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BIG DAVE MCLEAN

This award winning veteran of the Canadian blues scene is still delivering the blues - straight from the heart and will be in our area playing in a duo format with Raoul at The London Music Club May 9th, Mississippi Queen Foods in Hamilton May 10th and with Raoul and The Big Time (5 piece) at Hugh's Room in Toronto on May 11th. Here Raoul tells a bit about Dave and relates how they met.

It was February 1999 and I was in Winnipeg working as an actor at The Prairie Theatre Exchange. Longing for the blues, as I do often if I find myself on the road and not with my band Raoul and The Big Time, I asked around where to go to hear blues or even better sit in and play. The answer was simple.

"Big Dave. Sunday nights. Times Change(d)".

At end of a rehearsal week, I pushed the door of the club open and thankfully I heard my kind of music. I was familiar with the usual routine of "the blues jam" - make yourself known to the leader or put your name down on the sign-in sheet. Big Dave had a presence and it was clear who was in charge. At the same time unlike some of the great blues men I'd met before, Dave was a fellow Canadian in the truest sense of the word and therefore somehow more relatable. A big smile on his face he wrote my name down giving me a now so familiar "Right on RAOOOOL!", assuring

that he'd call me up. After a mere half hour "on the bench", Dave welcomed me to the stage "all the way from Toronto" and we got to play together. At the end of the set, with a grin and a nod he called me "Raoul Piazza" in reference to one of my harmonica influences, California harp king Rod Piazza and we struck up a friendship that has endured ever since.

A year later, after a very successful show at Café Campus in Montreal, where we brought Dave out as our guest for a number of dates, he gave me advice I've never forgotten.

"You're good," he said "you play great harmonica and you put on a good show, but remember, people come to hear YOU. It's not about suits, hats and fancy moves. It's gotta be REAL and from HERE" he said pointing to his chest."

That sums up Big Dave. Over the years I realized that Dave has had that conversation with scores of younger musicians. Working recently with Colin James I realized he was also an essential mentor in his development into the artist we know today. Dave keeps it real by the virtue of how he plays the music, in a country and society one big step away from it's original roots, the African American experience, with integrity and honesty. A man who has committed his life to the music we love and who can deliver, night after night, a deeply connected blues performance, straight from the heart. Every chance to perform with him is a gift and I'm excited to bring him back to Ontario again for this limited run.

- Raoul Bhaneja



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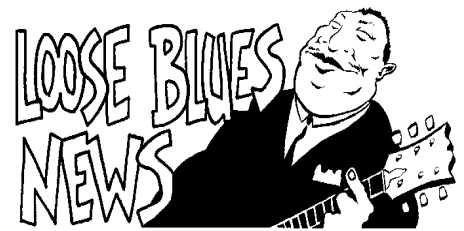


TOP BLUES

This month's recommended listening by Brad Wheeler, music writer for the Globe and Mail
Twitter: @bwheelerglobe

- *Michael Jerome Browne *Where It's At!* Borealis
- Jimmie Vaughan *Baby, Please Come Home* Last Music
- Fruteland Jackson *Good as Your Last Dollar* Electro-Fi
- Gary Clark Jr. *This Land* Warner
- *Sean Pinchin *Bad Thing* Self
- B.B. King Blues Band *The Soul of the King* Ruf
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- Lee Moses *How Much Longer Must I Wait? Singles & Rarities 1965-1972* Light in the Attic
- *Colin Linden & Luther Dickinson *Amour* Stony Plain
- Watermelon Slim *Church of the Blues* Northern Blues
- Reese Wynans and Friends *Sweet Release* Provogue
- Mavis Staples *Live in London* Anti-
- *Lindsay Beaver *Tough as Love* Alligator
- Eric Schenkman *Who Shot John?* Vizztone
- *Sugar Brown *It's A Blues World (Calling All Blues!)* Self
- *Manx Marriner Mainline *Hell Bound for Heaven* (out April 5) Stony Plain
- *Robert Connely Farr & the Rebeltones *Dirty South Blues* Self
- *Carlos del Junco *Hang On* Self

