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Thursday, May 21st

@ 6 pm

21st Saloon

96th & L St.

Omaha, NE

JASON RICCI

"Old School Chicago - Meets Modern Blues"



**THE CATE
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Sunday

May 24th

@ 6 pm

\$15 cover

21st Saloon

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THURSDAY BLUES SERIES

4727 S 96th Plaza

All shows 6pm – bands subject to change



May 7th.....	Jason Elmore and Hoodoo Witch (\$10)
May 14th.....	24th Street Wailers (\$10)
May 21st.....	Jason Ricci (\$10)
May 24th (Sunday)	The Cate Brothers (\$15)
May 28th.....	The Gas House Gorillas (\$10)
June 4th.....	Laura Rain and the Ceasars (\$10)
June 11th.....	Bobby Messano (\$10)

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 Blues venues and musicians and events in the area through our sponsorship and volunteer support:

- In 2001, BSO created BluesEd, a non-profit youth artist development program which provides opportunities for young musicians to perform with other students in a band format. Blues Ed has also gained national attention for Omaha.
- Regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need
- Provides support to The Zoo Bar – Lincoln's award-winning Blues venue
- "Jammin Away The Blues" – annual fundraiser for The Nebraska Mental Health Organization
- Operation Feed the Troops – fundraiser to provide free food to deploying and returning armed forces members and their families
- Annual toy drive for the children of Pine Ridge Reservation

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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http://kiwrblues.podomatic.com/entry/2010-02-03T11_00_49-08_00

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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"

JASON RICCI

Thursday, May 21st @ 6 pm
21st Saloon, 96th & L St., Omaha, NE



Jason Ricci has toured, recorded and performed under his own name and with some of the most popular blues artists in the world including: Walter Trout, RL Burnside, Junior

three times by Blues Wax magazine. Ricci won the Blues Critic Award for "Harmonica Player of the Year" (2008) and was nominated for a Blues Music Award for "Harmonica Player of the Year" in 2009 and 2010. By January 2011, Ricci had relocated to New Orleans, and assembled a new band, Approved By Snakes, with guitarist John Lisi.

From 2011 till now Ricci has been teaching harmonica, recording and touring select venues.

--www.tinaterryagency.com

Ricci recently performed at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the Paul Butterfield Blues Band.

Kimbrough, David Kimbrough, Mark Hummel, Susan Tedeschi, Big Al and the Heavy Weights, Ana Popovic, Keith B. Brown, Nick Moss and the Flip Tops, Otis Taylor, Tab Benoit, Cyrill Neville, John Lisi, Nick Curran, Enrico Crivellaro and many more. Ricci was the winner of the 2010 Blues Music Award for best harmonica player.

From 2002-2011: Jason Ricci toured worldwide with his own band "Jason Ricci & New Blood" playing over 300 dates a year on average. In 2005, Ricci was honored with the Muddy Waters Award. In 2007 Ricci and New Blood were signed to Eclecto Groove a subdivision of Delta Groove Productions. His first album with the label, titled *Rocket Number Nine*, was released October 23, 2007 and was produced by John Porter. Later in 2009 the band recorded "Done With the Devil" for the same Label. The band as a whole has been nominated for "Blues Band of the Year"



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What's New with BluesEd?

BluesEd continues to gain momentum as school winds down, seniors prepare for graduation, and the weather gets warmer. May 3 is the all-band show at 21st Saloon, 4–9 pm.

June 6 is the Summer Arts Festival beginning at 10 am. The BluesEd fund raiser is June 21. Far & Wide will perform at the Plattsmouth Street Festival on July 18, then open at Jazz on the Green July 23. Check out www.bluesed.com for more details about upcoming events and the bands.

—Scott Stocking



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BluesEd Music Fest

May 3rd
4:00 to 9:00
All Ages Show

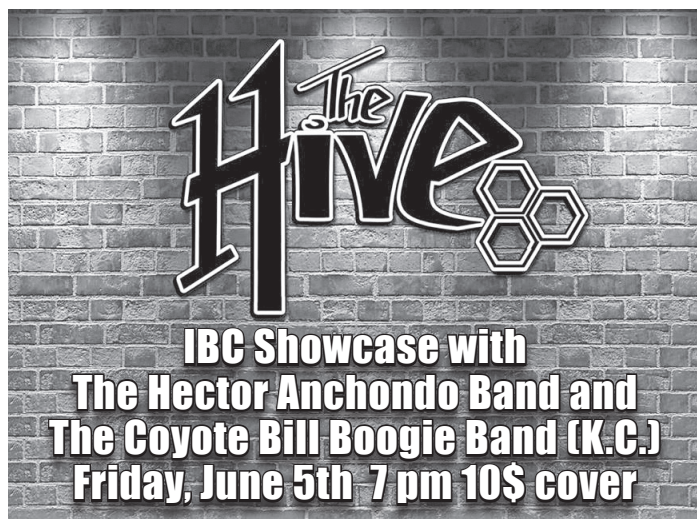
Free Admission - 21st Saloon
(96th & L)
Food & Drink available for purchase

