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Congratulations to the 25th Annual Maple Blues Award Winners

Steve Marriner, Sue Foley, and Colin James Sweep Awards

Canadian Blues artists, industry, and fans gathered at Koerner Hall in Toronto to celebrate the return of in-person live music and the 25th annual Maple Blues Awards. Blues fans showed up and cheered on the performers and the winners at the gala event, which was hosted by Ottawa dynamo Angelique Francis and featured incredible performances from the MBA house band The Maple Blues Band, and guest performers Bobby Dean Blackburn, Kat Danser, Sue Foley, Angelique Francis, Crystal Shawanda, and Colin Linden.

The big winner of the night was Steve Marriner, who won four awards including Acoustic Act of the Year (Steve Marriner/ David Gogo), Harmonica Player of the Year, Recording of the Year, and Songwriter of the Year. Other multiple award winners were Colin James, who took home awards for Male Vocalist of the Year and Electric Act of the Year. Sue Foley won awards for Guitarist of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year.

The Maple Blues Awards also honoured up-and-coming artists with the New Artist of the Year award, which went to Hamilton's The Lowdown Dirty Mojos.

This year there was a tie for Blues Booster of the Year award, shared by Kitchener Blues Festival Artistic Director Claude Cloutier and long-time St. John's Newfoundland radio host and champion of Canadian artists, Terry Parsons. Powerful Toronto vocalist Shakura S'Aida was voted in at the Blues With A Feeling category by the blues-loving public for her long and varied career as a powerhouse performer, actress, and mentor.

The evening wrapped up with the popular After Glow party, hosted by Kingston's Miss Emily and featuring winners past and present jamming on the stage.

...and the winners are

Male Vocalist of the Year
Colin James

Female Vocalist of the Year
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Drummer of the Year
Lindsay Beaver

Keyboard Player of the Year
David Vest

New Artist /Group of the Year
The Lowdown Dirty Mojos

Blues Booster of the Year (tied)
Claude Cloutier & Terry Parsons

Acoustic Act of the Year
Steve Marriner/David Gogo

Electric Act of the Year
Colin James

Harmonica Player of the Year
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Horn Player of the Year
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Guitarist of the Year
Sue Foley

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Blues With A Feeling Award (Lifetime Achievement Award)
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2022 Blues Festival Guide

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
SherBlues & Folk July 2-9 Sherbrooke 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 Courtenay BC
Tremblant Intl Blues July 14-16 Mont Tremblant QC
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
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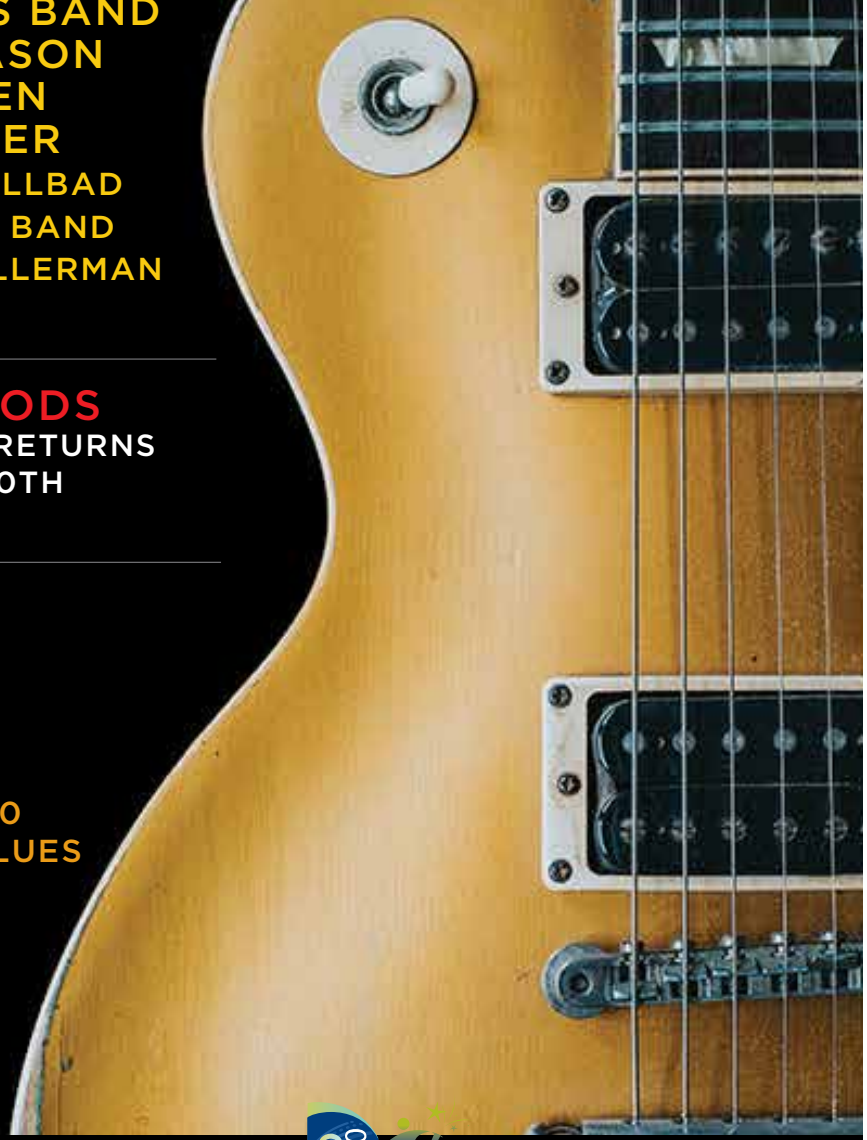

