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# Daddy Cool receives Mel Brown Award

Known as Daddy Cool, DJ Dave Booth inspired a generation of music lovers who later founded the Kitchener Blues Festival. Terry Pender provides some background and drops a few little-known facts about our beloved "Daddy Cool" in this story, originally published in the Waterloo Region Record.

The blues came to Kitchener over the airwaves, late at night, with a Yorkshire accent.

DJ Dave Booth spun records at CHYM FM in the early '70s that inspired a skinny kid's lifelong obsession with the blues. Booth's on-air moniker was Daddy Cool. His show was called Kaleidoscope.

He single-handedly started a chain reaction that turned Kitchener into a hotbed for the blues, and ultimately led to the Kitchener Blues Festival.

Booth, now 78, will receive this year's Mel Brown Award at the festival that runs Aug. 8 to 11.

The skinny kid he inspired was Glenn Smith. Smith owns Ethel's Lounge in Waterloo, and still organizes the occasional live music show.

Long retired, Booth lives in a sleepy suburban town north of Toronto. He was stunned to hear about the award.

"It is a great honour," says Booth.

To this day, Smith remembers precisely when his never-ending fascination with the blues started. He worked in the produce department at Dutch Boy as a teenager. A transistor radio was playing, and Smith heard something he never forgot — Hound Dog Taylor & the Houserockers.

"I was just freaked out at this sound: 'What is this?' It was blowing my mind," says Smith.

It was August 1971, and the record was the first one released by a new blues label in Chicago called Alligator Records. It was founded by Bruce Iglauer, a 23-year-old blues fanatic, who loved the music coming out of clubs on the south and west sides of Chicago.

Smith stopped what he was doing, got on the phone to Alligator Records and ordered a copy right away.

Recognizing Booth with the award is long overdue, he says.

"Without him I never would have known an inch of what I know today, so he is the guy



DJ Dave Booth aka "Daddy Cool" will receive the Mel Brown Award at this year's Kitchener Blues Festival.

who created it all in this community, and all over a big part of Ontario," says Smith.

Booth will be presented with the Mel Brown Award on the YNC Stage in front of Kitchener City Hall at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. That award presentation closes a small circle made up of Smith, Iglauer and now Booth. They played hugely influential roles behind the scenes building the blues scene in Kitchener and Booth is the last of that trio to receive the Mel Brown Award.

Smith received his in 2004. After getting turned on to the blues shows Smith organized in the Legion building at 48 Ontario St., Smith ran shows in the Hoodoo Lounge in the Mayfair Hotel, which used to stand at King Street West and Young Street. In 1989, Smith hired Mel Brown to lead the house band at Pop the Gator on Oueen Street South.

Iglauer received his award in 2010. Iglauer started Alligator Records in his Chicago apartment. Many of the more than 300 blues artists Iglauer recorded — Koko Taylor, Lil'Ed & the Blues Imperials, Rick Estrin & the Nightcats, Johnny Winter and Mavis Staples — played the Kitchener Blues Festival or other local stages.

Staples was in Kitchener for a show March 20,2009. Mel was scheduled to play with his old friend, but he died that afternoon in St. Mary's General Hospital. With tears in her eyes and a voice cracking with emotion, she dedicated the show to the funk-soul-jazz-blues guitar master from Jackson, Mississippi who lived in Kitchener for the last 20 years of his life.

All of that was in the future when Booth moved to Waterloo in 1960 from Yorkshire, England. He already loved the music of Howling' Wolf and Screamin' Jay Hawkins. After working in the appliance department at Eaton's, Booth joined the Canadian Air Force, and was stationed at a remote radar base in Senneterre, Quebec.

The base was part of a series that stretched across Canada. Known as the Pine Tree Line, the radar bases watched for incoming bombers or missiles from the Soviet Union during the Cold War. With little else to do in the small town, Booth started a show called The Night Train on the base radio station. He played the blues and rhythm and blues.

"So, I kind of cut my teeth there, no lessons, no nothing," says Booth.

Honourably discharged in 1963, Booth returned to Waterloo. He went to the weekly dances at St. Mary's Hall in downtown Kitchener held by radio station CKCR. He lobbied the station managers for a DJ slot. They finally relented, giving him a one-hour show once a week, late at night. In return, Booth had to mop and polish the station floors.

In 1969, Led Zeppelin played the Kitchener Auditorium and Booth was master of ceremonies for the concert. Backstage at the end of the show Booth urged Jimmy Page and the others to do an encore.

"They were nice guys, they played the O'Keefe Centre the night before," says Booth. "I went back and said: "This might not be Toronto, but the crowd out there would love an encore." They came out."

At that time, Booth's show was called Big D With R&B. After it expanded to a three-hour show, Booth asked CKCR managers for a paycheque. They said no.

