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NEW DATES: 25th Annual Maple Blues Awards, Koerner Hall (273 Bloor St. W. Toronto) Monday, June 20, 2022. TBS Charter Members can purchase Pre-Sale tickets NOW. E-mail info@torontobluessociety.com for your promo code. The promo code will entitle each charter member to a 25% discount off the base price of up to four (4) tickets. Pre-sale tickets available on-line only through the Koerner Hall Box Office.

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Blues Festivals are back!

"It's been a long time coming" but this summer there will be festivals and it's hard to tell who's the most anxious, the producers, the artists or the fans. As artists saw a whole summer of gigs pulled out from under them, festival producers were scrambling to maintain their arrangements with suppliers, funders and sponsors. Nobody expected this "pause" to go on as long as it did, but to their credit, most sponsors and funders were not demanding their money back and allowed some flexibility for producers to spend some of that money for online events that provided a few bucks to the artists who would have been left high and dry.

"We're all feeling a bit rusty trying to remember everything we have to do," says Larry Kurtz, director of the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, the first major blues festival of the season running June 3-4-5.

"The challenge to coming back is not knowing what you'll be able to do. We're just planning a full-on festival and we will adjust as required. We're actively recruiting volunteers but our critical team leaders are back. Even while you're not running an event, there's expenses but we've come out where we have a reserve in the bank and handled it responsibly. Some sponsors were able to step up to keep the lights on. About 95% of artists who were booked for 2020 are playing this year."

These include Downchild on Friday, June 3 with Larry's own band, Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers opening and special guest Harrison Kennedy. Saturday, the new Mainstage on Broadway will feature Blackburn, Angel Forrest, Chris Whiteley and Diana Braithwaite and Mike Goudreau.

On Sunday, June 5, it's the Harp Attack with the Tony Holiday Band from Memphis and local harpmeisters Steve Marriner, Carlos del Junco and Larry Kurtz.

On Friday night, the perenially popular "Blues Cruise" is back with 300+ classic cars on display and a stage featuring Sandra Bouza, Erin McCallum and Danny Marks.

The Opera House will present Rick Fines, Cheryl Lescom, Chuckee Zehr, Rick Taylor (LTZ), Adam Karch and Carlos del Junco.

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*The 2022 edition of the **Downchild Blues Band**, l. to r. Jim Casson, Chuck Jackson, Donnie Walsh, Pat Carey, Gary Kendall and Tyler Yarema, continues the never-ending 50th Anniversary tour with stops at numerous festivals including the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival (June 3), the Edmonton Blues Festival (August 19) and the Southside Shuffle (September 11).*

2022 Blues Festival Guide

Hornby Island Blues Workshop May 4-10 Hornby Island BC
Paisley Blues Festival May 31-June 2 Paisley ON
Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival June 3-5 Orangeville ON
Pender Harbour Blues Festival June 3-4-5 Pender Harbour, BC
Beaumont Blues and Roots June 17-18 Beaumont, AB
Edmundston Blues Festival June 17-18 Edmundston, NB
Toronto Jazz Festival June 24-July 3 Toronto ON
Vancouver Jazz Festival June 24-July 3 Vancouver BC
Montreal Jazz Festival June 30-July 9 Montreal QC
Tremblant Intl Blues July Mont Tremblant QC
Ottawa Blues Festival July 7-17 Ottawa ON
Beaches Jazz Festival July 7-31 Toronto ON
Lighthouse Blues Fest July 8-10 Kincardine ON
Vancouver Island Musicfest July 8-10
Calgary Blues Festival July 25-31 Calgary AB
Kitchener Blues Festival August 4-7 Kitchener ON
Donnacona Blues Festival August 3-7 Donnacona QC
Nanaimo Blues Festival August 11-14 Nanaimo BC
Salmon Arm Roots & Blues August 18-21 Salmon Arm BC
Edmonton Blues Festival August 19-21 Edmonton AB
Markham Jazz Festival August 20-22 Markham ON
Trois Rivieres Blues Festival August 25-28 Trois Riviere QC
Limestone City Blues Festival August Kingston ON
North Bay Blues Festival September 1-4 North Bay ON
West Coast Blues Festival September 2-3 Goderich ON
Southside Shuffle September 9-11 Port Credit ON
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FESTIVALS *cont'd from p3*

There will be workshops in the Library and a club crawl with Alfie Smith, Emily Burgess, James Anthony, Dylan Wickens and more.