* = Canadian



Festival Season Kicks Off: The Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival is the beginning of the summer blues festivals and kicks off on May 31 with their "Blues Cruise" with over 300 classic cars and 10 bands performing on Broadway including Al Lerman, Danny Marks, Alan Gerber, Gavin McLeod and more. On Saturday, June 1, you can hear Miss Emily, Angelique Francis, Digging Roots, Erin McCallum, Jon Knight & Soulstack, and all the way from Australia, Harper & Midwest Kind. Larry Kurtz & The Lawbreakers play the Main Stage with special guest Heather Katz followed by an eleven-piece soul band from Ottawa, The Commotions. On Sunday, the Main Stage has Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin, the TBS talent search winners Bywater Call, Steve Strongman, Sue Foley, Garrett Mason and Orangeville favourite, Hungarian bluesman Little G. The festival presents over 90 acts on 4 stages and in local pubs, restaurants and event venues with workshops on Songwriting, Saxophone and Boogie



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Milton's 19 year old blues phenom **Gavin McLeod** will be doing festival dates at Orangeville (May 31), Downtown Milton Streetfest (June 1), Burlington Sound of Music festival, Ottawa Bluesfest (Jul 11) Tremblant Blues (Jul 12 & 13)

Woogie Piano and several pop-up bands performing on Broadway. <https://orangevillebluesandjazz.ca>

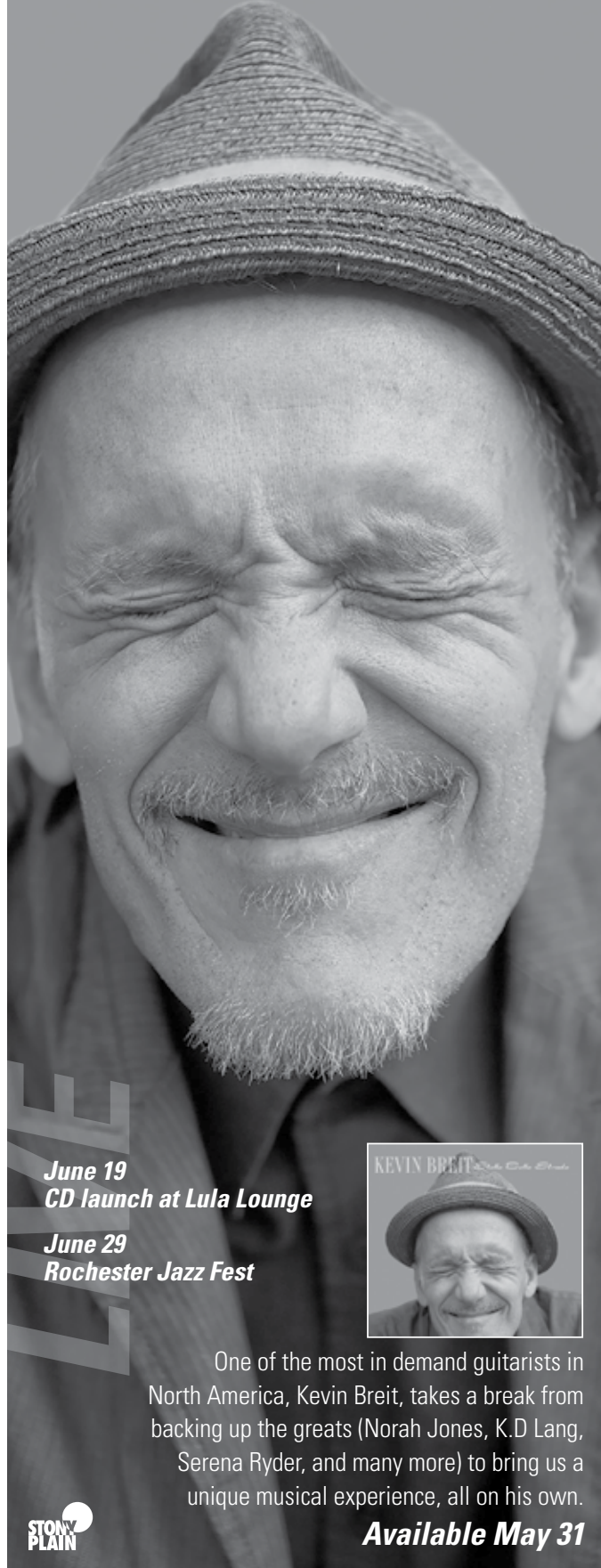
The new Paisley Blues Festival in Paisley, Ontario has a great lineup including Miss Emily, Alfie Smith and Dylan Wickens on Friday, May 31, Cécile Doo Kingué and Wicked Grin on Saturday June 1 and Morgan Davis on Sunday, June 2. Complete schedule at www.paisleyrocks.com