Luckily, CKCR was bought by Maclean Hunter and turned into CHYM FM, CHYM's

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Congratulations to Suzie Vinnick who was just honoured by the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival with their special recognition award, presented to musicians who have made a significant contribution to Saskatchewan's music culture. Noting that it's been rare that a female musician has been recognized Suzie told the CBC, "It's amazing because it's 30 years since my first performance that I'm going to be back at the festival... I feel old now."

Remembering Mose: Mose Scarlett, who died just over a month ago, after a few months of illness and many years giving pleasure through his music, his singing, his generous nature and his stories, will be memorialized in song and story at the Tranzac Club (292 Brunswick Avenue, south of Bloor, Toronto) on Wednesday, August 7 starting at 7:30pm. Doors at 7pm. A partial list of people confirmed to participate at this point include (in no particular order) Dave Barrett, Victor Bateman, Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley, Jackson Delta, Bill Garrett & Sue Lothrop, Eve Goldberg, Hotcha!, Big Rude Jake, Grit Laskin, Magoo, Doc MacLean, Tony Quarrington & Zoey Adams, Mr Rick, Margaret Stowe, Anne Tenner, Brent Titcomb, David Wall & Rebecca Campbell and Ken Whiteley. Tony Quarrington will deliver a brief eulogy. Victor Bateman will be playing string bass, as he did on a number of the Scarlett, Washington &Whiteley tracks. It's open to all who wish to and are able to attend. There is a suggested donation of \$20 to cover the hall and ongoing expenses.

Farewell to Cadillac Lounge: The Cadillac has closed and Sam The Man has left the building. It was a veritable Parkdale fixture since it opened in 2000, and was finally sold more than two years after a real estate listing first sparked rumours of the Caddy's impending closure. Sam said to BlogTO."I'm going to take some time off, regroup, spend time with my kids. I'm going to be concentrating on music with my Cadillac Lounge Productions company and Fundraising for Sick Kids," he continued, pointing to a campaign named in honour of his son, Francesco, that helps support the families of children who've been diagnosed with Diabetes. "From what I hear from my agent, [the new owners] are not interested in leasing it out as a bar or restaurant," he said. "I don't blame them."

Blues Music Award nominations open: All musicians are invited to submit their Blues recordings for consideration for a

Blues Music Award. Blues music released between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019 is eligible for consideration for a 2020 Blues Music Award Nomination. Submission fee is \$155 per submission from August 1 - August 31, 2019 then increases to \$180 on September 1 and \$225 after October 1. The submission process officially closes on October 15, 2019. You must upload your music and artwork and complete payment for your submission transaction no later than October 15 to be considered for a Blues Music Award nomination. The submission form and instructions can be found at https://blues. awardsplatform.com/. If you need further help, contact Joe Whitmer at joe@blues.org.

The Band Movie opens TIFF: The premiere of Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band, Daniel Roher's touching tale of Robertson's young life and the creation of one of the most enduring groups in the history of popular music, will

be the Opening Night Gala Presentation for the 44th Toronto International Film Festival on Thursday, September 5, at Roy Thomson Hall. The premiere marks the first time a Canadian-made documentary opens the Toronto International Film Festival. The documentary film, directed by Roher (Ghosts of Our Forest), inspired by Robertson's 2016 memoir, Testimony, tells the story of Robertson's personal journey as he overcame adversity and found camaraderie alongside the four other men who would become his brothers in music, and who together made their mark on music history.

RIP "Bud" Healey: Sarah French reports that last month, Percy "Bud" Healey, father of local blues icon Jeff Healey passed away after a relatively brief illness. "Bud was a wonderful man, as straight a shooter as you've ever met... He taught his son to live without limitations, and that his lack of sight was a logistical problem, not an insurmountable obstacle."







Matchedash Parish Saturday Night Make it Real

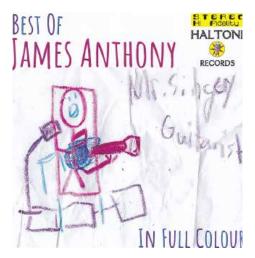
Lance Anderson is a major player on our music scene, he's the keyboard genius who leads the popular all-star ensembles devoted to the music of The Band, Levon Helm, Joe Cocker, Stax and several more. With fellow keyboard wiz Matt Weidinger, he has now embarked on a most ambitious project: a twelve-strong revue emphasizing original material. Matt is the lead vocalist for the band and that's his picture on the front cover. He sings five of the songs while Lance sings three, wrote all but three and produced. Matchedash Parish deserves explanation: Matchedash is an Anishinaabemowin First Nations word for swampy land used for this area and river in Simcoe County, where Lance resides. It's also the home area for several members of The Band, whose signature sound is evident throughout but particularly in the opening "When the Rains Come" where Matt Weidinger's vocal channeling Richard Manuel most effectively with multi-tracking re-creating those wonderful harmonies on this Lance Anderson original. Roots here grow deep. "Where There is Love" is a Lance original, a gospel song written for his grandchildren and sung most beautifully by Matt, ending in a rousing climax. "St. John's Matchedash Parish Hall" is a storming rocker Lance sings as well as wrote. This is not Sunday morning at church by any means, this is Saturday night at the Parish Hall with this one in Coldwater standing in for any Parish Hall and what a good time it is. With two horns, two drummers & a percussionist, a chorus, Lance on his accordion plus mandolin and piano, this band smokes. Quisha Wint leads the backup vocalists and is the lead