"We are so incredibly excited to bring it back," said Blues and Jazz Festival president Josh Leitch. "It's been too long of a wait to get out as a community to celebrate music and celebrate art. Just getting together and seeing friends or meeting new friends, hearing some amazing music and eating some incredible food… I would just like to thank everyone who has been supportive over the last couple of years, that have allowed us to stay in business, and be financially in a position to present the full 2022 festival," said Leitch.

Tickets for the Mainstage and Opera House shows are a modest $10/day or $25 for a weekend pass. https://orangevillebluesandjazz.ca/

Just ahead of Orangeville, blues fans can take in a brand-new "mini-festival" at The Gibson Centre for Arts and Culture in Alliston. The Gibson Centre will be hosting some of the finest artists in Canadian blues, during one unforgettable, rockin' weekend. The World Class Blues Series will feature Erin McCallum and Teddy Leonard (who are curating the series) on Friday, May 20, Chris Whiteley and Diana Braithwaite on Saturday, May 21 and finishing off with west-coast piano maestro David Vest on Sunday, May 22. Tickets to individual shows are $45, however, people can get a Series Pass for $100. https://gibsoncentre.com.

And coming next month, April 29-May 8, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival has an all-star lineup we could not begin to list then June 9–12, the grandaddy of them all, the Chicago Blues Festival returns to Millennium Park (lineup still not announced but it will be amazing).

The Toronto Jazz Festival always includes a good dose of blues and although they haven't announced their line-up we're happy to report that they will once again be hosting the Toronto Blues Society Talent Search on July 2. They will be carrying over some of the postponed shows from 2020 including Smokey Robinson (Tuesday, June 28) and Michael Kaeshammer (Wednesday, June 29). The Festival returns to Yorkville June 24 to July 3 and will have a few new surprises for jazz (and blues) fans. Check their website for announcements, www.torontojazz.com.

The Ottawa BluesFest is back with major non-blues headliners dominating the event but there's plenty of blues and blues-friendly content including Angelique Francis, Bombino, Tami Neilson, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Sue Foley, Murray Kinsley & Wicked Grin and Crystal Shawanda. Details and tickets: https://ottawabluesfest.ca/

Friday to Sunday, July 8-10, the "Grande Dame of Folk Festivals" is back at Tudhope Park in Orillia. The Mariposa Folk Festival has announced Blackie & The Rodeo Kings, Serena Ryder, and Mavis Staples with more to come, and more details on their website. https://mariposafolk.com/ On Saturday, April 9, Mariposa presents An Evening of Blues & Gospel by Lance Anderson. Tickets are $30. http://www.orilliaoperahouse.ca/

A couple of western festivals have announced their lineup including the Calgary International Blues Festival (July 25 – 31). Starring Blues Hall of Fame inductee Joe Louis Walker, Texas "Golden Girl" Trudy Lynn, Chicago blues great Lurrie Bell, fiery contemporary blues vocalist Janiva Magness, the reunion of three giants in blues, The Silent Partners, formed by Andrew Jr. Boy Jones, Russell Jackson and Tony Coleman, Harps of Gold featuring Steve Marriner, Roly Platt, Guy Belanger, Richie Pollack, Dan Shinnan and Sherman Doucette, and three guitar legends in one tour de force, with Amos Garrett, Doug Cox and Tim Williams, R&B, funk & soul greats the Blackburn Brothers … and many more! https://calgarybluesfest.com

The Edmonton Blues Festival will take place August 19-21, 2022. Featured artists include Sue Foley, Steve Kozak, C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band, A Special "Texas Salutes the Blues" revue put together by The Texas Horns and featuring Diunna Greenleaf and a host of other fantastic Texas Based performers. Also appearing are The Downchild Blues Band, Crystal Shawanda, Kat Danser and the Tall Tales, Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88's, Watermelon Slim and Fiona Boyes from Australia in a duet with Phil Wiggins (of Cephas and Wiggins fame). www.bluesinternationalltd.com

The summer festival frenzy will (as always) wind down with the Southside Shuffle in Port Credit, September 9-11. No lineup announced yet but you can count on an appearance from Downchild. Early bird tickets are already available: https://www.southsideshuffle.ca

- Brian Blain

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Make a donation beyond membership and merchandise, and get your charitable tax receipt in time for this year! (Charitable # 87487 7509 RR0001). You will be helping to support events like the annual Women's Blues Revue, The Blues in the Schools program, numerous workshops and career development activities for the musician community as well as the Maple Blues Awards and the Blues Summit conference, the most important blues industry gathering in Canada that occurs every other year. Networking events within this conference allow for industry discussion alongside artist discovery through the showcase program.