A "jambush" in Halifax: When Colin James' cross-Canada tour ended in Halifax, band members Geoff Hicks,, Steve Pelletier, Steve Hilliam, Jesse O'Brien, Chris Caddell and Steve Marriner descended on Bearly's House of Blues for an impromptu jam. Steve writes, "By 10 pm, the club was packed and we were ready to rip. We had just got the sound set when the PA stopped working. Local blues piano man, Barry Cooke shouted at me to check the master volume on the soundboard. The faders were dirty he said. And so, the band was named for the night; 'The Dirty Faders.' Local luminaries joined us on stage. Geoff Arsenault, and Gary Potts took turns on the drums. Mike 'Shrimp Daddy' Reid hopped up and blew some tasty blues harp. The Mellotones rhythm section, Mike Farrington and Damien Moynihan made it funky for us as they warm up for Matt Andersen's cross-country jaunt in May. Chris Kirby bounced between Strat solos and organ grinding. Brad Conrad put on a clinic for swing guitar fans as he danced his way around the fretboard for Jimmie Rogers' Rock This House. A young man by the name of John Main sat in on the piano and clearly demonstrated that the future of Halifax's blues tradition is in safe hands"....As far as blues jams go, this was about the best one I've ever been to."

Rita going back to Jail: Following up on her "Music from the Big House" film project, Rita Chiarelli has launched the "Topeka Freedom Singers". "I'm going into a maximum security prison for women in Topeka, Kansas, USA and making another documentary," Rita writes. "Why am I doing this? I am going in to the prison to shed some light on the imprisoned women and their life stories through the healing power of music. Much like my first documentary "Music From the Big House", this is an important story that also needs to be told." A Kickstarter campaign has raised over \$30,000. for the initial pre-production (the filming) of this documentary." More info at www.ritachiarelli.com

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Dawn Tyler Watson *Mad Love* Self

Winning the 2017 International Blues Challenge, added to her many other awards, has resulted in a heavy international touring schedule, complicated by what her press release terms as 'her own personal heartbreak'. The combination has inspired a worthy collection of introspective new songs. She didn't write them all but she did select some good ones to go with her own. Once again backed by the **Ben Racine Band** while featuring a couple of guest stars, **Dawn Tyler Watson** sings as only she can of 'the good, the bad and the ugly of love'. "Alligator", as in 'see you later, alligator', is one rocking blues of a road song: she's driving through a snow storm to get to her man but she knows she'll have to leave again too soon. Racine is on slide and **Steve Marriner** just wails on harmonica as they build to a climax. No horns here but they open "Don't Make Me Mad" with a vengeance. It's from a movie, "Teenage Gang Debs", and she turns this Hollywood music to her advantage as she warns against her partner's infidelity. Haven't seen the movie but everybody sure rocks out in this performance. Things slow down a bit for the soul ballad "Feels Good to Watch You Go". Written by Watson, she turns in an extraordinarily compelling performance of this breakup song, a major highlight. She tries her hand at jump blues with "This and That", a band feature with a great trumpet solo from **Nicolas Boulay**. We continue in that vein with "You're the Only One", a duet with Racine and they trade verses in fine fashion. '**Little Frankie**' **Thiffault** solos on tenor, showing why he won the horn MBA a couple of years ago. **Steve Hill** guests on "Bad Seed". This slow blues, written by local Montreal keyboard ace **Vincent Pollet-Villard**, tells the tale of a woman falling back into a bad