vocalist for another Lance original, "God Gave You Hands". She sings wonderfully on this attractive mid-tempo gospel plea for togetherness, Gene Hardy solos on tenor sax. The one non-original is an attractive gospel version of the Beatles' "Lady Madonna". Apparently, this Beatles song was based on "Bad Penny Blues", a New Orleans style instrumental hit for Humphrey Lyttelton in England in 1956, bringing it full circle. Some soul is up next as Weidinger sings his "Afraid", a song from his self-titled solo album that shines in this larger setting. His clavinet drives "Not Sold on this Getting Old", a blues highlight - Lance is told by his partner that he's not the man he once was, something he refuses to believe. Lance tries his hand at soul too, missing his partner while on the road, with his "Hopeless Romantic", guitarist Mackenzie Jordan plays slide. Lance's love of New Orleans funk led to the instrumental (plus chorus) "Congo Strut" with its fine trumpet solo from William Sperandei. Matt includes another song from his solo album with "Nothing to Say", a tender ballad that also benefits from its arrangement for the larger ensemble. The closing "This Love Can't Last" has Lance wanting to live for the moment with a most suitable closing climax. Quisha Wint's chorus features Michelle White & Jill Zadeh and they are a vital part of every song here. Shamakah Ali and Ben Rolo are on drums with Art Avalos on percussion and Mark Macintyre on bass. "Where There is Love" & "God Gave You Hands", from Mariposa last year, are on YouTube for you to check out and Lance promises the album will be available on streaming services soon. But make sure you are at the CD Release Party at Hugh's Room Live on September 23rd as you will then see, and hear, what a Saturday Night at this Parish Hall is really like. The web site is www.makeitrealrecords.com.

The Best of James Anthony In Full Colour Haltone

James Anthony (Pecchia) is a veteran Burlington player who is one of the busiest bluesmen around, just check out his web site. He's played reggae with Jay Douglas, was a member of Edward Bear and of Mondo Combo. He later opened a guitar store in Cambridge and recording studio. He recorded and performed with Kris St. Louis, the schoolteacher/blues guitarist and Women's Blues Revue alumna. In 2013, he was inducted into the American International Blues Hall of Fame in Detroit. Over his career he has released eleven albums, available from his web site or, more usually, just from the stage. Like many of his peers, after the production run is gone, so is the album - just two are at the web site now. In a smart move,

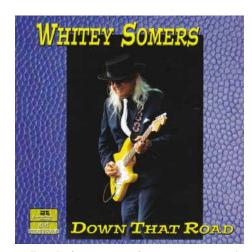
he has assembled some highlights for us to enjoy. The opening blues has his electric lead guitar attractively accompanied by a National Steel. "Look a Little Closer" has an effective lyric about being worth a second look despite his faults."(It's) Cold Inside (now that she's gone)", turns to some soul blues with a full horn section - very nice. A lovely soul ballad follows with "Is There Room for Me", organ and piano plus backup singers



backed up by his electric slide make for another highlight here. A clever paean to his quitar is one of the few uptempo numbers: "If Tele Could Talk" has some pretty fancy picking to go with its witty double entendres. Perhaps the most memorable melody on the album is the one for "You Don't Talk to Me", a radio friendly toe-tapper. There are a couple of songs from the recent Jazz at Seven, ("Having a Real Bad Day" & "Date with the Blues") and their inclusion probably best reflects what he was doing then but "Never Had the Blues" would have been my choice. "Who's Doin' Who", "It Ain't True" and "Enough is Enough" are harder (earlier?) blues performances, with harp & slide guitar, compared to the smoother sounds on the disc but they do feel very satisfying. You should try to check him out because he's a very good songwriter and these songs deserve wider attention, he might even be performing closer than you think. The web site is www. jamesanthony.ca.