Six Live Bands
Far and Wide
Highway 61
Dilemma
Silver Lining
Us & Them
Voodoo Vinyl

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THE 21st SALOON

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The Hive

IBC Showcase with
The Hector Anchondo Band and
The Coyote Bill Boogie Band (K.C.)
Friday, June 5th 7 pm 10\$ cover

Playing with Fire Expands 2015 Summer Lineup with Third Concert Date

Omaha's sizzling summer concert tradition is set to make even more of its Midtown Crossing venue – by giving fans more of the top shelf talent they've come to expect. Featuring the best in blues, soul, funk, R & B, and rock, Playing with Fire marks its 12th successful year – it's second at Midtown Crossing's Pavilion at Turner Park – by expanding from two concert days to three.

Jeff Davis, founder and promoter of Playing with Fire, a 501(c)(3) non-profit assures, "We've got something for everyone – accomplished artists that include Canada's blues elite, sacred steel greats, an internationally-renowned Sitar maestro fusion player, and a rousing boogie woogie piano band from Poland. Amongst these fantastic artists, many fans will recognize several musicians they've been waiting to see return to the PwF stage."

A FREE concert experience, Playing with Fire's 2015 schedule will play out over the course of three "Thursdays In The Park" evenings: June 18 and 25, and July 2, gates at 5:00pm/music starting at 5:30 p.m. In the Playing with Fire tradition, Bands from the BluesEd youth music program will open the shows.

This summer's Playing with Fire line-up includes:

June 18

The Campbell Brothers (Headliner)

Markey Blue

BluesEd – Voodoo Vinyl

June 25 (A three hour nonstop show!)

An Evening with The Paul DesLauriers Band
& Very Special Guests:

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July 2

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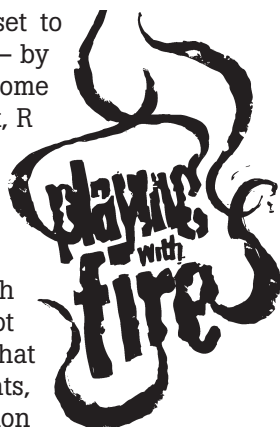
Boogie Boys

BluesEd – Us & Them

Playing with Fire continues to give back to the community and to improve our community's quality of life not only with a free concert series, but also in supporting other non-profit organizations and cultivating music education by providing performance and fundraising opportunities to students of BluesEd.

Playing with Fire free concerts series are made possible with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund, the City of Omaha, corporate and private sponsorships, in-kind donations, volunteers and free-will donations at each concert series.

To learn more about supporting Playing with Fire and details for the 2015 concert series and artists, visit www.playingwithfireomaha.net.



BRIDGE BEATS SUMMER LINEUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Free Riverfront Concert Series Returns for Third Year

Bridge Beats returns for its third season at the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge Plaza. The free summer concert series, presented by the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department, is packed with family friendly Omaha bands playing original and cover tunes to get you dancing!

Bridge Beats shows are every other Friday night beginning June 12, and ending September 18 at the base of the pedestrian bridge on the Nebraska riverfront. The family friendly concerts begin at 6 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m.

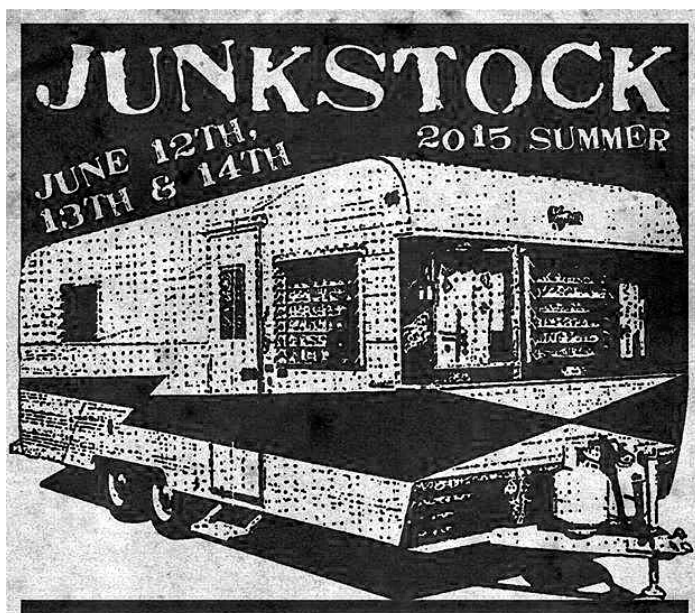
Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket, and a picnic basket – or enjoy food for sale available by La Casa food truck and drinks from Harney Street Tavern.