Memphis Calling: Congratulations to Bywater Call who who were just selected to represent the Grand River Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. They rocked Stonewalls in Hamilton along with the Paul Coombs Band, Riley Michaels, Frank Cosentino, Garnetta & Dagroovmasters, Long Black Cadillacs and Jim Dan Dee for a memorable showcase of Southern Ontario blues talent.

Folk Music Awards: After a two-year absence of live performance, the 2022 Canadian Folk Music Awards (CFMAs) weekend will be hosted in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and returning to an in-person format for the first time since 2019! Though the CFMAs have gone East and are presented IRL (In Real Life), the rest of the country can still enjoy a streaming option. The week-end kicks off with a Songwriters Circle on Thursday, March 31 and the Awards Show & Concert will be split into two nights, Friday April 1 and Saturday April 2, in-person at The Guild Theatre, the 160-seat black box performance space located in the heart of Charlottetown. Rick Fines and Rob Lutes will provide the blues content at the live awards presentations at The Guild.

CFMA Co-President Graham Lindsey says, "I am proud that 2022 will see the CFMAs return, safely and with great care, to in-person shows. We will combine live and virtual performances in our free live stream of all events to ensure everyone unable to travel to PEI feels part of the event. We are doing a lot to make this a special show for all, whether joining us virtually or in Charlottetown". For those who are unable to attend in person, the events will also stream via CFMA's website, folkawards.ca (English) and prixfolk.ca (Francais) and on Facebook and CFMA's Youtube channel.

Doc MacLean heading home: After a lengthy tour of South Africa (which now qualifies as his second home) Doc MacLean will be back in Canada by the time you read this, starting with gigs on the East Coast. His last post from SA paints a colourful picture of his time over there:

"Cape Town, SA. I'm at Bree and Shortmarket St. I'm loaded in for tonight's show: I'm in the heart of South Africa's wheel. I'm sound checked. I'm killing an hour as the sun slowly creeps around Table Mountain. I'm breathing in the hint of night air: tasting it: air crisp with hints of busy kitchens, of perfume, of the blue exhaust of delivery bikes, of cigarettes and marijuana, of sour gutters and slop. Fela Kuti is on the street side speakers, the music drifting, driving, teasing. I'm sitting with an implausible collection of gay Germans, Irish writers, Nigerian hustlers: these last in monotone, flash flash suits: shoes and teeth gleeming in the failing light: the neon is rising to meet the occasion. Mobba's waiting for her date: she smiles: she's wearing silver bangles on her thin arms: her lips are red: and the night is already fixed in her eyes: bits of red and silver and neon: fleeting: and now: the others: the impossibly beautiful: arriving by Uber: ordering wine and oysters. And in front: the hopeless shuffling by in rags and blankets: hands out: dreaded: some barefoot: looking: her breast: his cock: totally exposed: thin bodies that fit the shadows perfectly. We watch each other: this dance of hunger and desire: hunger and desire. The wealth of the sidewalk displayed against the rough brick pavements. And inside: we watch each other: and we are hungry, too. For excitement. For a buzz. For a piece of this street: for a piece of action: a piece of flesh: just a piece. Now: they've paid. They are waiting for the jazz: for the blues: to cement the deal and sweep us away, to suck us up and meld us to this scene forever: forever playing our parts in this dance: rising and falling in a tide of youth and age, of having and having not: of desiring and being desired. Aroused: in tight pants. The tactical squad outside. The drummers and street dancers.

Soon, I'll tune and smear some blues across this night: my guitar as a mirror, my voice as temporary as the look in Mobba's eyes.

You can follow Doc's adventures on his Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/doc.maclean"

Stones at the ElMo: Rolling Stone (the magazine) reports that The Rolling Stones (the band) will be releasing a live recording of their legendary two-night stand at the El Mocambo — a pair of secret shows the band performed under the name 'The Cockroaches.' *Live at the El Mocambo* features the entirety of the Stones' — or the Cockroaches' — March 5, 1977 gig. As legend has it, the El Mocambo shows were announced as headlining gigs for April Wine, with the unknown Cockroaches set to open the shows; it wasn't until fans arrived on March 4 did they realize that April Wine were in fact the opening act, and the Cockroaches were the Stones.