Whitev Somers Down That Road Motorhome

Whitey Somers is also a veteran bluesman and if his last name seems familiar, it might be because he is the nephew of the late classical composer Harry Somers. A 40year man, he's been in Nanaimo since 2013, having moved there from Collingwood and Hamilton. His web site shows he has quite a lengthy discography of songs on various compilations in addition to his two previous solo discs. This Somers plays quitar very

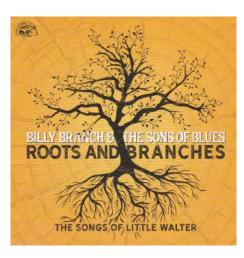


well and often now performs as an acoustic solo act but here he's in front of a full electric band with piano, organ, bass & drums. He has written some excellent songs: "Down That Road" the one that concludes the album, was on the short list of the 2018 Canadian Songwriting Competition, a recognition it deserved - a fine slab of bluesabilly. "Can't Make the Payment Blues" is one of the better songs about struggling musicians. It's actually a rocking 'make the best of it' kind of song with some sterling piano from Nico Rhodes. An even better song is "Six Months Pregnant (2000 Miles Away)", a touching and well-sung slow blues. A fight with his partner results in "Frozen Toenail Blues", a rollicking, stop-time blues with a very good guitar solo."(The work we've begun is) 82% Done" is another wellwritten slow blues with some fine organ work from Larry Blatchford. Somers picks up his slide for the impossibly fast "My Baby Likes to Boogie" with more fine piano work from Rhodes. He can do some very good R&B too: "Undecided" builds to a rousing climax with backup singers and a searing guitar solo. He has a very good rhythm section in Nick Dokter on drums and either Todd Sacerty or Brian Whitty on bass. Somers is a very good singer and he has some very good songs to show off, the album has been charting well since its release and should raise his profile considerably. Some songs are on YouTube, the album is at CDBaby and on streaming services but his Facebook page shows only local gigs for now though.

Billy Branch & the Sons of Blues Roots and Branches-The Songs of Little Walter Alligator/Fontana North/Universal

There have been tributes for several of the great harmonica players of the past recently but not one yet on a major blues label for **Little Walter**. No doubt his ground-breaking work is still so powerful, no one wanted to risk the comparison such a tribute would inevitably cause. **Billy Branch** has decided it was time. Long a blues festival headliner

with eleven albums under his belt, Branch learned firsthand from James Cotton, Junior Wells, Carey Bell and Big Walter Horton, but Little Walter passed in 1968, seven years before Branch hit Chicago. Little Walter had his Aces and Branch has his Sons of Blues: Sumito "Ariyo" Ariyoshi on piano, Giles Corey on quitar, Marvin Little on bass and Andrew "Blaze" Thomas on drums provide just as much support as Walter received. They stay fairly close to the Little Walter originals but this is a modern blues band and they perform these songs their way, especially in the prominence given to Ariyo's piano. Branch rarely copies Little Walter on harp, after all he is a virtuoso himself, just check out this version of "Mellow Down Easy", emphasizing its jazzy side. The same thing happens to this version of "My Babe", along with some



tempo changes and a quite wonderful guitar solo from Corey. "Juke" also gets an entirely new arrangement with excellent extended soloing from Branch. Even "Last Night", perhaps the most covered of Little Walter's songs, sounds fresh here, no mean feat. "Just Your Fool/Key to the Highway" is a harp solo built around snippets of these songs which was a little disappointing in that "Key to the Highway" is one of my favourite Little Walter performances, a full version was something I very much wanted to hear. This is a generous fourteen-song program that will please fans of Chicago blues of any era. With all the emphasis on Little Walter's harp innovations, his songs themselves are often overlooked but in the hands of a band like this, we might see a revival of his songbook too. We also get a bonus track of Marion Diaz, Little Walter's daughter, reminiscing about home life with Dad. It's a much different picture than the one we usually get of Little Walter's personality. The official web site for Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues is www.billybranch.com and of course you should always visit www. alligator.com.

-John Valenteyn



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## **DADDY COOL** cont'd from p5

program manager, Keith Sterling, hired Booth to host a show called The Underground Groove. He was now being paid to do what he loved. Later, the show became Kaleidoscope. It was heard Saturday and Sunday nights.

"Kaleidoscope is the program that so many people in Kitchener-Waterloo identify me with," says Booth.

Around this time Booth adopted the moniker Daddy Cool. He held a contest and a teenage Smith won tickets to see B.B. King at the Festival Theatre in Stratford.

"It was great," says Smith, who was taken backstage to meet King. "He gave me his guitar pick and just sent me on this journey."

Smith started hanging around the station when Booth was there, learning from his older friend. DJ's seldom play what they want. The songs are selected by program managers. Booth was a rare exception. He played what he wanted, often from his own collection.

There was a bit called "From the Vault," and Booth held an empty waste paper basket over his head and spoke into it for effect. That's when he played old blues legends such as BlindWillie McTell, Lonnie Johnson or Blind Lemon Jefferson.

"Donny Walsh was my landlord at one

point, from Downchild Blues Band, when we lived in Kitchener," says Booth. "Often the band would come back to the house after a show and my wife would cook up a meal."