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Steve Strongman *The Strongman Blues Remedy – Volume 1* (Stony Plain) –

Over the course of seven previous albums, Hamilton guitar slinger and singer/songwriter Steve Strongman has steadily climbed the Canadian blues ladder. He's the winner of a Juno (in the 2013 Album of the Year category) and multiple Maple Blues awards, and his signing to Stony Plain/Linus Entertainment in 2020 is further fuelling his career ascent.

This album project, released under the moniker of The Strongman Blues Remedy, is the first fruit of that deal, and it is a mighty tasty one. Strongman has taken a fresh collaborative approach to this recording by inviting some illustrious Canadian blues peers to the party. Contributing guest vocals to five of the ten tunes here are Steve Marriner, Harrison Kennedy, Dawn Tyler Watson, and Crystal Shawanda, while his ace instrumental accompanists are drummer Dave King, keyboardist Jesse O'Brien, and bassist Alec Fraser, who plays on three tracks, with Strongman adding bass on the other seven.

Co-writers with Strongman on the all-original album are Dave King, Rob Szabo (he also mixed the album), Marriner, Watson, and Kennedy, with Strongman taking care of the production. Given the pandemic situation at the time of the album's creation, guest contributions were recorded at studios in Montreal, Nashville, Toronto, and Hamilton, but the resulting songs never sound pieced together.

The first dose of Strongman's blues medicine is "Hard Luck," a Strongman/Szabo co-write. It is an up-tempo romp featuring typically forceful playing and virile vocals from Strongman, and buttressed by lively barrelhouse piano from O'Brien and backing vocals. There's nothing highly original in the sentiments of the lyrics, given that bad luck is a recurring theme in the blues, but this is an energizing album opener.

Next up is "Swansong," a co-write with Marriner and King that showcases more of that beefy guitar sound, neatly accompanied by Marriner's famed harmonica blowing. He and Strongman trade vocal lines and harmonize effectively, resulting in an album highlight.

It is followed by "Fine Young Man," a Strongman/Watson co-write driven by her powerful voice. It is a fun tune with a female take on love and lust - "I'm like a fine wine, getting better with age, I need someone who appreciates." Her list of wants is neatly punctuated by more of that Strongman axemanship, and the result sounds like an airplay contender.

"I Don't Miss You," is a Strongman and Dave King co-write featuring guest vocals from Hamilton soul/blues legend Harrison Kennedy. His soulful voice helps make the tune sound like something you'd have heard on '70s FM radio, and it'd be nice if radio now took notice of its crossover potential.

Kennedy returns on the next cut, "I Like To Ride," a tune he helped Strongman pen in reportedly very spontaneous fashion. It's an up-tempo blues-rock tune whose call and response backing vocals, rollicking piano, blowing harp, and virile guitar make this a treat.

