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— THE BSO MIGHTY MO BLUES BASH —

Sunday, September 20th



Blues Cruises at 3pm, 4:15pm, and 5:30pm featuring International Blues Challenge winner Little Joe McLerran. Magic Slim is also tentatively scheduled as of press time.

Curtis Salgado will perform a concert on the shore at Muddy Mo's from 4pm-7pm.

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8:00pm.... R and M Blues Band



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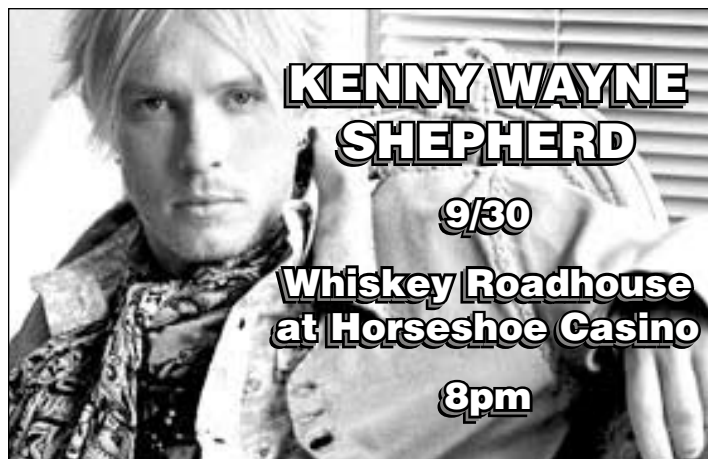


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8pm



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TH 9/3 5:00pm..... Buckwheat Zydeco w/ Scottie Miller Band
Sat 9/5 3:30pm BluesEd Benefit
TH 9/10 5:30pm Chris Cain
TH 9/10 9:30pm Carolyn Wonderland & Shelley King
TH 9/17 5:00pm..... Eddie Turner w/ BluesEd Band Mojo Bag
Fri. 9/18 8:00pm..... Kelley Hunt
TH 10/1 5:30pm Zac Harmon
TH 10/8 5:00pm..... Ronnie Baker Brooks

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On November 21, 2007 Trey passed away, and a group of dedicated family and friends decided to form a foundation in his name that will award vocational scholarships in Iowa and Nebraska as a tribute to a good friend, a loving partner, and a free spirit.

The foundation account has been set up at, and is listed as:

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We are accepting donations, and inquiries can be emailed to A.C.'Toni' Jones, email address of acjones67@msn.com

I would like to thank the dedicated Foundation Members, the Omaha Blues Society for their hard work, and his friends for their continued support.

"Don't look back on your dust tracks", Trey would say, "and keep the party going"

~~~ **A.C.'Toni' Jones [acjones67@msn.com](mailto:acjones67@msn.com)** ~~~

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# TROMBONE SHORTY REVIEW



*Having just caught the Trombone Shorty show last night at the Summer Arts Festival, I can tell you this guy needs a bigger audience. I spoke with him briefly after the show and his*

*agent is looking for other Omaha area festivals and venues to play. Pretty impressive since they were in town less than 24 hours!*

*I've attached a couple of pics as well. Kind of cool to get my pic taken with him after the show even if I was looking far less than glamorous!*

*Here is the review I just wrote of last night's show:*

Without a good sense of time and place, Omahans might have been confused after attending the Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue show at the Summer Arts Festival. Whether channeling Satchmo (voice and trumpet) on a rousing version of "When The Saints Go Marching In", to "Whole Lotta Loving" to a full-fledged Michael Jackson tribute complete with moonwalk, Troy "Trombone Shorty"

Andrews and Orleans Avenue created a love fest.

With full command of Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop, Pop, and Brass Band, the trim, toned Trombone Shorty created a party like no other.

Despite his trombone moniker, Trombone Shorty is not limited in musical ability. During the nearly 90 minute set, he deftly alternated between playing trumpet and trombone.