To bolster his wages Booth worked at the Sam the Record Man franchise for the local franchisee Gil Zurbrigg.

Then, around 1977, CFNY in Brampton — "The Spirit of Radio"— offered Booth a job.

"My criterion was: 'Can I play anything I want?' And they said: 'No restrictions as long as it makes sense,' says Booth. That gig did not last.

"One day I got a call on a Sunday evening: 'When you go to work tomorrow you have to follow the song list.' So, I said: 'OK, I will go in and give it a whirl.' And that lasted one day," says Booth.

He stayed in the music business though, working for a company that imported records from the U.K., and another in Mississauga that promoted and managed bands.

He worked as a DJ for private parties and weddings. He worked as MC at Albert's Hall in Toronto. He also worked as a driver, picking up the talent at the airport and driving them to the Harbourfront Soul and Blues Festival.

Along the way he amassed a huge collection of eight-by-10 glossy black-and-white promotional photos of famous musicians. A lot of companies trashed all that stuff at the beginning of the compact-disc era. So, Booth started Showtime Musical Archives, selling the photos to Sony and MCA among others. "It was a very successful business for me for quite a while," says Booth.

In 1989, he won the Blues with a Feeling Award from the Toronto Blues Society. He provided many recordings and wrote the liner notes for two boxed sets, one for R&B, the other for Soul. The Soul compilation won an award at a festival in Parretta, Italy in 2010.

In 2007, Booth moved to Stouffville, which has a volunteer radio station called Whistle FM. The old DJ could not resist and he has had a show on there since 2008.

These days he is trying to find places for his collections. "I have been the age of many of my records. I was 33-and-a-third, I was 45 and now I am finally at the breakable ones, the 78s," says Booth.

Booth and his wife come to the Kitchener Blues Festival every year, and usually book a hotel room eight months in advance. "I think it's just amazing what they have done," Booth says of the festival.

- Terry Pender

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Thursday, August 1

Alfie Smith & Nicole Christian at Gore Park Promenade, 11:00 AM, James St & King St E, Hamilton

Darran Poole & RootBone at Roc'n Docs, 8:00 PM, 105 Lakeshore Rd E, Mississauga, 905-891-1754

Dylan Wickens at Lana's Lounge, 8:00 PM., Waterloo, 519-725-5262

Fraser Melvin Band at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 7:30 PM, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Indulge' Farmer's Market Thursdays feat. Alana Bridgewater at David Pecaut Square, 12:00 PM, 215 King (at Simcoe), Toronto

Lou Moore plus guest at Col. Mustard's Pub & Deli, 9:00 PM, 16925 Yonge St, Newmarket, 905-895-6663

Mike Nagoda and the Spectrum Blues Band at Alchemy Food & Drink, 8:00 PM, 890 College St, Toronto, 416-530-4082 Nothin' But The Blues at N'Awlins Bar, 8:00 PM, 299 King St. W, Toronto, 416-595-1958

Paul Jones Blues Jam Open Mic at Cafe Embargo, 10:00 PM, 1521 Queen St. W, Toronto

Southern Supper w/ Steve Payne & Paul Hobday at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Friday, August 2

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

Ghost Town Blues Band, FOG Blues & Brass Band, Avalon Bridger at The Moose Lodge, 8:00 PM, 655 Wabanaki Dr, Kitchener, 519-880-6544

John McKinley Band at Lancaster Smokehouse, 8:00 PM, 574 Lancaster St W, Kitchener, 519-743-4331

Ken Yoshioka Band at The Hole In The Wall, 10:00 PM, 2867 Dundas W, Toronto, 647-350-3564

Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam at Salty Dog Bar & Grill, 9:30 PM, 1980 Queen St. E, Toronto, 416-849-5064

Saturday, August 3

Bywater Call at Dakota Tavern, 10:30 PM, . Toronto

Cootes Paradise at Festival of Friends, 3:00:00 PM, Gage Park, 1000 Main St E, Hamilton, (905) 541-3834

Johnny Wright & Michael Fonfara at Outrigger Tap & Table, 3:00 PM, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 416-748-2232

Kalyna Rakel at The Local, 9:00 PM, 396 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-535-6225 Niagara Rhythm Section with guests at Old Winery, 9:00 PM, 2288 Niagara Stone Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, 905-468-8900 The Bluenatics at TO Lounge, 10:00 PM, 1384 Queen Street West, Toronto, 416-532-9565

The Sil Simone Band with guest at Carrigan Arms, 2:00 PM, 2025 Upper Middle Rd, Burlington, 905-332-6131

Tyler Yarema and His Rhythm at Reservoir Lounge, 9:45 PM, 52 Wellington St E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, August 4