The surprise shows featured a mix of hits ("Let's Spend the Night Together," "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Brown Sugar"), blues covers ("Little Red Rooster," "Mannish Boy," "Worried Life Blues"), tracks from their then-new album *Black and Blue* ("Hot Stuff,"

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

Horojo Trio *Set The Record Stony Plain
***Steve Dawson** *Gone Long Gone* Black Hen
***Little Miss Higgins** *The Fire Waltz* Independent
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***Sue Foley** *Pinky's Blues* Stony Plain
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Duke Robillard *They Called it Rhythm and Blues* Stony Plain
Keb' Mo' *Good To Be* Rounder
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"Hand of Fate," "Melody") and the first-ever performance of "Worried About You," a song that would resurface four years later on 1981's *Tattoo You*.

Live at the El Mocambo, due out May 13 and available to preorder now, will come in a variety of formats, including double CD, digitally, 4-LP black vinyl and a 4-LP neon vinyl set.

Closing Chords: Two seminal figures in the early days (some might say the Golden Days) of the Toronto music scene have passed away. Eric Mercury, the Canadian singer-songwriter died last week in Montreal after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Eric Mercury launched his career in the late 1950s just as Toronto's music scene started to catch fire with a growing number of hot live venues. He joined local band the Pharaohs before stepping to the front of the stage in the Soul Searchers, an act where he shared top billing with fellow lead singer Dianne Brooks. By the late 1960s, he had moved to New York to pursue a solo career and released an energetic debut album Electric Black Man. Three more solo records followed in the 1970s. Mercury would later join Stevie Wonder to co-write a song for Roberta Flack.

The Toronto Star obituary for **Peter Goddard** starts with, "The finest music journalist that Canada produced has died." He was the Toronto Star's full-time pop music critic from 1972 to 1988 and began writing in The Varsity in 1966, jumping to pop music critic for the Globe and Mail before joining the Toronto Telegram in 1967 and then the Toronto Star in 1972. During his first year at the Star, he became the last music critic to win a Juno Award for Music Journalist of the Year before the category was discontinued.

John Ferri, who was the Star's entertainment editor for part of Goddard's tenure said, "He was the first of a great line of music writers at the Star that included, among others, Greg Quill, Mitch Potter, John Sakamoto and Ben Rayner."

Larry LeBlanc, wrote "Nobody's vocabulary and skill set was as sharp as his…Peter Goddard was simply the dean of Toronto writers at a very rich time, when the city was evolving as a music centre."

He was a fine piano player who sat in with some of the rock and blues bands he covered and wrote over 20 books including "Ronnie Hawkins: Last of the Good Ol' Boys." His forthcoming memoir, "My Private Rock 'n' Roll," will be published by House of Anansi at some point this year. Read Nick Krewen's comprehensive obituary in the Toronto Star. https://www.thestar.com/entertainment/2022/03/24/peter-goddard-the-dean-of-toronto-writers-is-remembered-for-his-brilliant-music-criticism.html

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Debra Power *I'm Not From Chicago*

Anyone who has witnessed this red-headed fireball deliver her brand of the blues live can never forget her. And yes, with 2,618 kilometres between Calgary and Chicago, she's not anywhere near the Windy City – yet her music can transport you instantly. A wicked piano-player, powerful vocalist and all-round nuclear explosion of a personality, Power is also a budding lyricist and capable songwriter – with only one non-original across ten songs. Blasting off with "Magnificent Heart", the word 'dynamic' doesn't quite cover the ball-busting, in-your-face experience, pushing her vocals slightly. Guitarist Steve Pineo's "Hardwired For The Blues" proves the perfect cover for her as a slightly subdued Power bites into it utilizing a slower, more soulful approach – piano always in the foreground, joining Pineo's slide and Mike Clark's tenor sax. The Mississippi-based Keeshea Pratt joins Power for the hard-hitting, soulful duet, "What Colour Is Love" – with its elevated message, delivered with sisterly gusto. The deeper blues groove of "New Shade Of Blue" is Power at her best – as she melds with her band (Chris Byrne, bass; Kelly Kruse, drums; Mike Little, B3; Pineo & Clark – including a much-loved shot of harp from Harpdog Brown) as Power's more relaxed pace brings out her best playing and singing. Likewise, "Slow Love" is another slow burn and strong band number, as Power offers a strong, pleading vocal with strong accents from Clark's tenor sax and Little's B3. "I'm Not From Chicago" brings Harpdog back into the fold and moves things much closer to Chicago, thanks to his distinctive brand of mid-'50's, Chi-town blues while, Pineo takes a step forward with a stronger guitar presence. Power's vocal and front-and-centre piano style abounds. A true story-song, "The Last Time I Saw Memphis", spins a tall tale that, in Power's hands, sounds entirely believable, aided by Pineo's slide, a mood-building band performance and another stand-out Harpdog cameo, adding harp and the voice of Elvis' ghost. One of the album's greatest moments comes with the highly personal "The Woman With The Hole In Her Heart". While it tackles depression – if not the stress brought on by the isolation of the last two years – its strong piano arrangement and compelling vocal is entirely uplifting, with great B3 and slide guitar adding to the overall effect – a real show-stopper. The bouncy, infectious "Put Down The Baggage" is yet another demonstration of Power's effortless range and specific piano skills, incorporating jazzy barrelhouse, stride and good ol' boogie woogie at will, as the band drives home its tight rhythmic core. Mike Clark's tenor sax is on parade while Power struts her stuff, offering one of her most-focused piano solos. Originally written to crack up her mother with reminiscences of her childhood, "Debra Marie" provides a universal glimpse into childhood and the precious relationship we carry with us. At the same time, this highly personal song is a showcase for Power's innate sense of humour – while it helps to provide a backdrop to a true, consummate entertainer. *(Eric Thom)*

