicle to perform internationally.

'Playing with Fire' is always interested in acquiring additional sponsors like FirstComp. Sponsorships assure the sustainability of the high caliber concerts everyone has come to expect from 'Playing with Fire,' for now and in the years ahead. We are always interested in acquiring additional sponsors like First Comp. We want YOU on our team! Become a 'Friend of Playing with Fire.' Be a catalyst like us. Work with us to unite our community and create extraordinary outcomes. Let's keep the fire burning!

To learn more about our 2012 show, visit 'Playing with Fire' at www.playingwithfireomaha.net and on Facebook at 'Playing with Fire Concert-Omaha.'

Stay tuned next month for an in depth look at the 2012 'Playing with Fire' artists!

-The Playing with Fire Organizational Team

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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 (tentative)

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JUNE 22 JANET STALEY
JUNE 23 DADDY MAC
JUNE 29 LEVEE TOWN
(SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM KANSAS CITY)
JUNE 30 BRAD CORDLE BAND

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JULY 7 MATT GAGNE BLUES EXPERIENCE
JULY 13 ELWIN JAMES AND THE WAY OUTS
JULY 14 T.B.D. (open to book your band)
JULY 20 MARQUIS KNOX
(SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM ST. LOUIS)
JULY 21 BEL AIRS
JULY 25 THE SUGAR THIEVES
(SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM PHOENIX)
JULY 27 MIKE GURCUILLO BAND
JULY 28 SWAMP BOY

AUG 3 JOHNSEN BROTHERS
AUG 4 BLUE HOUSE WITH RENT TO OWN HORNS
AUG 10 BRAD CORDLE BAND
AUG 11 OK SISTERS BAND
AUG 17 GULIZIA BROTHERS
AUG 18 DADDY MAC
AUG 24 SUSIE THORNE GROUP
AUG 25 LIL JOE AND BIG TROUBLE
AUG 31 LOOSE CANNON (ROCK & ROLL BLUES)

SEPT 7 FISHHEADS (ROCK & ROLL)
SEPT 14 BART WALKER BAND
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Janiva Magness at the Zoo Bar 3/21/2012

A couple of thing new to me for this latest version of Janiva @ The Zoo! Her drummer, Matt Tecu, not new to the band has started adding nice baritone harmonies to the songs, and Janiva is playing the cigar box slide guitar who knew? We have seen her play the washboard complete with the custom, brass tipped speed bumps! Fun to see and hear but I always thought it was a little gimmicky given Janiva's drive and talent, an

attention getter if you will.

But for the last for the

last 4 years or so Janiva has earned our attention and both of her hands on that brass ring at the apex of the Blues world once only attainable to the top male performers in the Blues field and has made that her regular stomping grounds. Having earned the BB King Blues entertainer of the year in 2009 which she

can claim with only one other woman besides her, Koko

Taylor... Now Janiva is a perennial nominee for all top categories in at Blues Award shows because she just connects with her audience at every show she plays.

Talking to Janiva prior to sound check, I gained her permission for yet another barrage of flash pictures, and learned she had awakened that morning feeling really sick! Not one hint of the sick



sador and spokesperson for the National Foster Care. Read a little about it below could make a big difference in someone's life that you know!

Janiva's Band... Matt Tecu drums and baritone vocal harmony, Jim Alfredson Piano and Hammond B-3 (as well as stunt double for a young Marvin Hamlisch, just saying) Gary Davenport Bass guitar, Zach Zunis on scorching lead guitar.



Live and local... live it or lose it!

—Conrad Good



CD Reviews



Lionel Young • *On Our Way To Memphis*

Dexofon

If you missed the March 9th show of the Lionel Young Band at the Shamrock Bar, you missed a great concert. The 2011 International Blues Challenge winner for best band put on a great show. This visit to Omaha had Young bring a sax and a trumpet player in addition to his bass player and drummer. When Young last visited, he did not have the horns.

The new CD has a keyboard player in the addition to the previously mentioned players. Young is a classically trained violinist. He plays the violin in an amaz-



ingly inventive style, and at time reminds me of the great Gatmouth Brown. Young also plays guitar on several cuts.