Chuck Jackson & The All Stars at Roc 'N Doc's, 4:30 PM, 105 Lakeshore Rd E, Mississauga, 905-891-1754

Hogtown Allstars at Etwell Concert Series, 3:00 PM, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

James Anthony Band at Abbey Arms Restaurant, 3:30 PM, 481 North Service Rd W, Oakville, 905-825-1109

Jerome Tucker Band at Linsmore Tavern, 7:00 PM, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Sunday Night Jam with Bill Hedefine at Grossman's Tavern, 10:00 PM, 379 Spadina Ave., Toronto, 416-977-7000

Monday, August 5

Choe Watkinson at Monarch Tavern, 8:00 PM, 12 Clinton Street, Toronto

Jordan John at Orbit Room, 10:00 PM, 580A College St, Toronto, 416-535-0613 Sebastian Agnello at Black Swan Tavern, 9:30 PM, 154 Danforth , Toronto, 416-469-

Tuesday, August 6

Jenie Thai Band at Dakota Tavern, 10:00 PM. . Toronto

Wednesday, August 7

Blues Jam with Heather Luckhart (1st Wed monthly) at 120 Diner, 8:00 PM, 120 Church St., Toronto, 416-792-7725 In Memory of Mose Scarlett at Tranzac Club, 7:30 PM, 292 Brunswick Ave, Toronto Monkeyjunk at Royal Botanical Gardens - Hendrie Park, 6:30 PM, 680 Plains Rd W, Burlington, 1-800-694-4769

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

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

Thursday, August 8

**Dylan Wickens & The Grand Naturals** at Boathouse Victoria Park, 11:00 PM, 57 Jubilee Dr, Kitchener, 519-749-8080 Misty Blues. Tom Cochrane & Red Rider at Kitchener Blues Fest, 7:00 PM, OLG Clocktower Stage, Kitchener

Paul Reddick at Old Church Theatre, 7:30 PM, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton, 613-848-1411

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

Friday, August 9

Northern Social at TD Kitchener Blues Festival, 11:00 PM, Kitchener, 519-571-2555

The Woodstock Experience at St. Francis Centre, 8:00 PM, 78 Church Street South, Ajax, 905-903-8661

Wild T & The Spirit, Erja Lyytinen, Woodstock 50th Celebration, JW Jones, Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin, Duke Robillard, JP Soars and more at TD Kitchener Blues Fest, 5:30 PM, , Kitchener

Saturday, August 10

Aaron Garner Band at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 9:00 PM, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474 Andie Earle Band at Hy Hope Farm, 12:00 PM, , Pickering Dylan Wickens w/ John Lee & The Hookers at Rhapsody Barrel Bar, 7:00 PM, , Kitchener, ON, 226-647-3996 Jack Semple, Lachy Doley, Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley, Harrison Kennedy, Michelle Malone, Vanessa Collier, Cedric Burnside and more at TD Kitchener Blues Fest, 12:00 PM, , Kitchener

Ken Yoshioka Band w/Julian Fauth at Grossman's Tavern, 10:00 PM, 379 Spadina ave, Toronto, 416-977-7000

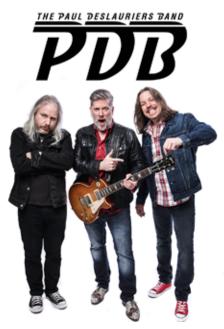
Sunday, August 11

FOG Blues And Brass Band, Andre Bisson, Matchedash Parish, Pappy Johns Band, Miss Emily, Brian Blain, Tri Continental and more at TD Kitchener Blues Fest, 12:00 PM, , Kitchener Jack de Keyzer Band at Hy Hope Farm, 12:00 PM, , Pickering Northern Social at TD Kitchener Blues Festival, 12:00 PM, City Hall Stage, Kitchener, 519-571-2555 Sugar Brown at Castro's Lounge, 4:00 PM, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto

Tobin Spring at Etwell Concert Series, 3:00 PM, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

Wednesday, August 14

Paul Reddick & Guest at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 647-748-1376 Shakura S'Aida at Roy Thomson Hall -Patio, 6:00 PM, 60 Simcoe St, Toronto



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Thursday, August 15

Lachy Doley Group at Hugh's Room, 8:30:00 PM, , Toronto Indulge' Farmer's Market Thursdays feat. Roly Platt "Sweet Harmonica Blues" at David Pecaut Square, 12:00 PM, 215 King (at Simcoe), Toronto Tom Lavin & The Legendary Powder Blues at St. Francis Centre, 8:00 PM, 78 Church Street S, Ajax, 905-903-8661 Weber Brothers at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 7:30 PM, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Friday, August 16