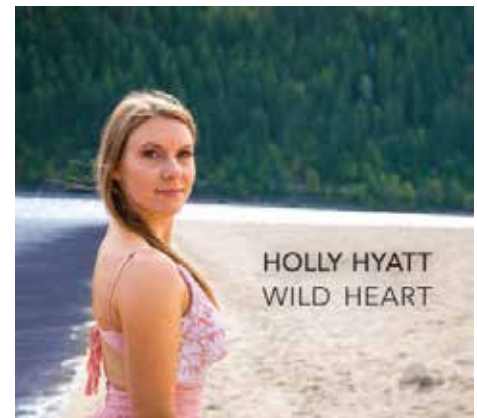
relationship. Hill's heavily-amplified guitar fits the mood perfectly especially in his extended solo. Her own "Masochistic Heart" further explores why she chooses such partners. It's a magnificent vocal performance fully reflecting her dilemma. Another one of her own is "Lost", a doom-laden song over toms and a somber chorus about how she was too blind to see what was happening to her partner. An attractive slice of R&B, "Away Too Fast", written with Racine, finds her still longing for her rambling man. On "Love to Burn", also hers, she's decided that her boundless love is not being returned, it's time he left. We get more jump blues with "I Look Good". It has her getting out again and working hard at looking good. The male chorus is a treat. She closes with an ambitious gospel blues she calls "The River". She's going down to the river to cleanse her life and regain her freedom. **Liana Primerano** handles the response vocals very well indeed. After a suitable pause, we get a reprise of the exciting climax from the opening "Alligator". Except for that opening song, we get a horn section that certainly deserves mention: **Mathieu 'Moose' Mousseau** on baritone, **Kaven Jalbert** on tenor & baritone and **Nicolas Boulay** on trumpet. **John Sadowy** played the keyboards with **Nicky Estor** on drums and **François Dubé** on bass. The horn arrangements were by Ben Racine and the horn section. Francois Thiffault co-produced with Dawn but nothing can be taken away from her fabulous voice and her songs. The web site is www.dawntylerwatson.ca, make sure you hear this one.



Lucas Haneman Express *Catch the Westbound* LHE

Ottawa's **Lucas Haneman Express** took their last album, *Tearing Up the Rails*, to the final five of the Maple Blues Awards in 2017 as Best New Artist. They also made the semi-finals at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis the previous year. They have not stood still. *Catch the Westbound* features ten new songs by Lucas Haneman with music by the Express that are firmly in a radio-friendly, blues-rock style. He is regarded as one of our finest young guitarists, as his solos in each

song make clear but solos aside, he always puts his guitar prowess in the service of his songs. On "Lay It to the Line" and "Cold Cold Front", he displays his continued strength as a vocalist. Co-vocalist **Megan Laurence** sings lead on "Wicked Ride" with special guest **Jeff Heisholt** on organ. Multi-tracked vocals, tempo changes and a stunning guitar solo make this one a major highlight. Another highlight is "Ms. McGrim", which opens with a country blues bottleneck guitar before the band kicks in and we go rocking out, Laurence and Haneman trading verses about someone you don't want to meet. The hard-rocking "Night Takes the Chances" deserves mention as a tribute to **Gord Downey**, citing his determination and pursuit of justice: 'we will remember, this is not the end' says the last line of the chorus. Haneman concludes with some fine acoustic fingerpicking on "To Be Brave (when the blues come)". Megan Laurence joins in on the chorus with the rhythm section on a fine way to conclude. They are **Jess Asselin** on drums & **Martin Newman** on bass, as fine a rhythm section as you could want. These are excellent original songs very well performed, check them out when you can. They were in town a few weeks back but you can go to www.lhexpress.ca for streaming and concert notices.



Holly Hyatt *Wild Heart* Self

Nelson, BC's **Holly Hyatt** has been performing as half of a duo with her husband and guitarist **Jon Burden**. They released four albums, the last one, *Shufflin' the Blues*, charting strongly. Burden is still on board but this album is a major departure: Ms. Hyatt is rebranding herself as an R&B/Soul singer with horns, keyboards, backup singers and some very good songs. An important part of this project is **Clinton Swanson**, who arranged & played the horns, co-wrote a couple of the songs and co-produced, with Ms. Hyatt. **Brandon Smith** is the keyboard man, with **Steve Wilson** on drums. Ms. Hyatt plays bass. Her own "Wild Heart" leads off, a passionate, mid-tempo plea for two wild hearts to be together. "River Flows" was a single released last fall apparently, an attractive Memphis soul gem she wrote about being

drawn back home. She tries her hand at an uplifting anthem with "It's Time for Love", urging people to open up to love. Swanson supplies a most effective trumpet fanfare and a sax solo for the fade. It isn't the only song to make this kind of plea: "Create Unity" and "Rainbow" also hope for better times. The love song "So Close" features Burden on lead guitar and Hyatt on a falsetto vocal. An attractive soul blues called "Gravity" is another one of hers that deals with falling in love and features her beautifully multi-tracked vocals on the chorus. Hyatt clearly has a flair for this type of music, her songs are well written and her smooth, soulful and emotive voice showcases them very well indeed. If your tastes run to the more contemporary side of R&B & soul, check out www.hollyhyatt.com.