Using his body as a maestro's wand, he conducted the band through incredible jazz solos. In a stunning display of musical virtuosity, Trombone promised the crowd, "We have a gift for you, Omaha." After gathering the band into a huddle, the band traded instruments: Trombone on the drum kit, bass guitar player Mike Ballard on sax, and tenor sax player Clarence Slaughter worked the congas.

New Orleans has produced another star and we are blessed.



Paulissa Kipp

JERRY W. KATSKEE  
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The Blues Society of Omaha was a proud sponsor of the Zoo Bar Anniversary Week.

Way too many musical moments to mention, but a lot of them were witnessed and photographed by BSO member Conrad Good.



## Heart Of America Living History Blues Fest

**Save the Date! September 5-6, 2009**

*The Central Iowa Blues Society is proud to announce Heart of America Restaurants and Inns as the title sponsor of this year's Blues Fest to be held at Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa.*

The Central Iowa Blues Society has secured a mix of Blues legends, young performers and Iowa acts to perform on two stages for its inaugural Heart of America Living History Blues Fest to be held September 5-6 at Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa. Sept. 5 features the Chicago Blues Legends (Pinetop Perkins, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Bob Margolin and Bob Stroger), Eddie Shaw & the Wolfgang, Hamilton Loomis and the 2008-2009 Iowa Blues Challenge winner The Avey Brothers. Sept. 6 features Ronnie Baker Brooks, E.C. Scott, Chris Cain and the 2007 Iowa Blues Challenge winner Matt Woods & The Thunderbolts. The second stage will be the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame stage featuring Iowa Blues Hall of Fame members Joe Price, Catfish Keith and George & Gil Davis.

Located just minutes from downtown Des Moines with easy access from I-80 and I-35, the Fest will offer food and beverage vendors on site and a harmonica workshop presented by Frank Freight-Train Strong. Kids under 12 when accompanied by an adult get in free, and your ticket is good for reduced admission to Living History Farms.

Sponsors of the this year's Fest include Heart of America Restaurants and Inns, Central Iowa Blues Society, Living History Farms, Budweiser, 95KGG0, Cityview, Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, Blues on Grand, Dahl's Foods, VividPix & Design.

Visit [www.cibs.org](http://www.cibs.org) for additional ticket and hotel information.

**PRESS RELEASE-2009 IOWA BLUES CHALLENGE-SOLO/DUO ACTS FINALS**

Congratulations to **Midnight Dogs**, consisting of **Bob Pace** and Iowa Blues Hall of Fame member **Steve George**, winners of the 2009 Iowa Blues Solo/Duo Challenge held August 16th at Blues on Grand. **Midnight Dogs** received \$250 cash plus \$300 travel expenses to Memphis as our state representative at the International Blues Challenge to be held January 20th – 23rd, 2010.

They were one of nine acts from across Iowa to participate in this event.

The 2009 Iowa Blues Challenge has been proudly sponsored by Central Iowa Blues Society, Mississippi Valley Blues Society, Lizard Creek Blues Society, Budweiser and Citadel Broadcasting/94.9KGG0 & 98.3WOW.

