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ATTENTION ALL GUITAR PLAYERS:
PAUL JAMES HOSTS TORONTO BLUES SOCIETY'S
GUITAR WORKSHOP APRIL 10

Who: Paul James hosts **Madagascar Slim, Raven Kanatakta, Watermelon Slim** and **Dylan Wickens**, with house band **Rick Ramsay (bass)** and **Henry DiClemente (drums)**.

What: A practical workshop for all guitar players and blues enthusiasts

Where: Healey's, 178 Bathurst St., Toronto

When: Sunday, April 10 2PM – 6PM

How much: \$10.00 TBS members / \$12.00 non-members

Website: www.torontobluesociety.com

The **Toronto Blues Society** will hold a special workshop for Toronto-area guitar players on Sunday afternoon, April 10 at Healey's (178 Bathurst St., Toronto)

The informative and entertaining workshop will be hosted by **Paul James** and is designed to include both novice and seasoned guitarists as well as blues enthusiasts. The assembled lineup will talk about and demonstrate techniques, styles, and influences, and answer questions.

James is one of the best known and most respected blues guitarists in Canada and a real musician's musician. In addition to backing up r 'n' b / blues icon **Bo Diddley** from the early 1970s to the late 1990s, he has played with **Mink De Ville, Bob Dylan, John Hammond, Spencer Davis, Lightnin' Hopkins, Jack Scott** and **Sunnyland Slim**. James is a **Juno** winner in the Best Roots and Traditional Music category and has received two **Toronto Music Awards** for Best Club Band and Best Blues Artist.

James will be joined on stage by guitarists **Watermelon Slim, Raven Kanatakta, Madagascar Slim** and **Dylan Wickens**.

2005 **W.C. Handy** New Debut Artist nominee Watermelon Slim is a slide dobro player from Oklahoma who has generated a huge buzz south of the border since leaving his previous job: hauling industrial waste!

Kanatakta was educated at the **Berklee School of Music** and is a newcomer to the Toronto blues scene.

Madagascar Slim is a bicultural artist who combines blues and the music of Madagascar and has fashioned his own approach to world music.

Wickens is the guitarist for the Toronto blues band **Wickens-Knight** and was the winner of the 2003 **Toronto Blues Society National Talent Search**.

The guitar workshop is part of the Toronto Blues Society's ongoing programme. It is made possible by the generous support of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Ontario Arts Council and the City of Toronto through the Toronto Arts Council. The Toronto Blues Society would also like to thank sponsors Long & McQuade and D'Addario Strings.

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