The CD is mostly classic blues cuts with Young writing two of the eleven songs. One stand-out is the T Bone Walker song *Strollin'* with the Bone. The band's interpretation of *Night Train* is another exceptional song that showcases Young's virtuosity on violin.

All the musicians are top-drawer. They play with a great deal of enthusiasm throughout the CD. Most of the vocals are handled by Young with his smooth and unique vocal style. I highly recommend this distinctive CD. It is one of the best CD's I have heard in 2012.

--A.J. Foyt

Joan Osborne *Bring it on Home*



Hey, Don Pardo, Let's have the next contestant for "Everybody's doing a blues album" Okay, Hogsquat, THAT WILL BE JOAN OSBORNE! Joan's new album starts off with the Ashford and Simpson song "I don't need no Doctor" that Ray Charles did and it's a fine way to start the record and then she does Willie Dixon song

"Bring it on Home" that Sonny Boy Williamson did. a great start to a pretty darn good record! I am Surprised that I like it as much as I do but Halfway thru it at Track Number 6, Pop music rears its ugly head and I can't get to the fast forward button fast enough, it is a song called "Shoorah, Shoorah" it is terrible! She gets right back on track with "I Want to be Loved" and finishes the record strongly covering Bill Withers, Otis Redding and Slim Harpo. "Barbecue" Bob Pomeroy plays very good Harmonica on this record. Joan's voice is not all that Bluesy but sounds good just the same! There are slow songs and Toe Tappers.(sorry). A good mix of covers and a fine band back her on this record. It's just a little slick for my usual tastes but I like it and I don't know if I will be listening to it in 10 years. Time will tell. Another album that I have been listening to lately is "The Carolina Chocolate Drops". Leaving Eden is a good time String band doing very old jug band tunes in a wonderful free form style! Go to a blues show Soon!

See ya next month.

--Hogsquat

The 44s • *Americana*

Rip Cat Records

The 44s are back with a new CD. Their debut CD was last year outstanding. Once again, Kid Ramos helps out with the production, and he plays guitar on several tunes. The title, *Americana*, is misleading to me, because it is mostly an aggressive blues CD. There is some roots influence, but on the whole, it is just a great blues CD. In my mind, that is more than enough!

The group is one of the best bands working today. Tex Nakamura is, in my estimation, among the best harmonica players in the world. I would love to see them live!

The CD has eleven original songs written by the group and two covers. The covers are my favorite songs off the album. The 44s do a jumping version of Willie Dixon's *You'll Be Mine*. I am also very fond of Howlin' Wolf's *Mr. Highway Man* that has some exceptional harp work by Tex.

This is an exceptional CD from a group that is quickly becoming a favorite of mine. The band has a retro sound that they try hard to convey - right down to the playing of vintage instruments. I like this CD a great deal. It is an early favorite for my best of 2012 list.

--A.J. Foyt



CD Reviews



Ray Wylie Hubbard • *The Grifter's Hymnal*

I am convinced that Ray Wylie and Robert Johnson knew each other in a past life, probably met in a bar in Dallas surrounded by the Devil, drug addicts, Strippers and the Lord and one of those wily characters were buying drinks and thru a haze of cigarette smoke and bad lighting some kind of a deal got made! Although Hubbards music is not your standard blues, elements of the blues has always ran through his music. His new album is wonderful, lots of slide guitar, swampy texas rock and great lyrics! Ray Wylie's humorous side is always apparent such as the song "New Years Eve at the Gates of Hell" there are slow songs and mid tempo rockers full of angst and heartaches! Try to keep your feet still during "South of the River" I love his new record, there is just one



misstep on it, Ray's duet with Ringo Starr on a silly song called "Coochy Coochy", I never want to hear it again!!!!!!

My four favorite living Texas songwriters are James McMurtry, Guy Clark, Eric Taylor and Ray Wylie Hubbard! The song "Mother Blues" kind of tells the story of Hubbard and if you did not know he wrote the Jerry Jeff Walker Anthem, "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mother! So for you Americana fans out there, run, don't walk to your nearest store (Amazon) and purchase Hubbards new Release.

Thanks and Remember Pop music is Evil.

-Hogsquat

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