**RICK ESTRIN & THE NIGHTCATS CELEBRATE DEBUT RELEASE WITH A PERFORMANCE IN LINCOLN!**

*"An amazing blues harmonica player, soulful vocalist and brilliant, original songwriter."*

—*San Francisco Chronicle*



Blues harmonica master /singer/songwriter Rick Estrin & The Nightcats celebrate the release of their debut CD, *Twisted*, with a live performance in Lincoln on September 17, 2009. For more than 30 years and nine albums, Estrin fronted the jumping, swinging Little Charlie & The Nightcats, featuring guitarist Little Charlie Baty. With Baty's recent retirement from touring, Estrin—along with the Nightcats' longtime rhythm section of J. Hansen and Lorenzo Farrell and a new member, fiery guitarist Kid Andersen—takes the lead on his own. Concert information is as follows:

**Thursday, September 17th • 6:00 p.m.**

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**Carolyn Wonderland & Shelley King**

*Thursday, September 10th  
Murphys Lounge – 9:30pm*



CAROLYN WONDERLAND



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- [Tue 9/1]  
Kaycee and The Captain (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Little Feat (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe)  
Tommy Castro Band (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)
- [Wed 9/2]  
Blind Dog Fulton (Quaker Steak and Lube)  
Gina Sicilia (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Jazzocracy (10:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Todd Wolfe (Cunningham Journal)  
Umpheers McGhee (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe)  
Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)
- [Thu 9/3]  
Blind Dog Fulton (Whiskey Roadhouse)  
Buckwheat Zydeco w/ Scottie Miller Band (05:00pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)  
Jerry Pranksters (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
Susie Thorne (Magnolia Hotel)  
Swambo Blues (Pour House)  
The 9's (06:30pm) (Ozone)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)  
Triggertown (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)
- [Fri 9/4]  
Bill Lupkin (Sylvester's-Broken Bow, NE)  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Whiskey Roadhouse)  
Charlie Burton and the Dorothy Lynch Mob (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
John Walker (Bagels & Joe)  
Jumpin Kate (Meadowlark Coffeehouse)  
Levi William (The Roadhouse-Lincoln)  
Magic Slim and Bad Moon Rising (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Matt Cox (P.S. Collective)  
Roadhouse (Downtown Blues)  
Swambo Blues (04:00pm) (Big Cottonwood Vineyard and Winery)  
The Blues Orchestra (The Corner Bar, Fremont)
- [Sat 9/5]  
All Star Jam (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Bill Lupkin (Bluewater Bluesfest-Lewellen, NE)  
Foghat (SeptemberFest)  
John Walker (Haymarket Park, Lincoln, NE)  
Swambo Blues (Heron Bay)
- [Sun 9/6]  
Peter Frampton (Stir Concert Cove)  
Shemekia Copeland w/ Hamilton Loomis, Matt Cox, Sarah Benck (01:00pm) (Blues in the Bluffs at Sugar Clay Winery, Thurman IA)
- [Mon 9/7]  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns w/ 112 N. Duck (11:00am) (SeptemberFest Blues Festival)  
Swambo Blues (Anchor Inn, 2499 Freedom Park Rd., 402-341-1313)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill Lounge)
- [Tue 9/8]  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)
- [Wed 9/9]  
Chris Cain (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Jazzocracy (10:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)
- [Thu 9/10]  
Carolyn Wonderland and Shelly King (09:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge)  
Chris Cain (05:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)  
Matt Cox (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)
- [Fri 9/11]  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Ozone)  
John Walker (The Loft)  
Kris Lager Band (Bourbon Theatre)  
Levi William (Red 9)  
Matt Cox (Barley St. Tavern, 62nd & Maple)  
Swambo Blues (Bowley Bistro)  
The Blues Orchestra (The Alley, Lincoln)  
The Toons (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)
- [Sat 9/12]  
Bettye Lavette w/ Eddie Cotton Jr. (Playing with Fire Concert Series)  
Blind Dog Fulton (Django's - Beaver Lake)  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Red 9)  
John Walker (Deer Springs Winery)  
Levi William hosts the Afterburn (Farrell's)  
The Blues Orchestra (Haymarket Farmer's Market, Lincoln)
- [Sun 9/13]  
Buckethead (Slowdown)  
Junior Brown (08:00pm) (The Waiting Room)  