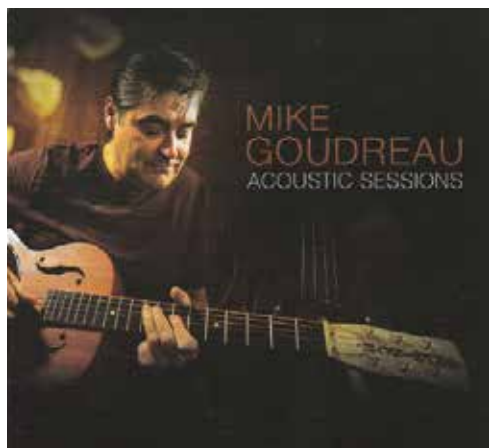


Duke Robillard Ear Worms Stony Plain/Warner

Duke Robillard has spent some time recently looking back on the songs he's loved over the years. For Duke they were the songs that stayed in his head, ear worms. So, he decided to record them, his way, and he also brought along a cast of fellow travelers as he shares his memories. In fact, we get only one Duke vocal this time out. The opening "Don't Bother Trying to Steal Her Love" is the lone Duke original but it's not his vocal, that honour goes to veteran Rhode Island singer **Dave Howard**. He does a fine job on this uptempo rocker. As a new song, it really seems to be outside the scope of this set, but it is quite retro in style. Duke's vocal comes next, on a song from the **Righteous Brothers**, the **Goffin/King** composition "On This Side of Goodbye". He sings wonderfully while not trying to be **Bill Medley** on this little-known gem, with horns, backup singers and **Baxter Hall's** guitar building to their trademark climax. Up next is a bluesy version of **Mother Earth's** "Living with the Animals". Boston vocalist **Chris Cote** handles the vocals with **Marnie Hall** on electric violin, giving an attractively different sound. The traditional "Careless Love" is here done as an instrumental, Duke's regular keyboard man, **Bruce Bears**, takes a rather nice organ solo on this timeless classic. The excellent **Sunny Crownover** has worked with Duke for several years now and she got the call for **Arthur Alexander's** "Everyday I Have to Cry Some". A version of this song was recorded by British pop singer **Julie Grant** in the mid-sixties, a version that Duke loved. By a remarkable coincidence, he discovered that Ms. Grant was now working in New England and he asked if she would record it again with Sunny. Ms. Crownover gets her own feature on **Brenda Lee's** memorable "Sweet Nothin's". An obscure **Chuck Berry** tune, "Dear Dad", from *Chuck Berry in London* in 1965 brings in some rock 'n' roll with sax man **Klem Klimek** on vocals. Bruce Bears takes a turn at the mic for **Allen Toussaint's** "Yes We Can", doing his own backup vocals as well. Duke's extended solo here is a delight. Bandmate **Mark Teixeira** adds a vocal mic to

his drumkit for the **Neville Brothers'** "Yellow Moon". Duke's tribute to **Link Wray** has him scorching through "Rawhide". Needless to say, Duke's guitar parts are a major highlight throughout. Duke now hosts a weekly radio show on the Scorpion Radio Network on which he plays his personal collection of 78's. You might want to think of this album as his own radio show, adding his own slant to these ear worms and showcasing some rich New England talent along the way. His web site is www.dukerobillard.com.

-John Valenteyn



Mike Goudreau Acoustic Sessions PMG

Sherbrooke native **Mike Goudreau** used his last album to provide us with a selection of the blues songs he wrote for various TV & movie soundtracks. The tour through the archives led him to revisit his roots. Rather than re-issuing anything he decided to write new songs in the styles he grew up with and to do so in an acoustic setting, something he had not done before. With light drums, acoustic bass, guitars, accordion and harmonica, he covers blues, gospel, country, Americana and even Manouche Jazz. The 12-bar "What Did I Say" features **Pascal "Per" Veillette** in harmonica. He doesn't know why she left. The same lineup and a toe-tapping "She Talks Too Much" à la **John Lee "Sonny Boy" Williamson** is a treat. A little Piedmont blues graces "I've Gotten Used to You". A little slower in tempo is the excellent "The Blues is Killing Me" - he pleads guilty to hurting her and begs for a pardon. "Come Home Baby" adds a tenor sax to the band for an exciting finish to the program which actually runs to fourteen songs. The blues highlighted here are just a sample of this attractive acoustic session. You'll be quite satisfied with the whole set I'm sure. His web site, www.mikegoudreau.com, shows lots of upcoming dates but all of them are in Quebec.