June 12 - THE CONFIDENTIALS • June 26 - MATT COX BAND AND BELLES & WHISTLES
 July 10 - LEE BOWES AND MATT WHIPKEY • July 24 - PRAIRIE GATORS BAND AND THE PINK FLAMINGOS
 August 7 - MAHA MUSIC FESTIVAL LOCAL BAND SHOWCASE • AUGUST 21 - ECKOPHONIC
 September 4 - DOWN TO HERE • September 18 - HECTOR ANCHONDO BAND AND CLARK & COMPANY

"We are thrilled with the award-winning talent and variety of music E3 Music Management is bringing to Bridge Beats this season," said Brook Bench, Omaha Parks and Recreation Director.

"I am eager to be on the riverfront this summer for each of these concerts," said Emily Engles of E3 Music Management. "There's something for every genre of music lover."

Visit www.BridgeBeats.com for more information.



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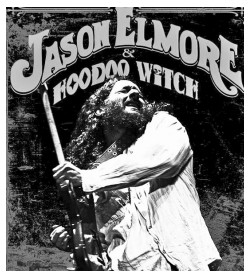
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JASON ELMORE and HOODOO WITCH

Thursday, May 7th @6 pm • \$10 cover
21st Saloon • 96th and L Street • Omaha, NE

Voted 'Best Blues' 2012 by the prestigious Dallas Observer Music Awards, Jason Elmore is a Dallas, Texas based guitarist, singer and songwriter that is turning heads in the blues/rock guitar world with his devastating guitar chops and vocals.



Whether fronting his high-energy touring band 'Hoodoo Witch' or performing as a solo acoustic act, Elmore is able to bring together elements of American music in his performances that seem to bridge the gap between blues, rock, 60's soul, vintage country, and jazz. He is remarkable in his ability to appeal to fans of all genres of music with his incendiary guitar licks, soulful and powerful old-school vocals, keen sense of humor and imaginative yet familiar songwriting. All one needs to do is watch him play live one time in order to have a good understanding of how all these different genres of music have a common thread when it comes to eliciting an emotional response from the listener and taking them to that special place where only the music exists.

Since 2008, he has fronted "Jason Elmore & Hoodoo Witch", a high-energy trio that blends jump blues, Texas rock, vintage soul, rhythm and blues and country chicken pickin' that always maintains the essence of the blues while simultaneously offering a fresh take on the genre.

The band is rounded out by Brandon Katona on bass and Mike Talbot on drums and can often be found touring all over the USA, Canada, and Europe, playing a full evening of jump blues one night and all hard classic-style rock the next, depending upon the venue. They have shared the stage with such heavyweights as Jimmie Vaughan, Tab Benoit, Monte Montgomery, Bugs Henderson, Tommy Castro, Carolyn Wonderland, Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat, David Lindley, Kim Simmonds (Savoy Brown), Peter Tork (Monkees), and many, many others. The band released their debut CD "Upside Your Head" in 2010 to rave reviews as well as a long stint on the Texas Roots Music Airplay Charts. Their follow-up, "Tell You What" was released April 2013 and enjoyed even greater success, staying for several consecutive months at the top of various blues & roots charts and radio playlists. The band is currently at work on their 3rd studio album, which will showcase more blues material than their previous two studio offerings.

Jason Elmore is a master at his craft and is effectively able to cross genres and provide something that everyone can enjoy, regardless of their musical preference. This is definitely a performer you need to see live. His abilities as a guitar player, singer, and songwriter are second to none and his good humor and charisma turn fans into friends at every show. Bring a sweat rag and your rockin' shoes! These boys are on it, dog gone it!