OK Sisters Band (07:00pm) (Whiskey Roadhouse @ the Horseshoe Casino)  
SOJA (Reggae) (08:00pm) (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (aka Shag Vodka Bar))  
Swambo Blues (02:00pm) (Shadow Lake Mall)
- [Mon 9/14]  
Mike Gurciullo's Las Vegas Lab Band (07:00pm) (Ozone)  
Swambo Blues (Old Mill Lounge)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill Lounge)
- [Tue 9/15]  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)
- [Wed 9/16]  
Jazzocracy (10:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Michael Burks (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Swambo Blues (Quaker Steak and Lube)  
Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)
- [Thu 9/17]  
Eddie Turner (05:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)  
Heart (Stir Concert Cove)  
Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
Rick Estrin and The Nightcats (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Swambo Blues (Pour House)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)
- [Fri 9/18]  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Pappa Joe's)  
John Walker (Blue Moon Coffee House)  
Jumpin Kate (Unitarian Church)  
Swambo Blues (Upstream Brewery-Legacy)
- [Sat 9/19]  
Acoustic Groove (Ditmars Orchard)  
Curtis Salgado w/ The Insomniacs (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Gladys Kravitz w/Escape the Fire (Shooters)  
Soul Finger (Downtown Blues)  
Swambo Blues (370 Grill)  
Victor Wooten (Rococo Theater, 140 N 13th Street, Lincoln, 402-476-6540)
- [Sun 9/20]  
Curtis Salgado w/ Little Joe McLerran (03:00pm) (Blues Cruise)  
The Insomniacs (02:00pm) (Sugar Clay Winery)  
Tommy K Band (Downtown Blues)
- [Mon 9/21]  
Mike Gurciullo's Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)  
Swambo Blues (Old Mill Lounge)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill Lounge)
- [Tue 9/22]  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
Machete Archive (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Matt Cox (06:30pm) (Ozone)
- [Wed 9/23]  
Jazzocracy (10:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)
- [Thu 9/24]  
Swambo Blues (Pour House)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)
- [Fri 9/25]  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Two Fine Irish Gentlemen)  
OK Sisters Band (Docs Bar and Grill)  
Son of 76 and the Watchmen (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Swambo Blues (Our Place Lounge)  
Wheetztones Band (05:30pm) (Red 9)
- [Sat 9/26]  
Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Two Fine Irish Gentlemen)  
Gladys Kravitz w/Escape the Fire (Bobs Tavern)  
Rhthym Collective (Downtown Blues)  
Swambo Blues (Sunbridges-Glenwood, IA)  
Terrence Simien and the Zydeco Experience (Rococo Theatre)  
The Blues Orchestra (The Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)
- [Mon 9/28]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill Lounge)
- [Tue 9/29]  
Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
Live Music & Hot Rod Show w/ the w/ The Mezcal Brothers Mercurys, & The JJ Will's Band (Waiting Room)  
P.S. Blues Live at the Barley St. (Barley St. Tavern, 62nd & Maple)
- [Wed 9/30]  
Jazzocracy (10:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Kenny Wayne Shepherd (08:00pm) (Whiskey Roadhouse at Horseshoe)  
Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)
- [Thu 10/1]  
Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)



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[Thu 10/1]  
Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)

[Fri 10/2]  
Acoustic Groove (Firewater Grill)  
Igor & Red Elvices (Knickerbockers)  
Tijuana Gigolos (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 10/3]  
Blind Dog Fulton (Dinkers)  
Jason Boland and the Straglers (Whiskey Tango)

[Mon 10/5]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill  
Lounge)

[Wed 10/7]  
Wynton Marsalis (Lied Center, Lincoln)

[Thu 10/8]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)

[Fri 10/9]  
Gladys Kravitz (The Point After)  
Tijuana Gigolos (06:00pm) (Duggan's Pub, 440 S. 11th  
St., 402-477-3513)

[Sat 10/10]  
Jumpin Kate (12th Street Pub)

[Mon 10/12]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill  
Lounge)

[Thu 10/15]  
Stacey Mitchhart (05:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)  
Tijuana Gigolos with Billy Bacon (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th  
St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)

[Fri 10/16]  