Conor Gains at Fred Eaglesmith Charity Picnic in Springwater Park, 8:30 PM, 8079 Springwater Rd RR#5, Aylmer Jennis at Waring House, 6:30 PM, 395 Sandy Hook Rd., Picton, 888-724-9250 Josh Gordon Band at Dakota's Sports Bar & Grill, 9:00 PM, 2-2814 Lake Shore Blvd W, Etobicoke, 647-352-2814 Whitehorse, Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar at Paris Drinks Festival - Lions Park, 6:00 PM, 96 Laurel St, Paris

Saturday, August 17

Angel Forrest Trio at Gallipeau Centre, 7:30 PM, 361 Queen St, Smiths Falls, 613-284-9916

Jennis at Waring House, 6:30 PM, 395 Sandy Hook Rd., Picton, 888-724-9250 Shakura S'Aida at Paris Drinks Festival -Lions Park, 12:00 PM, 96 Laurel St, Paris

Suzie Vinnick at Fred Eaglesmith Charity Picnic in Springwater Park, 5:00 PM, 8079 Springwater Rd RR#5, Aylmer

Sunday, August 18

Bywater Call at Markham Jazz Fest -Mckay Stage, 4:30 PM, , Markham Ken Yoshioka and Julian Fauth at The Axis, 12:00 PM, 3048 Dundas west, Toronto, 416-604-3333

Tom Lavin & The Legendary Powder Blues at Peter's Players, 8:00 PM, 830 Muskoka Rd S., Gravenhurst, 705-687-2117

Tri-Continental at Etwell Concert Series, 3:00 PM, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

Woodstock 50th Anniversary Band: Tony Springer, Matt Weidinger, Harrison Kennedy, Cheryl Lescom, Quisha Wint at CNE Bandshell, 7:30 PM, , Toronto

Monday, August 19

Lachy Doley Group at Peter's Players, 8:00 PM, 830 Muskoka Rd S., Gravenhurst. 705-687-2117

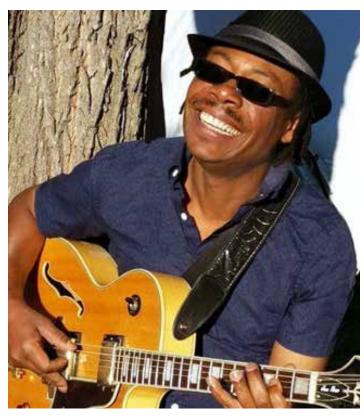
Tuesday, August 20

Doyle Bramhall II at Town Hall 1873 Centre for the Performing Arts,  $8:20\ PM,\ 302$ Queen Street, Port Perry, 905-903-8661

Wednesday, August 21

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

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



Adam Solomon aka "The Professor" is Toronto's own ambassador of African blues, playing everywhere from concert halls to subway stations (not to mention his regular appearances on Facebook Live). He will be appearing at Harbourfront Centre Saturday August 10 (8pm) as part of the Habari Africa Festival which takes place all week-end. Blues fans can immerse themselves in the land where blues began with the sounds of Kaabi Kouyaté, The Maghreb Project with the desert sounds of the Sahara region of North Africa, and more.



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Lachy Doley (pronounced "Lacky") is a popular Australian organist and keyboard player who is taking America by storm starting with high-profile plays at important festivals in Quebec last summer where he gained a substantial following and is now working his way west with appearances at the Kitchener Blues Festival (August 10), Hugh's Room in Toronto on August 15 and Peter's Players in Gravenhurst (August 19). Fans of Harry Manx may do a double take looking at this photo because of Lachy's uncanny resemblance to his brother Clayton who has been Harry's keyboardist on many Canadian appearances and made a big impression for the brief time he was a Toronto resident.

Thursday, August 22

Indulge' Farmer's Market Thursday matinee: Suzie Vinnick at David Pecaut Square, 12:00 PM, 215 King (at Simcoe), Toronto

Suzie Vinnick at Edwards Gardens Summer Music Thursdays, 7:00 PM, 755 Lawrence Ave E (at Leslie), North York (Toronto)

Friday, August 23

Danielle Nicole, Gary Cain Band at Limestone City Blues Fest, 7:00 PM, Market Square 216 Ontario St., Kingston Dylan Wickens & The Grand Naturals at Lavigne Tavern, 9:00 PM, 10521 ON-64, Lavigne, 705-594-2301

Saturday, August 24

Jay Kipps (Solo) at Georgian Triangle Music Festival, 8:00 PM, 75 Mosley St, Wasaga Beach, 705-627-1382 Kim Pollard Band, Angel Forrest Trio, Kenny Neal at Limestone City Blues Fest, 7:00 PM, Market Square 216 Ontario St., Kingston

**Suzie Vinnick** at Hy Hope Farm, 12:00 PM, Pickering

Wednesday, August 28

Angelique Francis at Royal Botanical Gardens - Hendrie Park, 6:30 PM, 680 Plains Rd W, Burlington, 1-800-694-4769 Paul Reddick & Guest at Sauce on Danforth, 8:30 PM, 1376 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 647-748-1376