Judy Brown

May 31

5pm
Orangeville Jazz & Blues Festival w
Teddy Leonard

June 04

6pm
Mississippi Queen Foods
Hamilton, ON
solo acoustic

June 07

8pm
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Toronto, ON
w The All-Star Band



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Wednesday, May 1

Chuck Jackson & Tyler Yarema at Timothy's Pub, 7:00 PM, 344 Brown's Line, Etobicoke, 416-201-9515
David Essig at Sellers & Newell, 8:00 PM, 672 College St, Toronto
Paul Reddick & Friends at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 647-748-1376

Thursday, May 2

Art of Time Ensemble presents Doghouse Roses: The Music Of Steve Earle at FirstOntario Centre, 7:30 PM, St. Catharines
David Essig at Artword Bar, 8:00 PM
Outlaw Divas Sing Willie Nelson w/ Alana Bridgewater, Jenie Thai and more at Lula Lounge, 6:30 PM, 1585 Dundas W, Toronto
Scott Holt at London Music Club, 8:30 PM, 470 Colborne St., London, 226-980-7247
The Ramble Series feat. Matt Weidinger at Moonshine Cafe, 8:30 PM, 137 Kerr St., Oakville, 905-844-2655

Friday, May 3

Art of Time Ensemble presents Doghouse Roses: The Music Of Steve Earle at Koerner Hall, 8:00 PM, Toronto
Chuck Jackson's Big Bad Blues Band at Rex Hotel, 9:45 PM, 194 Queen St W, Toronto, 416-598-2475

Jadea Kelly & Jenie Thai at Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, 8:30 PM, 130 Navy St, Oakville, 905-815-2023
Julian Fauth & Danny B at Senator Wine Bar, 9:00 PM, 249 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-364-7517
Trickbag at Buddy's Roadhouse, 8:00 PM, Hamilton

Saturday, May 4

Andre Bisson Band at Staircase Theatre, 7:30 PM, 27 Dundurn St. N., Hamilton
Coachmen w/ Big Rude Jake matinee at Coach & Lantern, 2:30 PM, 384 Wilson St. E, Ancaster, 905-304-7822
Darran Poole & RootBone Trio at Tansley's Coffee Emporium, 8:00 PM, 41 Main Street S, Saint George, 519-414-0122
James Boraski w/ Dwayne LaForme's Boogie Blues at Polish Hall, 7:30 PM, 154 Pearl St., Brantford, 519-753-0414
Matt Andersen at Centre in the Square, 8:00 PM, Kitchener
Swingin' Blackjack at Castro's Lounge, 9:00 PM, 2116 Queen St E,
The Mighty Duck Blues Band wsg Carlos del Junco at Jo Blos Rock & Wok, 2:30 PM, 155 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines, 905-685-8280
Youth Legacy Challenge at Bobby O'Brien's, 1:00 PM, 125 King St. W., Kitchener

Sunday, May 5

Aretha Franklin Tribute: Quisha Wint, Cheryl Lescom & Chuckee Zehr at Jazz Room, 3:00 PM, 59 King St. N., Waterloo, 519-886-3350



Garrett Mason comes from East Coast blues royalty - his dad was Dutch Mason - and on his own he has carved a career as a unique and inventive blues guitarist. He makes a (very) rare Toronto appearance at Hugh's Room Live on Tuesday, June 4. On Sunday, June 2, he plays the Opera House in Orangeville as part of the Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival.

Blues In The Alley feat: Big Groove wsg Mark "Bird" Stafford & Des Brown at Alleycatz, 4:00 PM, 2409 Yonge St., Toronto, 647-361-5817

The Ernest Lee Band at Grossman's Tavern, 8:00 PM, 379 Spadina Ave., Toronto, 416-977-7000

Monday, May 6

Harmonica Workshop w/ Roly Platt at Warmington's Bistro, 7:00 PM, 42 George St, Brantford

Wednesday, May 8

Paul Reddick & Friends at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 647-748-1376
Ragwax at Timothy's Pub, 8:00 PM, 344 Brown's Line, Etobicoke, 416-201-9515
Richie Young (New Brunswick) at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Tuesday, May 7

EllaHarp at Cameron House, 10:00 PM, Toronto, 661-331-6944

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Don River Blues Band feat. Ms. Lela Coles at Grossman's Tavern, 9:30 PM, 379 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, (416) 977 7000