Gladys Kravitz (Earls Tavern)  
Tijuana Gigolos with Billy Bacon (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 10/17]  
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Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Mon 10/19]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill  
Lounge)

[Thu 10/22]  
The Scissormen (09:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)

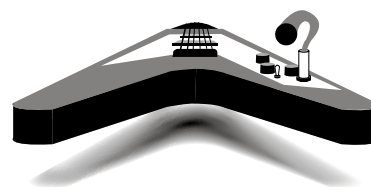
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)  
W.C. Clark (05:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)

[Fri 10/23]  
Corky Siegal's Chamber Blues (Orpheum Theater)  
Mojo Filter (Downtown Blues)

[Mon 10/26]  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Old Mill  
Lounge)

[Thu 10/29]  
Bel Airs (05:30pm) (Murphy's Lounge, 96th & L)  
Tim Keohn and Swampboy Blues Band (Pour House)

[Fri 10/30]  
Los Lobos (Lied Center, Lincoln)  
OK Sisters Band (Downtown Blues)



**Congratulations to The Side Effects for winning the local Battle of the Bands Blues Challenge. The Blues Society of Omaha decided it was time to send an act to represent their affiliation to compete in the 2010 International Blues Challenge in Memphis Tennessee. BSO teamed up with the BluesEd program to hold a BluesEd Battle of the Bands, which consisted of The Blues Explosion, Mojo Bag, Domino Theory, If All Else Fails, Backer's Blues and The Side Effects. The competition was held at The Lift on August 21. Thanks to Terry O and Ric Cowger for all their work and effort in making arrangements for the venue and selecting the judges who presided over the event; and thank you Steven Monroe, Pete Waters, and Joe McCarthy for their time and interest in judging the competition. The judges were impressed with the level of talent of the competing acts, making it a very tough decision for them. The Side Effects are honored to represent the Blues Society of Omaha at the IBC and looking forward to making the trip to Memphis in January. For more information on the games, visit bluesed.com.**



# — O.B.S. MAILBAG —

## Indigenous Jam 2009

Thanks to everyone that helped with this year's event and that attended. It was hot but, as media is "want to do," scare the shit out of you) it 'weren't THAT hot.'

Thanks to Chris H. for footing the bill and making it all happen. Very Special thanks to Dan Griffin who was there from the very beginning to the bitter end. You are the man and I owe you everything. If there is a better friend in 'deed,' I have yet to meet them. Thank-you!

Thanks to The READER and my dear friend John for his continued support.

Special thanks to the volunteers from the Blues Society of Omaha, the Omaha Rotary Clubs and my circle of good friends and family including Mom and Dad, Deb & Jules, Wes and Barb. Very Special thanks to Blue Terry O.

Thanks to Kevin for doing a great job on sound as well as Bill Jones for managing the stage. Bill – you took all the pressure off and I am grateful for your skills and professionalism.

"I've never heard anyone mix Indigenous better in a live setting."  
– Chris H. Manager of Indigenous

Thanks to Tom B. & BJ Huchteman for handling the stage mic for me (as well as promotion).

Thank-you to our vendors: at least we didn't charge you to be there! LOL Greg was as gracious as could be and I appreciate those dogs at the end of the night. Hmmm good.

We also want to say Thank-you to Jenny at Blvd Beers as well as Sandy with 'Too Far North.' (And don't wear black next year!) If you missed the show, I'd put this lineup up against anything you'll see this year. Indigenous was smokin' and this new found musical freedom sits well on Standing Bear (Mato). No doubt it was a special gift to get Guy Davis here in the Midwest – he was a real show stopper. Look for more from Matt Davis and the Thunderbolts. They really rocked the joint and it showed. Big Wheel as all that and more and I look forward to working with you in the future. Special kudos to Kris is not only a tasty player but allows his ego to service the music.

"You'tha'man" to Lash and Hector.

Thanks to Adam and Ms. Hogan as well as the merchants of The Shops at Legacy. Please remember us – we want to come back!

Thanks to NWHS'78 including: Bill Jones, Rich Hartsock, Frank Rutar, Keith Peterson, Mike Nemer, Terry & Lori (Hawking) McMullen, Craig & Mrs. Houston, Phil Pisale, Tay Orr, Kay Mascarello-Replage, Hugh Houston and Cindy Waldo (widow of Joe Waldo). I am forgetting someone (rack brain here!) I know I didn't name-drop everyone but sincerely, Thank-you.