—www.jasonelmore.net

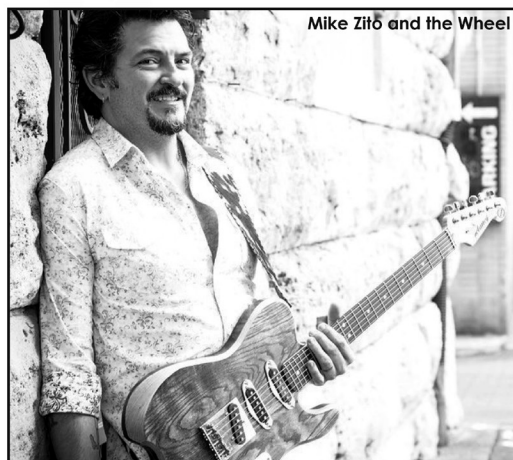
Friday, June 5th • Saturday, June 6
Sunday, June 7



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- **Mike Zito and the Wheel**
Friday, June 5 at 7pm
- **Moreland & Arbuckle**
Saturday, June 6 at 5pm
- **Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band**
Saturday, June 6 at 7pm
- **Brulé**
Sunday, June 7 at 3:30pm

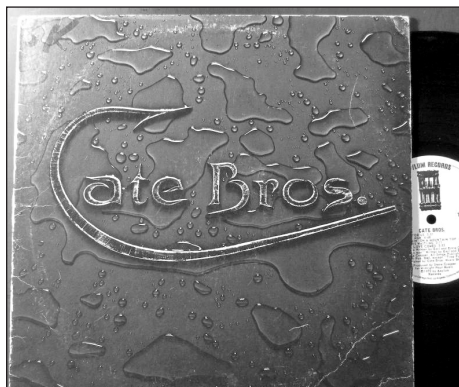
Visit SummerArts.org for details

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THE CATE BROTHERS

*Sunday, May 24th @ 6 pm \$15 cover
21st Saloon, 96th & L St., Omaha, NE*



With over 40 years of playing music together the Cate Brothers are as professional as it gets. From their history with The Band and Levon Helm to World tours with Fleetwood Mac and Queen they certainly have history on their side.



The Cate Brothers don't tour much, picking a few very selective dates a year. Their first time at the 21st Saloon they packed the house, and this is the band we get the most requests to bring back.

With a style that is all their own they always put on a great show.

We're more than happy to have them back for 1 of the 3 shows they will be doing on Memorial Weekend.

Come out and enjoy a Sunday matinee show, you even get a Holiday to recover!!

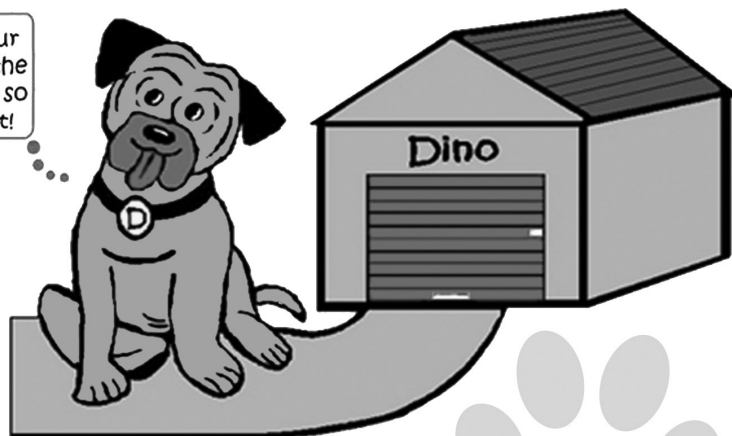
--Jay A.



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BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

Friday 5/1

Hegg Brothers w/ Matt Wallace (09:00pm) Havana Garage, Omaha
 Mezcal Brothers (05:00pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln
 Swampboy Blues Band, Havana Garage, Omaha
 Carol Rogers & Friends (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (9 pm) Icon Lounge, Sioux Falls, SD
 Jimmy Weber, (7pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo

Saturday 5/2

Blue House with Rent to Own Horns 25th Anniversary, (07:00 pm) Stinson Park, Omaha
 Hegg Brothers w/ Matt Wallace (09:00pm) Havana Garage
 The Geezers (09:00pm) Copacabana Cocktails and Cigar Bar, Omaha NE
 17520 Wright St Suite 108
 Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers, (9 pm) Harney Street Tavern, Omaha, NE
 Edem Kegey & LeWade "Big Wade" Milliner (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha NE

Sunday 5/3

Stephen Hawthorne & Ricky Williams (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 George Wallace (11 am – 2 pm) Latin Brunch at Little Espana – Rockbrook Village, Omaha, NE
 Golden State-Lonestar Review with Mark Hummel, Charlie Baty & Anson Funderburgh
 Zoo Bar (6 pm) \$ 16 adv., \$20 dos