CORRECTION: Last month's review of HOROJO indicated that all tunes were co-written with Steve Strongman but in fact 9 of 11 songs were co-written with Dick Cooper, and two of them were written with Steve Strongman.

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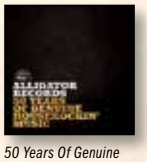
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Angelique Francis *Long River*

When I sat down to write this review, it occurred to me: How do I describe someone that defies description?

Angelique Francis is a musical enigma. An old soul with a love and respect for the music, but an open mind with the power and passion to follow her own muse.

Add to that her unquestionable talent on a multitude of instruments plus the heart and soul she pours into every note and every word of her original music, you can see why she is able to create her smooth and compelling modern sound. What is most impressive with this album is the diversity of sound in the 14 tracks and the ease with which it flows through the ears and into your heart and soul.

The first cut, 'Storms from My Eyes', a soulful blues about the tears of heartbreak and the pain of a love gone wrong. This song speaks to anyone who knows the depth of this kind of betrayal, the lingering and resounding ache left in the heart and the head.

Up next is a cut that sounds like something right from the heart of Chicago. 'Ashamed' has a retro blues sound, with powerful vocals and that catchy hook that just hauls you into the heart of the tune. As you listen, you find yourself swaying to the infectious beat and the smoky feel.

The third track on the album is a high energy cut, with a striking beat, that speaks to every Canadian who has ever been wronged by the snow plow drivers who fill in your driveway as soon as you shovel it. Standing knee deep in snow, froze from your nose to your toes, watching that damned plow pull away, you experience 'Snow Rage'!

The title track is next, a deep, thoughtful and haunting little number about the river of life, on which we all float. The connections we all share, the love, loss and dreams that connect us all. Up next a short acapella piece with a powerful message of personal freedom. Called '(Interlude) Take Command', it is short, sweet and to-the-point, the first of three interludes on the album, and a brilliant way to connect the flow of the style and the narrative of the music!

The 6th cut opens with a late night phone call, that generates the question; 'Who Is Caroline' and why is she calling you at 3:00 am? Up next is a wonderful ballad called 'Right as Rain' that just feeds off of the power of Angelique's vocals. The cut is a tribute to the impressive vocal power and range she commands. The 8th cut on the album is a second interlude, 'You Must Be Crazy' that sounds like something you would hear in a back road juke joint or front porch deep in the delta. Up next, 'Out of Your Mind' picks up on the theme of the interlude, almost as if one song is an extension of the other... with deeper instrumentation and a more powerful beat.

The 10th cut is a complete U turn. A piano driven ballad about love and devotion, 'I've Never' has a smoky feel, smooth vocals and haunting guitar solo. Up next is the third and final Interlude, 'Fear No Evil'. A cool acapella that creates a gospel feel, like a choir of angels encouraging us all to take a stand. The next cut opens with a sweet little slide riff, leading into Angelique's powerful vocals for 'Heaven Water'. It's uplifting, blues-meets-gospel, that will get your toes tapping and your spirits lifting. The 13th cut on the album, 'My Love' is a celtic tinged blues ballad. It is also another sweet reminder of this album's diversity of sound, and Angelique's versatility as a vocalist.

The album closes with 'Soul Train Line', a song that defies categorization. It's blues, meets soul, meets RnB, meets New Orleans. A joyous celebration of life and a marching song that leads the faithful down Bourbon Street towards what ever Angelique's next project will be.