Play The Parks lunch time music w/ Chris Antonik at McGill Grandby Park, 12:00 PM, 9 McGill St (at Yonge/Gerrard), Toronto

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

Thursday, August 29

Emily Burgess & The Emburys at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 7:30 PM, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474 Ken Yoshioka at Hirut Cafe, 8:00 PM, 2050 Danforth, Toronto, 416-551-7560

Friday, August 30

Jack de Keyzer at Holiday Inn Waterfront, 6:00 PM, 150 St. George, Peterborough

Monday, September 2

**Suzie Vinnick** at Hy Hope Farm, 12:00 PM, , Pickering

Wednesday, September 4

Blues Jam with Heather Luckhart (1st Wed monthly) at 120 Diner, 8:00 PM, 120 Church St., Toronto, 416-792-7725

Thursday, September 5

Fraser Melvin Band at Harbour Street Fish Bar, 7:30 PM, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Friday, September 6

Andre Bisson Band at Southside Shuffle, 8:00:00 PM, , Port Credit, 416-770-4374 Dawn Tyler Watson at Peter's Players, 8:00 PM, 830 Muskoka Rd S., Gravenhurst, 705-687-2117

Jerome Godboo with Shawn Kellerman Band at the Brogue Inn, 9:30:00 AM, 136 Lakeshore E., Mississauga, 905-278-8444

Sunday, September 8

Paul Reddick at Etwell Concert Series, 3:00:00 PM, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

Thursday, September 12

Indo Canadian Slide Project feat. Sean Pinchin, Dan Walsh, Don Ross, Ivan Rosenberg, Rhitom Sarkar, Michael Oesch at Hugh's Room, 8:30:00 PM, , Toronto

Friday, September 13

Southern Supper w/ Danny Brooks & Lil Miss Debi at Mississippi Queen Foods, 6:30 PM, 635 King Street E, Hamilton, 905-526-0909

Saturday, September 14

Brian Blain's Blues Campfire Jam w/ Geoff Daye, Patrick Merner & Michelle Josef at the Old Mill - Home Smith Bar, 9 Old Mill Rd. Toronto

Dinner Cruise on Wenonah II w/ Justin Saladino Band & Travelling Milburys at Muskoka Wharf, 6:00 PM, 830 Muskoka Rd S., Gravenhurst, 705-687-2117

Sunday, September 15

**Crowbar** at Etwell Concert Series, 3:00:00 PM, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

Wednesday, September 18

Cosmic Ray at Gladstone Hotel, 7:00:00 PM, 1214 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M6J 1J6, Toronto

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Tom Lavin & The Legendary Powder Blues - Music by the Bay Live - August 15 - Ajax

Woodstock 50th Anniversary Band featuring Harrison Kennedy, Tony Springer, Matt Weidinger, Quisha Wint, Cheryl Lescom - Woodstock Weekend at the CNE Bandshell Concerts - August 18

Doyle Bramhall II - Horseshoe Tavern - August 19

Rival Sons - CNE Bandshell Concerts - August 19

Doyle Bramhall II - Music by the Bay Live - August 20 - Port Perry

Dawn Tyler Watson - Peter's Players - September 6

Philip Sayce Casbah, Hamilton - September 11

Indo Canadian Slide Project featuring Don Ross, Sean Pinchin, Dan Walsh, Rhitom Sarkar, Ivan Rosenberg, Michael Oesch -Hugh's Room Live - September 12

Philip Sayce Five Points Theatre, Barrie - Sept 14

The Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley CD Release - Hugh's Room Live - September 20

Matt Andersen - Troubadour Festival - September 21 - Barrie, ON

Matchedash Parish CD Release - Hugh's Room Live -September 23

Bill Durst - Hugh's Room Live - October 5

Etta James Tribute featuring Danny Marks, Crystal Shawanda, Cheryl Lescom, Quisha Wint, Miss Emily, Shahi Teruko - Hugh's Room Live - October 9

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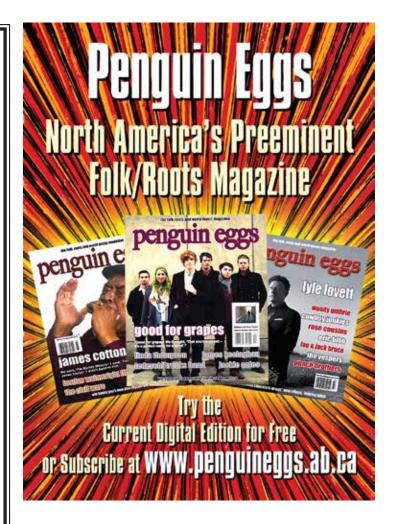
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