The pace eases up next with "White Lightning," a classic slow blues drinking song featuring some of Strongman's best playing on the record. His solo mid-song brings the various Kings to mind.

Next up is "Tell Me I'm Wrong," another solo Strongman composition. He is joined here by Crystal Shawanda, whose gutsy voice grabs you by the scruff of the neck and reminds us that her transition from country to the blues is a real boost to the genre here. An album highlight.

It is followed by "Getting Stoned," and, after a drinking song, Strongman goes to pot on this solo composition. An acoustic tune, it has an old-time feel, though of course the topic of cannabis consumption is a timely one. Strongman recently told The Hamilton Spectator's Graham Rockingham that it was inspired by the influx of pot shops in the Hammer and that "I wrote that song with the reefer culture of old traditional jazz and blues in mind."

"True To Me," another co-write with Dave King, turns the electricity back on. Anchored by a rock-solid groove (Strongman plays the bass here), it features freewheeling harmonica, a nice touch of slide, and a strong vocal performance.

Rounding out the album is "Love Comin' Down," a solo composition with a full-blooded guitar sound a mite suggestive of Stevie Ray Vaughan.

This well-crafted and diverse collection confirms the value of well-curated collaborations, and we look forward to a second dose of the Strongman blues remedy. (*Kerry Doole*)

The Hogtown Allstars *Hog Wild* (Stony Plain)

The Hogtown Allstars is not just a group of musicians all having a high level of performance in their field, in effect a musical All Star team. They are all well established artists in their own right, with a musical pedigree that some players could only dream of having. Each player in this band is an award winner that represents the finest in his chosen instrument.

Consisting of some of the finest blues players in the world, a collaborative venture that was started in 2013, the Hogtown boys are ready to take it to the next level. Their debut CD, *Hog Wild*, is a collection of beautifully crafted tunes, including 8 originals and 2 covers, released through Stony Plain Records.

Featuring Downchild alums Chuck Jackson, Pat Carey, Gary Kendall, Jim Casson, and Tyler Yarema, along with Maple Blues Band mainstay's Teddy Leonard and Howard Moore, this 7 piece powerhouse of a band is sure to send ripples through the entire Canadian blues scene.

The album opens with *Mr. Lucky*, a fun filled, fast paced cut with layer upon layer of incredible performances. In my case, my ear is immediately drawn to the phat sound of the horn section, a powerful vehicle for the tune. Add the magnificent keys, bright and vibrant harmonies, with Chuck Jackson's wonderfully quirky delivery, you have the perfect opener, building the anticipation for what is to come.

You don't have to wait long, as up next is the cool groove of the title track. This smoky swampy romp has life of it's own. This cut is infectious! As you listen, you cannot help but

find yourself movin' with the groovin', instant joy in musical form.

The third cut is *Real Good Night*, an end of the evening tribute to the good times to be had in your favorite joint, now that they are re-opened in the post Pandemic world. By now, you have to be captured by the rich, lush sound of this album. There's nothing overpowering, nothing blaring or ear shattering. Every instrument, every voice, every beat is on que and expertly done.

Up next, *I Just Think of You*, a soulful blues with hints of that Motown sound, it speaks to the heart. Every second of this song is a pure delight, in the vein of great classics like "The Way You Do The Things You Do".

The fifth cut on the album is a classy ballad about finding your true love, with a sweetness about it. The blues undertones are still there, as they meet "in a Smoky Old Bar", dance to the music from the Juke Box and then head off together into the night. Chuck Jackson's delivery is magical, and Teddy Leonard's guitar is subtly perfect.

Subway Casanova is up next, a funky little groove, quirky with a touch of charm. Teddy, Gary and Jim hold down the fort with a groove as solid as hell! The kind of cut you just lean back in your chair, sip your beer and smile all the way through. A sonic tonic for the soul.

The seventh cut on the album, *The Sad One*, is anything but sad. A toe tapper with wonderful harmony and distinctive rhythm, short, sweet and to the point. Pat Carey's wonderful sax help carry the tune, with a bright and lively B3 Solo from Tyler Yarema.