Kalyna Rakel at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Friday, May 10

Darran Poole & RootBone at Marvelous Lounge, 9:00 PM, 310 Colborne St., Brantford, (519) 752-1999

Fraser/Daley at Castro's Lounge, 5:30 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Jennis at Waring House, 6:30 PM, 395 Sandy Hook Rd., Picton, 888-724-9250

Julian Fauth & Bill Heffernan at Senator Wine Bar, 9:00 PM, 249 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-364-7517

Matt Andersen & The Mellowtones at Danforth Music Hall, 8:00 PM,

Matt Weidinger Trio at Rhapsody Barrel Bar, 9:00 PM, 179 King St. W, Kitchener, 226-647-3996

Meg & Co. (Bywater Band) at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin at Blues On The Rideau at The Cove Inn, 7:00 PM, 2 Bedford St, Westport, 1-888-COVEINN

Southern Supper w/ Big Dave McLean & Raoul Bhaneja at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:00 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Saturday, May 11

Bad Luck Woman & Her Misfortunes at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Big Dave McLean and Raoul & The Big Time at Hugh's Room Live, 8:30 PM, 2261 Dundas St W, Toronto, 416-533-5483

Darran Poole & RootBone at Moonshine Cafe, 9:00 PM, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, 905-844-2655

Jennis at Waring House, 6:30 PM, 395 Sandy Hook Rd., Picton, 888-724-9250

Matt Andersen & The Mellowtones at Danforth Music Hall, 8:00 PM,

Mike Zito wsg Jeremiah Johnson at St. Francis Centre, 8:00 PM, 78 Church Street S, Ajax, 905-903-8661

The Mighty Duck Blues Band wsg Tobin Spring at Jo Blos Rock & Wok, 2:30 PM, 155 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines, 905-685-8280

The Tex-Styles at Sawdust City Brewing Co., 8:00 PM, 397 Muskoka Rd N, Gravenhurst, 705-681-1100

Sunday, May 12

Blues In The Alley feat. Big Groove wsg Robin Banks & Teddy Leonard at Alleycatz, 4:00 PM, 2409 Yonge St., Toronto, 647-361-5817

Ladies Sing The Blues: Blues for the Soldiers at Gunner's Club, 2:00 PM, Brantford

Mother's Day Southern Brunch w/ Jenie Thai at Mississippi Queen Foods, 12:00 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Trickbag at Stonewalls Restaurant, 3:00 PM, 339 York Blvd, Hamilton, 905-577-0808

Wednesday, May 15

Dylan Wickens guest with John Lee & The Hookers at Rhapsody Barrel Bar, 8:00 PM, 179 King St W, Kitchener, 226-647-3996

Morgan Davis at Waring House, 6:30 PM, 395 Sandy Hook Rd, Picton, 613-476-6648

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Whiteley Wednesday at Jazz Bistro, 8:30 PM, 251 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-363-5299

Thursday, May 16

Cosmic Ray's Blues Jam -- Open Jam at Remix Lounge, 7:00 PM, 305 Dundas St W, Toronto, Toronto, 647-722 - 4635

Dylan Wickens & The Grand Naturals at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 7:00 PM, Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Southern Supper w/ Spencer Mackenzie at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Friday, May 17

Dan McKinnon at Cadillac Lounge, 9:00 PM, 1296 Queen St. W., Toronto
Julian Fauth & Fraser Melvin at Senator Wine Bar, 9:00 PM, 249 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-364-7517

Meg & Co. (Bywater Band) at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Southern Supper w/ Jerome Tucker Trio at Mississippi Queen Foods, 8:00 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Saturday, May 18

Kalyna Rakel at Castro's Lounge, 9:00 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Morgan Davis at Flyer's Cafe, 6:30 PM, 144 Queen St., Dunnville

The Mighty Duck Blues Band wsg Al Lerman at Jo Blos Rock & Wok, 2:30 PM, 155 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines, 905-685-8280

Sunday, May 19

Alfie Smith at Castro's Lounge, 4:00 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Blues In The Alley feat: Big Groove wsg Al Lerman & Ray Harrison at Alleycatz, 4:00 PM, 2409 Yonge St., Toronto, 647-361-5817

Doctor Nick and the Rollercoasters at Rex Hotel, 3:30 PM, 194 Queen St W, Toronto, 416-598-2475