Monday 5/4

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Matt Amandus (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Tuesday 5/5

Hector Anchondo (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 CocoMontoya (6 pm) Zoo Bar, \$12 adv. \$15 dos

Wednesday 5/6

Ricky Williams & Matt Wallace (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 George Wallace (11:30 am – 1:30 pm) Potbelly Sandwich Shop 120th & Blondo, Omaha, NE

Thursday 5/7

Jason Elmore and Hoodoo Witch (06:00pm) 21st Saloon, Omaha \$10 Cover
 Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (06:30pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Terence Blanchard (07:30pm) Holland Performing Arts Center
 Lil Ed & The Blue Imperials (6 pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Ed Archibald & Jeff Scott (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Coco Montoya (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

Friday 5/8

The Geezers (07:00pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo, Ne
 Carol Rogers & Friends (7:30 pm) Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (8:30 pm) Skyline Bar, Sioux City, SD

Saturday 5/9

The Geezers (07:00pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo, Ne.
 Azp with Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers and a Ferocious Jungle Cat (8:00 pm) Vega, Lincoln, NE
 Edem Kegey & LeWade "Big Wade" Milliner (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha NE
 Blue House 25th Anniversary Party (7 pm) Stinson Park, Omaha
 Free Show with plenty of free parking!!

Sunday 5/10

Rush, Pinnacle Arena, Haymarket in Lincoln
 Stephen Hawthorne & Ricky Williams (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 The Brad Cordle Band (4 to 7 pm) Corner Bar, Fremont
 Jumpin' Kate (7 pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo

Monday 5/11

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Matt Amandus (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Tuesday 5/12

Hector Anchondo (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Wednesday 5/13

Ricky Williams & Matt Wallace (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 George Wallace (11:30 am – 1:30 pm) Potbelly Sandwich Shop 120th & Blondo, Omaha, NE
 24th Street Wailers (6 pm) Zoo Bar

Thursday 5/14

24th Street Wailers (6 pm) 21st Saloon, Omaha \$10 Cover
 Knucklehead Reunion Band (06:30pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Ed Archibald & Jeff Scott (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Poppa Chubby (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

Friday 5/15

Hector Anchondo Band, Uncle Bo's Topeka, KS – 9 pm show
 Carol Rogers & Friends (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Hullabacruise with the Kris Lager Band (7 pm), Millers Landing

Saturday 5/16

Hector Anchondo Band, Westport Saloon, Kansas City, MO - Amanda Fish
 Hosting Event w/Coyote Bill Boogie
 The Geezers (6 pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Edem Kegey & LeWade "Big Wade" Milliner (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha NE
 Hullabacruise with the Kris Lager Band (7 pm), Millers Landing

Sunday 5/17

Stephen Hawthorne & Ricky Williams (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Monday 5/18

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Matt Amandus (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Tuesday 5/19

Hector Anchondo (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Wednesday 5/20

Ricky Williams & Matt Wallace (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 George Wallace (11:30 am – 1:30 pm) Potbelly Sandwich Shop 120th & Blondo, Omaha, NE

Thursday 5/21

Jason Ricci (06:00pm) 21st Saloon, Omaha \$10 Cover
 Old Money (06:30pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Billy Bacon (6 pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Ed Archibald & Jeff Scott (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 The Jeremiah Johnson Band (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

HEY BANDS & BARS

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 All schedules must be received by the 23rd of each month. Get calendar updates @ www.omahablues.com

BLUES IN MAY & JUNE

Friday 5/22

Carol Rogers & Friends (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Billy Bacon (5 pm FAC) Zoo Bar
 Life of Riley (9 pm) Havana Garage

Saturday 5/23

The Geezers, Lippy's BBQ, Malcolm NE 15 minutes NW of Lincoln
 Edem Kegey & LeWade "Big Wade" Milliner (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha NE
 Peace, Love, Etc. (9 – 1) Ozone Lounge
 Life of Riley, (9pm) Havana Garage

Sunday 5/24

The Cate Brothers (06:00pm) 21st Saloon, Omaha \$15 Cover
 Hector Anchondo Band and Josh Hoyer Sugarclay Winery, Thurman, IA
 Stephen Hawthorne & Ricky Williams (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Blue House (7 pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo

Monday 5/25

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) Ozone Lounge, Omaha
 Matt Amandus (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 The Brad Cordle Band (4-8 pm) Cottonwood Marina, Blair
 The Old No. 5's (7 pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo

Tuesday 5/26

Hector Anchondo (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Wednesday 5/27

Rachelle Coba (6 pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Ricky Williams & Matt Wallace (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Thursday 5/28

Gas House Gorillas (06:00pm) 21st Saloon, Omaha \$10 Cover
 Ed Archibald & Jeff Scott (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Cory Stevens (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

Friday 5/29

Matt Wallace Fusion Force (09:00pm) Harney Street Tavern, Omaha
 Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers (9 pm) The Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Carol Rogers & Friends (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE
 Robert Randolph and the Family Band (8 pm), Knickerbocker's, \$30 @
 www.ticketmaster.com

Saturday 5/30

Matt Wallace Fusion Force (09:00pm) Harney Street Tavern, Omaha
 Hector Anchondo Band, (7 pm) B&B Backyard BBQ, Topeka, KS
 Bel Airs (6 pm) Zoo Bar, Lincoln, NE
 Edem Kegey & LeWade "Big Wade" Milliner (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha NE

Sunday 5/31

Bel Airs (03:00pm) Bel Air Plaza Blues Festival, 121st and W. Center Rd., Omaha
 Free Festival with Mojo Bag, Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers, The Mighty Jailbreakers and the Bel Airs
 Stephen Hawthorne & Ricky Williams (7:30 pm), Omaha Lounge, Omaha, NE

Wednesday 6/3

Bruce Katz (6 pm) Zoo Bar

Thursday 6/4

Devon Allman Band (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

Friday 6/5

Hector Anchondo Band, (7 pm) IBC Showcase w/Coyote Bill Boogie, The Hive, Omaha NE \$10 cover
 Mike Zito and the Wheel, (7 pm) Summer Arts Festival
 Jimmy Weber (7 pm) Doghouse Saloon, Waterloo
 Mighty Jailbreakers (9 pm) Ozone

Saturday 6/6

Soaring Wings Bluesfest, Springfield, Ne. 4 pm to 10 pm with the Hector Anchondo Band, Coyote Bill Boogie Band, Annie Mack Band, Dan Treanor Band and a Jam Session to close out the evening
 The Dust Jackets (2 pm) Summer Arts Festival
 Moreland & Arbuckle (5 pm) Summer Arts Festival
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Thursday 6/11

Indigenous (8 pm) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City, IA

Friday 6/12

Hector Anchondo Band, (8 pm) Wiley's Tavern w/Indigenous, Sioux Falls, SD
 The Geezers, Micek's Bar, Columbus, NE
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 The Mighty Jailbreakers, Cottonwood Marina, Blair

Sunday 6/14

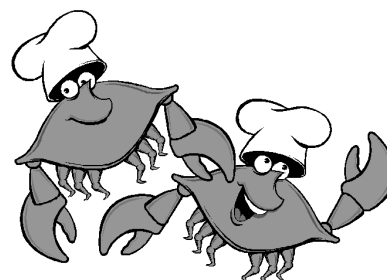
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THE GAS HOUSE GORILLAS

Thursday, May 28th @ 6 pm \$10 cover
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THE GAS HOUSE GORILLAS TAKE JUMP-BLUES
IN A NEW DIRECTION...



The Gas House Gorillas take jump-blues in a new direction, mixing in various influences. The band has no interest in adhering to 1950's conventions.

So, five gorillas walk into a bar... But seriously folks, five

guys from Brooklyn walk into a joint in Anytown, USA, and promptly take the stage. They look like a cross-section between The Bowery Boys and escapees from The Reformatory for Wayward Boys circa 1959. It's still not clear if these cats are the band, or if they beat up the band and took their instruments. If it weren't for their impressive musicianship, the jury would still be out. Ladies and gentlemen, hold onto your heads. This is, as the members put it, "God's favorite band," The Gas House Gorillas.

God? These guys aren't conceited; they're convinced. Bassist Crusher Carmean clears up any confusion: "God didn't have a favorite band until we came along," he says. "We are the alpha and omega"

The Gorillas burst on to the scene in 2003 with vocalist/guitarist Rick Fink and members of the stellar New York jump-blues outfit, the aptly named Blues Jumpers. Whereas the Blues Jumpers were traditional and amazingly period correct, the Gorillas' immediate mission was to ruffle feathers, twist panties, and get in faces. The band tweaked the music with speed, volume, and onstage mayhem. They put some punk-rock gas in the jump-blues punch.

"It's as if a group of punk-rock kids were listening to The Treniers," says drummer Eddie Everett. "And Louis Jordan and Fats Waller and Cab Calloway, and Wynonie Harris. So our sound may be rootsy, but we deliver like The Ramones."