Next is *Biscuits and Beans,* a beautifully stripped down offering that brings the blues firmly back into focus. Something that might sound perfectly at home on a back porch in the Mississippi delta.

The ninth track is *She's Got the Stuff*, another quirky little romp, with a killer rhythm section, Gary Kendall and Jim Casson at their very best. The harmony stings a wonderful counterpoint to Chuck's delightful lyrical delivery, and Teddy's guitar is a great display of how to build tension in a guitar solo.

The album closes with *I Ain't Lyin'*, the perfect ending to a musical romp that will leave your ears loving what they have heard, and your heart longing for more.

The Hogtown Allstars have a winner on their hands. Let's face it, when you take the best of the best, the expectations are high! The Hogtown Allstars certainly do not disappoint. *Hog Wild* is a treat for the ears, from start to finish.

Can't wait to see what they come up with next! (*Terry Parsons*)

RIP ***Big Rude Jake.*** *Jake Hiebert, a larger-than-life musician about town known as Big Rude Jake poked in and out of the local blues scene while creating an international reputation as a neo-swing interpreter and all around entertainer. Many local bluesicians found themselves on stage with Jake and his name came up many times at the Blues Summit and the Maple Blues Awards gala last week-end. He died of cancer at the age of 57 on June 16, 2022. Touring clubs and bars in Canada and around the world, Big Rude Jake became known for his blend of jazz, blues, swing, ragtime, rockabilly and Cajun music along with his poetry, irony and sense of humour. During Hiebert's battle with cancer, the Toronto music community rallied to host Jake Fest, a concert featuring more than 20 musicians. The sold-out event in June raised more than $10,000 to support him and his wife, Anna-Lisa, and his seven-year-old daughter, Hope. A GoFundMe campaign continues to raise money for Hiebert's family.*

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This month's recommended listening by Brant Zwicker, host/ executive producer of At the Crossroads syndicated blues radio. Website: atcblues.ca

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*Ottawa's **Angelique Francis** fulfilled her hosting duties at the Maple Blues Awards with great style and professionalism, then pulled out her doghouse bass and invited her sisters to join in with the Maple Blues Band for a rousing number. Photo by Greg King*

Wednesday, June 29

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
The Freakin Band w/ Chuck Jackson 7:00 pm, The Beacon Restaurant – Wasaga, 146 45th St N, Wasaga Beach, (705) 429-4433
TD Toronto Jazz – Michael Kaeshammer 8:00 pm, RCM Koerner Hall, 273 Bloor St. W., Toronto, 416-408-0208, $53
Martin Barre-50 Years of Jethro Tull 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Uxbridge Music Hall, 16 Main St S., Uxbridge, Guitarist Martin Barre w/ Tull band member Clive Bunker - tour supported by "50 years of Tull" album released worldwide., $100
Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Wednesday Blues feat. Tim Gibbons 8:00 pm, Bobby O'Briens, 125 King St W., Kitchener, 519-743-5657
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori, Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, June 30

TD Toronto Jazz – Red Hot Ramble, Bywater Call, Big Smoke Brass 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, TD Stage Yorkville, Festival Village, Toronto
John Mckinley Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, $10
Fraser Melvin Duo 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Vela Restaurant, 90 Portland St., Toronto
Glenn Marais 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Town Park Aurora, Aurora
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Friday, July 1

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Jack de Keyzer 8:30 pm, Victoria Fields Park, Whitby, Town of Whitby Canada Day celebrations

Saturday, July 2

Suzie Vinnick solo 12:00 pm, Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering
Sean Pinchin 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto
Blues on the Battlefield: Jerome Godboo, Vanessa Collier, Jack de Keyzer, and more 2:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Battle of Beaverdams Park, Thorold, Free
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
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Alfie Smith 8:00 pm, Ward IV Coffee & Bar, 1441 Main St E, Hamilton, (905) 808-9273
Sugar Brown 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000, w/ Nichol Robertson, Victor Bateman and Glenn Anderson., free!
Jesse Whiteley 9:00 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804

Sunday, July 3

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Crowbar 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, $20
Jive Bombers 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469
Fraser Melvin Band w/ Jenie Thai Band (matinee) 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Harbourfront Stage, 235 Queens Quay W., Toronto
Little Magic Sam 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Jerome Tucker Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Monday, July 4