I, for one, cannot wait to see... and hear, what it will be. In an interview Angelique told me that; "the river of life is something we are all born from... Despite the many differences and the vast variations that we may have with each other... we are all floating down this river together and we are all connected in this way. We all share the same beginning and we will all share the same end. This was the focal point for this album."

There's a Wisdom to this album, a quiet confidence that stretches far beyond Angelique's years. *Long River* is a powerful statement that Angelique Francis is here, and she is definitely here to stay! (*Terry Parsons*)

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Wednesday, March 30

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori & Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, March 31

Little Magic Sam Band 6:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474
Jay Douglas 7:00 pm, Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas St. W, Toronto, 12 – 20

Friday, April 1

Little Magic Sam 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
James Anthony w/ Brooke Blackburn 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Soulful Kafe, 81 Brant Ave, Brantford
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, April 2

James Anthony w/ Donnie Meeker (matinee) 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700
The Coachmen w/ Dylan Wickens 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822, $5
Blues at the Regency feat. Joel Johnson 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency Athletic Resort, 8068 Mountain Rd., Niagara Falls, $5
The Mighty Duck Blues Band w/ Andre Bisson and Loretta Hale 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, no cover
Brant Parker Band w/ Conor Gains (matinee) 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947, $10
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
James Anthony Band w/ Danny B. 7:30 pm, Falcon Brewing Co., 30 Barr Rd, Ajax, (905) 686-6686, $15
LMT Connection 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808
Jack de Keyzer 8:00 pm, Market Hall Performing Arts Centre, 140 Charlotte St, Peterborough
Horojo Trio (JW-Jones, Jamie Holmes & Jeff Rogers) 8:30 pm, Cameron House (backroom), 408 Queen St W, Toronto, (416) 703-0811 Ticket info: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/horojo-trio-feat-jw-jones-album-release-party-cameron-house-back-room-tickets-276212006547, $25
Frank Cosentino 60th Bday Bash 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Sunday, April 3

Ginger St. James and Snowheel Slim (matinee) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Frank and Steins, 12 Wyndham St N, Guelph
Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guests Spencer MacKenzie & Justine Fischer 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782, Free!
Jim Dan Dee blues matinee 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, The Bruce, 750 Queen St., Kincardine ON, (519) 396-5100, $10
Trickbag 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Paul Reddick Blues 5:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
Jerome Tucker Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, April 5

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Tyler Yarema 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Michael Fonfara Tribute Concert 7:00 pm, Paradise Theatre, 1006 Bloor St W., Toronto, 416-306-8134
Blue Wings w/ Aline Morales opening 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm, Painted Lady, 218 Ossington, Toronto

Wednesday, April 6

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori & Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000
Heather Luckhart Blues Jam at Mandy's 9:00 pm, Mandy's Bistro (formerly Old Nick), 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461

Thursday, April 7

Brooke Blackburn and Neil Brathwaite 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, I Deal Coffee and Wine Bar, 162 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, $20

Friday, April 8

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
James Anthony w/ Les Smith 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Soulful Kafe, 81 Brant Ave, Brantford
Meg and Dave (of Bywater Call) 8:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Paul Coombs Blues Band w/ Donna Panchezak 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Paul Reddick Trio 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto
Fraser Melvin Blues Band 10pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W
The Vaudevillian 10:30 pm, Jimmy Jazz, 52 Macdonell St, Guelph, Free

Saturday, April 9

James Anthony w/ Terry Chisholm 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700
The Coachmen w/ Hailee Rose 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822, $5
The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Rick Fines 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, no cover
Brant Parker Band w/ Shawn Kellerman (matinee) 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947, $10
Smoke Wagon Blues Band (matinee) 2:30 pm, Corktown Pub, 175 Young St, Hamilton, $10
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Ragwax 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Monk's Kettle, 3073 Bloor St. W, Etobicoke
Michel Neray & Jacques Russell Trio 7:00 pm, Mandy's Bistro (formerly Old Nick), 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461, $10
Mariposa Evening of Blues + Gospel 7:30 pm, Orillia Opera House, Orillia
Gavin McLeod 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100
Buddy Guy 8:00 pm, Massey Hall, 178 Victoria Street, Toronto, 416-872-4255, Tickets purchased for the original date will be honoured at the rescheduled event., 74 – 153.25
Alfie Smith 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Ward IV Coffee & Bar, 1441 Main St E, Hamilton, (905) 808-9273
B&B Blues Band 8:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 21 Veterans Way, Huntsville