But purists may freak out at these iconoclasts' shenanigans. Tough.

"We are not interested in sounding vintage," Everett says. "We may give a song a Reverend Horton Heat or Led Zeppelin or Beatles treatment. Everything has been done. There are a lot of musical references to choose from. It's all how you make it your own."

The Gas House Gorillas make the stage their own, too. Whether it's with the jungle savagery of Everett's drums, the rusty wail of Monsta Jim Davis' saxophone, Fink's bluesy howls and pleas, the genre-bending kerrang from Snake Osborn's guitar, or Carmean, who climbs all over his bass like well, a gorilla, the Gas House Gorillas own the stage everywhere the band goes.

So even if these guys did steal the instruments from the actual band, let them hang on to them. They sound great. Besides, have you ever tried to take something away from a gorilla?

—Frank De Blase, *Rochester City Newspaper*

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THE 24TH STREET WAILERS

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Experienced, road-tested and tougher than a two by four, The 24th Street Wailers are five musicians who originally met in music school. Their major influence? The sounds from the freewheeling period in the '40s and '50s when the Blues gave birth to Rock and Roll in black communities in major American cities. When showmanship mattered. When the sax player, not the guitarist, got the girls.



2012's *Unshakeable* reached Top 10 on the Roots Music Report and carried the band even further — Dan Aykroyd's House of Blues radio show called it "raw and authentically funky." And Bill Wax's syndicated B.B. King Radio Show on SiriusXM confirmed the band's widespread national and international radio play. The Wailers have put the icing on the cake with a 2nd studio album, released early this year. *Wicked* is the CD's title, and the adjective perfectly describes the music. Recorded in Austin Texas and produced by Billy Horton, producer and bassist for Texas rocker Nick Curran and who is also currently Jimmie Vaughan's bass player, *Wicked* is a collection of 11 songs by Lindsay and Emily, with two covers, both of them considerable departures from the originals. Horton's work has produced a who's-who of Texas bands, and he helped put The Wailers' drive and energy into the record's grooves. The band's put their autographs on a number of milestones along the road to success. They've been the only non-Quebec band to win both the Relève en Blues and the Air Transat/Blues sur Seine competitions at Festiblués International de Montreal, which sent them to France to perform at The Blues sur Seine Festival. The Wailers were nominated

for major Maple Blues Awards two years in a row, and for Blues Group/Duo of the Year at the Sirius XM Indie Awards. In February 2012, the band were semi-finalists in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee, cementing their place among their musical peers.

Booking their own dates — which they continue to do — The Wailers have played in some 35 major cities in Canada. The band's played major U.S. tours, and in 2014 are set to play more than 200 shows across North America.

The band's touring this year includes more than a dozen two and three day blues, jazz and folk events from one side of the continent to the other. A highlight was **Jimmie Vaughan** grinning for a set while sitting side stage at one of their club dates this year and slinging guitar with them that night. Said the artistic director of one important Ontario festival last year: "This band is a worthy representative for the new face of the blues."

"New face of the blues"? Yes, the band likes that. "We're just trying to restore faith in what the Blues and Rock and Roll were meant to be," they'll tell you. But just don't call the Wailers a "young" band, okay?

Instead of pissing them off, call The 24th Street Wailers exactly what they are: one of the hottest groups of blues rockers you can find, and one that always makes the crowd drink, dance and cheer. Tell them that and they might buy you a drink.

--the24thstreetwailers.com

Laura Rain and the Ceasars

Thursday, June 4th 6 pm. \$10 cover • 21st Saloon, 96th & L St., Omaha, NE

Laura Rain, has been performing on the Detroit and Los Angeles music scene for well over a decade. Starting out in the trenches of the Motor City blues circuit, Laura quickly encompassed more versatility and began branching out from her blues roots, and thus adapted a soul drenched, high energy, sensual format that is the essence of her show. Classically trained as a Verdi Soprano, she has an exceptional, diverse range that will take you on a musical journey.



Throughout the years, her exotic look, stellar sound, and versatile repertoire has kept her working with many top R&B, Jazz, and Blues bands all over the country. She has performed repeatedly at the MGM Grand Hotels and Casinos in Detroit and Las Vegas, The Flamingo Hilton, Motor City Casino, Greek Town Casino, Mountaineer Casino in West Virginia, Trump Taj Mahal, in Atlantic City; plus countless other performances across the country. She also has had

a standing spot for the past six years at Detroit's Premiere restaurant group, Andiamo.