Union Summer noon hour series: Jack de Keyzer 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Tuesday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 6

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Shore Grill and Grotto, 71 Lakeshore Blvd E, Mississauga
Shewolves of London 8:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $20
Emily Burgess & The Emburys 8:00 pm, Bobby O'Briens, 125 King St W., Kitchener, 519-743-5657

Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054
Heather Luckhart's Blues Jam 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Mandy's Bistro, 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461, Signup 8-9pm, music 9 onward… all are welcome!, PWYC
The Sidemen 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville
Action Sound Band w/ Leo Valvassori, Eric Schenkman 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000
Robert Davis Duo 9:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto

Thursday, July 7

LMT Connection 8:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $15

Friday, July 8

Little Magic Sam 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636
Fraser Melvin Blues Band 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, July 9

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
Garnetta & Dagroovmasters 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Gator At The Norfolk, 200 Main St, Port Dover
Carlos del Junco and The Blues Mongrels 7:00 pm, Headwaters Farm, 3517 Rowe Rd, Cobourg
Morgan Davis 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville
Muddy York Blues Machine 9:00 pm, C'est What, 67 Front St. E., Toronto

Sunday, July 10

Garnetta & DaGroovMasters (matinee) 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947
Ghost Town Blues Band (matinee) 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Club Belvedere, 57 John St., Thorold, $20
Weber Brothers Band 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, $20
Morgan Davis 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
The Legendary Castaways 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Monday, July 11

Union Summer noon hour series: Sugar Brown 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13

Shewolves of London 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, The Station – Collingwood Museum, 45 St. Paul Street, Collingwood
Jack de Keyzer 6:00 pm, Royal Botanical Gardens Burlington, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington, $22
Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 11:00 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, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, July 14

Mike Daley and Alison Young 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, $10

Stony Plain recording artists, The Hogtown Allstars will be showcasing their Hog Wild recording at the following shows: July 28th at The Fonthill Bandshell, Fonthill, July 30th at Sam`s Place, Prince Edward County, Aug.13th at The Northumberland Ribfest & Music Festival, Cobourg and Sept.8th at Tim Horton`s Southside Shuffle, Port Credit. More info at www.hogtownallstars.com

Friday, July 15

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Brooks & Bowskill w/ The Hometown Beauts 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Bent Anchor Bar, 39402B Combermere Rd., Combermere, (613)869-8159, , $25

Saturday, July 16

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
Beaches Jazz: Johnny Rawls & The Maple Blues Band, My Son the Hurricane, and more… 3:00 pm, Woodbine Park, 1695 Queen St E, Toronto
Luke and the Apostles 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808
Shakura S'Aida 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, Prince Edward County
Terry Gillespie and Crystal 8:00 pm, Mr. Delicious By The Beach, 893 Bayly St, Pickering
Joshua Arden Miller and Pappy Johns Band 8:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, $10
Blues Hearts 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Knights Arms Pub & Grill, 16925 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON, 905-235-3300, www.blueshearts.net
Jack de Keyzer w/ Nick Succi 8:30 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223
Garnetta & Dagroovmasters 10:00 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Sunday, July 17

Johnny Max Band 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, $20
Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Brooks & Bowskill w/ The Hometown Beauts 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton, $30
Mike Sedgewick's Blues Revue 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130
Julian Taylor 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Westben Performing Arts Theatre, 6698 County Road 30 North, Campbellford, 1-705-653-5508, $50

Monday, July 18

Paul Wootton (from The Lowdown Dirty Mojos) 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Jackson Square, 2 King St W., Hamilton
Union Summer noon hour series: Jenie Thai 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Tuesday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 20

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 11:00 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, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, July 21

Angelique Francis Band 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 3030 Dundas Street West, Toronto, 10.91 – 27.27

Friday, July 22

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Taphouse, 34 Mill St, Orangeville
Miss Emily 8:00 pm, The Hayloft Dancehall, 344 Salmon Pt. Rd, Prince Edward County, $45.65