Mike McKenna's Rockin' Redcoats at Black Swan Tavern, 4:00 PM, 154 Danforth, Toronto, 416-469-0537

Wednesday, May 22

Anthony Gomes at Hugh's Room Live, 8:30 PM, 2261 Dundas St. W, Toronto, 416-533-5483

Paul Reddick & Friends at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave,

Southern Supper w/ Sinners Choir at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Friday, May 24

Fraser/Daley at Castro's Lounge, 5:30 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Jacques Russell Trio at Emmet Ray, 9:30 PM, 924 College St W, Toronto

Jennis at Red Brick Cafe, 8:00 PM, 8 Douglas St., Guelph, 519-836-1126

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Morgan Davis at Stone Cottage Pub, 5:30 PM, 3750 Kingston Rd, Scarborough, 416-265-7932

Saturday, May 25

Jack de Keyzer at Moonshine Cafe, 8:30 PM, 137 Kerr St., Oakville, 905-844-2655

Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar at Echo Beach, 8:30 PM, 909 Lakeshore W, Toronto

Sinners Choir at Senator Wine Bar, 9:00 PM, 249 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-364-7517

The Mighty Duck Blues Band wsg Paul James at Jo Blos Rock & Wok, 2:30 PM, 155 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines, 905-685-8280

Sunday, May 26

Blues In The Alley feat. Big Groove wsg Lance Anderson & Terry Blerish at Alleycatz, 4:00 PM, Toronto, 647-361-5817

Danny Marks at Castro's Lounge, 4:00 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Wednesday, May 29

Paul Reddick & Friends at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 647-748-1376

Thursday, May 30

Sugar Brown at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

Friday, May 31

Jack de Keyzer Band at Masonic Hall, 9:00 PM, 15 Church St., Stratford, 519-271-2202

Julian Fauth & Ken Yoshioka at Senator Wine Bar, 9:00 PM, 249 Victoria St, Toronto, 416-364-7517

Morgan Davis at Moonshine Cafe, 8:30 PM, 137 Kerr St., Oakville, 905-844-2655

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Dirty Blues Band at Moonshine Cafe, 8:30 PM, 137 Kerr St., Oakville, 905-844-2655

Jack de Keyzer Band at Leander Boat Club, 7:30 PM, 50 Leader Dr, Hamilton

Meg & Dave (Bywater Band) at The Local, 5:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225

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The Swingin' Blackjacks at Dora Keogh Irish Pub, 9:30 PM, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-788-1804

Sunday, June 2

Jacques Russell Trio at C'est What?, 7:00 PM, 67 Front Street E, Toronto, 416-867-9499

Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin, Byward Blues, Steve Strongman, Sue Foley at Orangeville Blues & Jazz **Paisley Blues Fest Brunch w/ Morgan Davis** at Paisley Arena & Community Centre, 10:00 AM, 391 Queen St N, Paisley

Tuesday, June 4

Garrett Mason at Hugh's Room Live, 8:30 PM, 2261 Dundas St. W, Toronto, 416-533-5483

Southern Supper w/ Judy Brown at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Wednesday, June 5

Chuck Jackson & Tyler Yarema at Timothy's Pub, 7:00 PM, 344 Brown's Line, Etobicoke, 416-201-9515

David Rotundo at Hugh's Room Live, 8:30 PM, 2261 Dundas St. W, Toronto, 416-533-5483

Southern Supper w/ Big Rude Jake at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Thursday, June 6

50th Anniversary of STINK: McKenna Mendelson Mainline at Hugh's Room Live, 8:30 PM, 2261 Dundas St. W, Toronto, 416-533-5483

Chuckee Zehr & Friends at London Music Club, 8:30 PM, 470 Colborne St., London, 226-980-7247

Friday, June 7

Fraser/Daley at Castro's Lounge, 5:30 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Jack de Keyzer at Simcoe Blues & Jazz Restaurant, 9:00 PM, 926 Simcoe N., Oshawa, 905-435-1111

Saturday, June 8

Alfie Smith Trio at Moonshine Cafe, 8:30 PM, 137 Kerr St., Oakville, 905-844-2655

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Matt Andersen with special guest Amy Helm -
The Danforth Music Hall - May 10 & 11

Mike Zito with Special Guest Jeremiah Johnson
- Music by the Bay Live - May 11 - Ajax

Big Dave McLean & Raoul and The Big Time -
Hugh's Room Live - May 11

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