Today Laura is recording and performing with her band members who have shared the stage with many top R&B performers: Her former guitarist Andre Frappier, has toured with Kelly Clarkson, Kindred, The Family Soul Ne-Yo, Karen Clatk Sheard, and many more. D'aundre "D - Bass" Thomas, bassist

for Dwele, Missy Elliot, Karen Clark Sheard, and more; Keith "Bubby" Webb, Drummer for Charles Walker and the All-stars, Method Man and Red, and much more.

--enbarcoentertainment.com

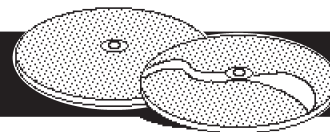
Detroit soul is what Laura Rain and the Ceasars bring to the stage. As a vocalist she has been compared to Chaka Khan and Aretha Franklin. If you are a Sharon Jones fan this show is one you should catch.

--Jay Anderson

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CD Reviews



The Cash Box Kings *Holding Court*

Blind Pig Records

The Cash Box Kings are a blues group from Chicago that play classic post-war Chess influenced blues with a little Delta blues thrown in for good measure. They are fronted by Joe Nosek on vocals and harp along with Oscar Wilson on vocals. They are backed by a rotating core of outstanding musicians playing unadulterated, ensemble music that reminds one of the sounds from Chicago in the 1950's.

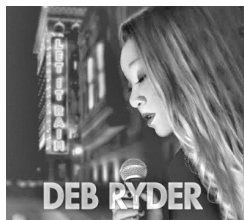
The music is traditional but the cd has several songs with modern topics. **Gotta Move Out To The Suburbs** discusses how many inner city people are being forced out of their neighborhoods. **Download Blues** tells of the plight musicians are having with the piracy of their music. The cd begins with my favorite tune. **I Ain't Gonna Be No Monkey Man** is a jumping harp driven song that is a lively start to the recording.

This is an outstanding effort that demonstrates music from the classic blues era is as relevant as ever. The music here is timeless and shows that the Cash Box Kings are one of the best bands currently working.

--A. J. Foyt

Deb Ryder • *Let It Rain*

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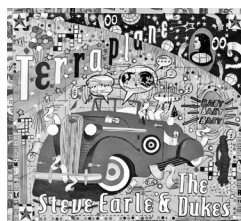
Deb Ryder was born outside of Chicago and was influenced at an early age by the music of the city and by her father, who was a musician. It was upon moving to Los Angeles that she got her major blues influences from such greats as Etta James, Charlie Musselwhite, Big Joe Turner and

Bob Hite as they played at her stepfather's club. Etta James became her mentor and helped Deb develop her own style. This new CD titled "Let it Rain" shows Deb's singing diversity with her powerful and soulful blues voice. The song "Guilty as Sin" showcases her sultry blues style and is one of my favorites on this CD. "You Won't Be There" has a swing band sound complete with a horn section. "Kiss And Dream" reminds one of a solo night club act from the 70's with a slow, smooth style. Ryder wrote all 11 songs on this CD, showing how multi-talented she is. Deb Ryder is definitely someone who will become well known in the blues world with the release of this CD.

--Vikki Bambino

Steve Earle & the Dukes *Terraplane*

New West Records



This is Earle's 16th recording. The 11 songs are all composed by Earle. There is mandolin and fiddle that give the cd the rootsy feel you've come to expect. But Earle has always had elements of the blues in his music, and on this cd, it is explored to a greater degree.

The cd starts off with the **Baby, Baby, (Baby)**. This song has a cool, classic Chicago blues feel. There are a couple of songs that have a bit of 60's era Stones feel. **Better Off Alone** is a tear-jerker ballad that has a soulful feel that I really enjoy.

This is a cd that should appeal to a wide audience. If you are into John Hiatt, or other Americana genre artists, you might want to give this cd a try.

--A. J. Foyt



Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues announces their full main stage lineup for JazzFest 2015! Headliners Grace Potter, Boz Scaggs, and Marcia Ball will be performing on the main stage. **The generous gift donation from Midcontinent Communications has made the performances of Boz Scaggs and Grace Potter possible.** JazzFest takes place on July 16-18 at Yankton Trail Park in Sioux Falls, SD.

Executive Director, Robert Joyce said, "JazzFest in Sioux Falls has become a summer time tradition—and the level and artistry of the performers continues to get better each year. Boz Scaggs and Grace Potter are two amazing examples of world-class talent coming to Sioux Falls this July. Nothing beats a free outdoor music festival when you have this amazing talent on the line up!"

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