The cause was right, the music was awesome, the setting was perfect and it would not have worked if you hadn't been there. All this and no one's feelings got hurt – doing right because the music should do the talking.

*Rick Galusha*

*Good Morning,*

My name is Russell Weller and I am the Booking Manager for the Jacob Lee Band based out of Northwest Iowa. This is a sensational blues and rock band that features an incredible blues guitarist, Jacob Lee Koivisto. The band is followed by female vocalist Natha Ohlinger, bassist Jeff Kuhns, and drummer Russell Weller. We are very interested in any events that you would need a band, and we are wondering if you would be interested in working with us.

To preview the band, check us out @: [www.jacobleeband.com](http://www.jacobleeband.com) or [www.myspace.com/jacobleeband](http://www.myspace.com/jacobleeband)

Thanks so much for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

*Russell Weller, Booking Manager  
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Beginning the third week of August "Swampboy Blues Band" will begin hosting two weekly "Blues Jams". Mondays we will be at the "Old Mill Lounge", 10944 W. Dodge Rd. 7:00PM-11:00PM beginning 08/17. Thursdays we will be at the "Pour House", 9658 Mockingbird Dr. 8:00PM-Midnight beginning 08/20. We (Jerry Steinke, Gayland Prince, and myself) will be the hosts. We always have gear available for guitar, bass, and drums. Practiced musicians are welcome. With support, these events can add a lot to the Omaha blues scene.

*I look forward to seeing you at a jam,  
Tim Koehn (Swampboy Blues Band)*

We send greetings to our important industry friends and hope that they are content and peaceful during this beautiful summer in the year of Two Thousand and Nine, praise be to our lord, the almighty and powerful Connor Oberst.

Just a few updates for you folks this month:

1. We have a great stage and sound system and support good local music, and will continue to exclusively feature national and local original music, but admission fees are counter to our mission of providing value and interfere with our bar and food business. After Labor Day, admission will be free. Always.

2. We will soon be terminating our Tuesday night FIVE! Event (five acoustic sets by five local performers accompanied by quarter pitchers of beer from 8-12) and replacing it with a new admission-free quarter pitcher night sans music.

Thanks everyone, and have a great week!

*Mike Coldewey  
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My name is Regina Spellman and I am the manager for "Burgundy and Gray" featuring The Godfather of the Blues "Mr. Meltone". First I would like to inform you of the fun we had doing the Playing With Fire Series this past summer.

We are currently looking to expand our horizons and perform in other areas of Omaha and would like some assistance from the Blues Society in booking some events for us. We host a weekly Jam Session as you know at the Downtown Blues every Wednesday nite, and have been playing at the Old New Bar in south Omaha on some weekdays and weekends. We will be doing a Jam Session at the New Omaha Keno King on 65th and Ames Ave on September and have been featured in Fremont at The Corner Bar.

If you have any suggestions or individuals to contact please let me know, we are available for any occasion

*Thank you in advance, Regina Spellman*



The BSO Free Family Fest featured an amazing amount of musical talent from all age groups. A special thanks goes out to Coke and Fairbury Hotdogs for providing the eats and drinks for the kids. The BluesEd parents and BSO volunteers did an outstanding job making everything go as smooth as possible. Make sure to check out the BluesEd performances as often as possible as these students just keep getting better and better. Visit [bluesed.com](http://bluesed.com) for schedules and information.







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## BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH LAY YOUR BURDEN DOWN AND A LIVE PERFORMANCE IN OMAHA!