Sunday, April 10

Red Hot Ramble 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
Blues for Soldiers w/ Big Dan Jeffares 2-5 pm, Brant Artillery Gunner's Club, 115 Henry Street, Brantford, (519) 753-8128, $5
Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guests Jesse Whiteley & Terry Wilkins 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782, Free!
Blues Pirates 3:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Matt Weidinger (matinee) 3:00 pm, Jazz Room in Waterloo, 59 King St N, Waterloo, $12

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Paul Reddick Blues 5:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
The Legendary Castaways 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, April 12

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Tyler Yarema 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Blue Wings w/ Sandra Bouza opening 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm, Painted Lady, 218 Ossington, Toronto

Wednesday, April 13

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Sue Foley Band 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Paradise Theatre, 1006 Bloor St W., Toronto, 416-306-8134
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Sandra Bouza and Andy Sharp 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Emmet Ray, 924 College St., Toronto, 416-792-4497
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori & Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto

Thursday, April 14

Chuckee Zehr Trio 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474
Sue Foley Band 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Empire Theatre, 321 Front St., Belleville, 613-969-0099 Ticket info: https://theempiretheatre.com/live/sue-foley/, $56
Bad Thursday feat. The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Chuck Jackson 8:00 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, no cover

Friday, April 15

Little Magic Sam 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
James Anthony w/ Peter Denomme 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Soulful Kafe, 81 Brant Ave, Brantford
Jack de Keyzer Band 7:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636
Brant Parker 8:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Zeke Pippin 9:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, April 16

James Anthony w/ Leroy Emmanuel 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700
The Coachmen w/ Tim Gibbons 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822
The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Cheryl Lescom 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, no cover
Brant Parker Band w/ Tyler Yarema (matinee) 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947, $10
Saturday Matinee w/ guest Darran Poole 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Carrigan Arms, 2025 Upper Middle Rd, Burlington, 905-332-6131
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Jack de Keyzer Band 7:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636
The Swingin' Blackjacks 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Sunday, April 17

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Paul Reddick Blues 5:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
Mike Sedgewick's Blues Revue 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

*The bushy beard has been shorn and **Paul Reddick** has emerged from his incognito pandemic-persona (though you might still find him playing around town under various aliases) . He has taken up a residency at the Rex Jazz & Blues Bar every Sunday in April (April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 5:30pm) and the Paul Reddick Trio plays the Moonshine Cafe April 8 (8:30pm)*

Tuesday, April 19

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Tyler Yarema 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Sean Pinchin w/ Mike Celia opening 7:00 pm, Painted Lady, 218 Ossington, Toronto, 10 – 15
Blue Wings 9:30 pm, Painted Lady, 218 Ossington, Toronto

Wednesday, April 20

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori & Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, April 21

Sil Simone Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, $10
Jenie Thai 8:00 pm, 3030 Dundas, 3030 Dundas St. W., Toronto, 416-769-5736, Presented by Hugh's Room Live, $25

Kellylee Evans 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Flato Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, 905-305-7469
Matt Weidinger solo 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $15

Friday, April 22

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
James Anthony w/ David Johannesson 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Soulful Kafe, 81 Brant Ave, Brantford
Voodoo Pawn Shop 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Market Brewing Company, 17775 Leslie St #4, Newmarket, (905) 235-9333, Free
Jim Dan Dee 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Ned Devine's Irish Pub, 575 Ontario St S., Milton, (905) 864-6794, Tickets on Eventbrite, $15
Ragwax 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100
Jack de Keyzer 8:00 pm, Fergus Grand Theatre, 244 St. Andrew St W, Fergus, (519) 787-1981, $30
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, April 23

James Anthony w/ Ronnie Russell 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700
The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Bill Durst 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, no cover
Brant Parker Band w/ Michael Schatte 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947, $10
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Jack de Keyzer (tickets honoured from Jan. 1 show) 4:00 pm, Brantford Polish Hall, 154 Pearl St, Brantford, (519) 753-0414
Suzie Vinnick 7:00 pm, Mandy's Bistro (formerly Old Nick), 123 Danforth, Toronto, 416-519-4461,
Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100

Sunday, April 24

Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guest Ron Hoover 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782, Free!
Blues for Soldiers w/ Mike McDonald 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Brant Artillery Gunner's Club, 115 Henry Street, Brantford, (519) 753-8128, $5
Red Hot Ramble 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469
Paul Reddick Blues 5:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
Frank Cosentino Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, April 26