*Thursday, September 3rd • Murphy's Lounge*



American musical legend Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural Jr. – along with his band, Buckwheat Zydeco – is the preeminent ambassador of Louisiana zydeco music. 2009 marks Buckwheat Zydeco's 30th anniversary, and Buckwheat is celebrating with the release of his new CD (and Alligator Records debut), *LAY YOUR BURDEN DOWN* and a live performance in Omaha on September 3, 2009. The Louisiana vocalist, accordion and organ master recorded his new CD at Dockside Studios in Maurice, Louisiana with Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) producing, as well as leading the horn section.



Everything went well in Topeka! Got down there without a hitch with plenty of time to set up and enjoy the day. Uncle Bo's is a great venue; intimate setting with a fantastic sound system and a first rate sound guy (Jim). The audience was fantastic! Kiddos got a chance to jam with Peter Karp (<http://www.peterkarp.com/about.html>) after the organized activities. He played the night prior and stopped by the catch the acts and join in on the fun. The kids got a chance to hang out with Just 'cuz and The Unexpected and jam together on stage with Peter. It was a first-rate experience for everybody. Special thanks to the folks from the Topeka Blues Society, they were all extremely friendly, helpful and seemed to genuinely enjoy having us down for the day.





**The Edgar Winter Band headlined the August Playing With Fire Concert. The Texas Tornado was full of energy and featured an incredible band. Winter said that he always had to play a Texas Blues shuffle when playing the clubs early in his career, and we're glad he still plays the Blues he grew up on to this day.**

**— PHOTOS BY CONRAD GOOD —**





# CD Reviews



## Big James and the Chicago Playboys *Right Here Right Now*



James Montgomery AKA [Big James] has released A CD from Blind Pig Records entitled Right Here Right Now. After listening to this CD Right Here Right Now for the fifth time I can see why it has won numerous Critic's Poll awards from Living Blues magazine and Blues Music

award nominations. This is Big James and the Chicago Playboys first CD. If you like Chicago blues then this Cd is the one to have. With Big James smooth soulful voice and the unique horn-driven sound add this all together and you get the best blues CD from the windy city for a long time. This CD Right Here Right Now has 11 tracks on it. I think this CD by Big James and the Chicago Playboys would be a must have for all blues lovers music collection.

--Jim Davis

## Watermelon Slim *Escape from the Chicken Coop*



I have heard the name Watermelon Slim but have never listened to his music. However after listening to this CD Escape From The Chicken Coop and checking out some of his other music, I can see why Watermelon Slim has A total of Ten Blues Music Award Nominations for the years 2008, 2009.

No matter what genre one would put this CD Escape From The Chicken Coop whether it be Country Blues or Country or the Blues I must say that all 13 tracks are good. I think that this CD Escape From The Chicken Coop should be A must have for all Music collectors.

--Jim Davis

## FROM TULSA TO MEMPHIS - A JOURNEY TO THE IBC



Blues Societies from around the world sponsored a total of 65 Solo/Duo acts to compete in the annual International Blues Challenge Semifinals, 25th Anniversary edition in Memphis on Feb 5th - 7th. The band competition was represented by another 85 groups from around the globe.

On Saturday, Feb 7th, six finalists were chosen from two preceding nights performances, from multiple Beale Street venues - advancing to the finals in the Solo/Duo category.

Little Joe McLerran was selected to perform in the third slot for the finals at the Orpheum Theatre. Each of the final six finalists were allowed a 20 minute set. Three judges were responsible for evaluating all talent based upon predetermined and standardized criteria. Outstanding performances by all the finalists made for an extremely entertaining and talent laden evening, which culminated with the selection of Little Joe McLerran as the 1st Place winner for the 25th Anniversary Edition of the International Blues Challenge, sponsored by the Blues Foundation.

Little Joe McLerran, "Perhaps the finest Piedmont Blues player on the face of God's green earth", writes Billy Austin, editor of "Blues News". No small wonder. Little Joe has spent 16 of his 24 years on God's green earth working on his Piedmont chops.

**Don't miss Little Joe McLerran on the September 20th Blues Cruise....tickets on sale now!**



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