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Tyler Yarema 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Blue Wings 8:30 pm, Painted Lady, 218 Ossington, Toronto

Wednesday, April 27

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori & Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, April 28

Brent Mason 8:00 pm, Sellers and Newel Bookstore, 672 College St, Toronto, 647-778-6345, $20
The Beat Heathens feat. Mike Branton 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $15

Friday, April 29

Little Magic Sam 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
James Anthony w/ Leroy Emmanuel 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Soulful Kafe, 81 Brant Ave, Brantford
LMT Connection 8:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Fraser Melvin Band 8:00 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804
Alfie Smith 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $10
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, April 30

James Anthony w/ Djino LeFrancois (matinee) 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
James Anthony Band w/ Djino LeFrancois 7:30 pm, Falcon Brewing Co., 30 Barr Rd, Ajax, (905) 686-6686, $15
Jordan John 8:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 21 Veterans Way, Huntsville

Sunday, May 1

Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guest Brant Parker Band 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782, Free!
Blues for Soldiers w/ Joshua Arden Miller 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Brant Artillery Gunner's Club, 115 Henry Street, Brantford, (519) 753-8128, $5
Luke And The Apostles (matinee) 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808
Jerome Tucker Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, May 3

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave.

Wednesday, May 4

Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Heather Luckhart Blues Jam at Mandy's 9:00 pm, Mandy's Bistro (formerly Old Nick), 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461

Friday, May 6

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto,
(416) 699-8272
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Weber Brothers Band (2 nights) 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $25
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, May 7

Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232,
No Cover
Andre Bisson Band 7:30 pm, The Gasworks, 141 Park St. N, Hamilton
Raoul and the Big Time 8:00 pm, 3030 Dundas, 3030 Dundas St. W., Toronto, 416-769-5736, Presented by Hugh's Room Live, $25
Weber Brothers Band (2 nights) 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $25
Sugar Brown 9:00 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Sunday, May 8

Red Hot Ramble 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto
Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guest Steve Grisbrook & Blues Etc. 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse,
111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill,
905 892-0782, Free!
The Legendary Castaways 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, May 10

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Wednesday, May 11

Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054

Thursday, May 12

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne 7:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636

Friday, May 13

Little Magic Sam 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne 7:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636
Jim Dan Dee 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Drums and Flats, 1980 Avenue Rd., North York, (647) 347-9474, $15
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto
Fraser Melvin Blues Band 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, May 14

Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Brooke Blackburn – Bentley Collective 7:00 pm, Mandy's Bistro (formerly Old Nick), 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461, Bistro Blues
Kenny 'Blues Boss' Wayne 8:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, $25
Alfie Smith 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Ward IV Coffee & Bar, 1441 Main St E, Hamilton, (905) 808-9273
Tobin Spring Band 8:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion, 21 Veterans Way, Huntsville

Sunday, May 15

Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guests Frank Cosentino & Stan Miczek 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782, Free!
Jim Dan Dee (matinee) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, Album release for "Real Blues", $15
Mike Stevens (matinee) 2:00 pm, Fergus Grand Theatre, 244 St. Andrew St W, Fergus, (519) 787-1981, $35
Mike Sedgewick's Blues Revue 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, May 17

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Friday, May 20

David Vest Band 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, The Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St W, Alliston, 705-435-2828, $45
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, May 21

Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, The Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St W, Alliston, 705-435-2828 $45

Sunday, May 22

Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ Jim Casson, guests The Johnny Max Band 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, 905 892-0782,
Erin McCallum and Teddy Leonard 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, The Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper Street West, Alliston, 705-435-2828, $45
Frank Cosentino Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, May 24

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Thursday, May 26

Digging Roots (new date) 7:00 pm, Paris Presbyterian Church, 164 Grand River St N, Paris, $45

Friday, May 27

Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto, $20
Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, May 28

Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover
Nina Simone: A Tribute Starring Alana Bridgewater 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, St Francis Centre, 78 Church St. S., Ajax, $35
Loco Zydeco, Cheryl Lescom, Chuck Jackson 7:00 pm, Port Credit Legion, 35 Front St, Port Credit,
The Lowdown Dirty Mojos 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $15.00

Sunday, May 29

Red Hot Ramble 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

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Buddy Guy | Massey Hall | Toronto | April 9
Sue Foley Band | Paradise Theatre | Toronto | April 13
Sue Foley Band | Empire Theatre | Belleville | April 14
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Brooke Blackburn | Mandy's Bistro | Toronto | May 14
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