Saturday, July 23

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
Garnetta & Dagroovmasters 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Pub Fiction, 1242 Garner Rd W, Ancaster
Blues Brothers Tribute 8:00 pm, Gayety Theatre, 161 Hurontario St., Collingwood, $50
Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Black Bear Pub, 1125 O'Connor Drive, Toronto, 416-752-5182
Monkey House 9:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Sun Life UpTown Waterloo Jazz Festival - 100 Regina St, Waterloo, Ontario - Admistion is FREE, Free

Sunday, July 24

Beaches Jazz: Bywater Call, Shuffle Demons, Larnell Lewis and more 1:30 pm, Woodbine Park, 1695 Queen St E, Toronto
Glenn Marais Band 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, $20
Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754
Frank Cosentino Band 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, July 26

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Emily Burgess (duo) 7:00 pm, Elmhirst Resort, Keene

Wednesday, July 27

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 11:00 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, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Thursday, July 28

The Hogtown Allstars 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Fonthill Bandshell, 20 Peltham, Fonthill, free
Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar 8:30 pm, Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St W., Toronto, $25

Friday, July 29

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Matt Weidinger Trio 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

*Blues greats **Harrison Kennedy** and **Bobby Dean Blackburn** congratulate **David Vest** on his Keyboard Player of the Year award at the Maple Blues Awards gala. Photo by Nick Harding*

Saturday, July 30

Sean Pinchin 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Stonehooker Brewing, 866 Lakeshore Road E, Mississauga, 289.847.5000
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
Suzie Vinnick 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton
Harrison Kennedy 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, Prince Edward County
The Hogtown Allstars 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Sam's Place – Prince Edward County, 3038 County Rd 3, Carrying Place, PEC, Free Parking, BYOB $40.00

Sunday, July 31

Brant Parker 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Bywater Call 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, $20
Red Hot Ramble 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469
Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Monday, August 1

Union Summer noon hour series: Harrison Kennedy 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Wednesday, August 3

Heather Luckhart's Blues Jam 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Mandy's Bistro, 123 Danforth (at Broadview), Toronto, 416-519-4461, Signup 8-9pm, music 9 onward… all are welcome!, PWYC

Thursday, August 4

Jesse Whiteley 6:00 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804
Matt Andersen 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Alton Mill Art Centre, 1402 Queen St W., Alton
The Vaudevillian 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, $15

Friday, August 5

Matt Andersen 8:00 pm, Jackson-Triggs Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Saturday, August 6

Swingin' Blackjacks 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering

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
Johnny Max Band 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, Prince Edward County
Paul Reddick 7:00 pm, The Great Escape Bookstore, 957 Kingston Rd, Toronto, (416) 691-7150

Sunday, August 7

Crystal Shawanda 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972
Jive Bombers 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Tuesday, August 9

Albert Lee 8:00 pm, Paradise Theatre, 1006 Bloor St W., 416-306-8134, $50

Wednesday, August 10

Spencer Mackenzie 6:00 pm, Royal Botanical Gardens Burlington, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington, $22

Friday, August 12

Fraser Melvin Blues Band 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, August 13

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
Paul James Band 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, PE County
The Hogtown Allstars 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Victoria Park Bandshell 55 Queen St. Cobourg ON, Northumberland Ribfest & Music Festival, free
Durham County Poets 8:00 pm, 3030 Dundas, 3030 Dundas St. W., Toronto, 416-769-5736
Philip Sayce 8:00 pm, Muskoka Discovery Centre, Gravenhurst, $140

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Sunday, August 14

Carlos del Junco and The Blues Mongrels 3:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972
Paul Coombs Blues Band w/ Sugar Brown 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10

Saturday, August 20

Sean Pinchin 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto
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
Paul Reddick 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, PEC

Monday, August 22

Union Summer noon hour series: Angelique Francis 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Wednesday, August 24

The Lowdown Dirty Mojos 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Gore Park, 1 Hughson St S., Hamilton, Ontario
Robert Davis Duo 9:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto

Thursday, August 25

Lachy Doley Trio 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $25

Friday, August 26

The Dirty Blues Band 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Saturday, August 27

Jack de Keyzer 7:00 pm, Hillier Creek Estates Winery, 46 Stapleton Rd, PE County

Sunday, August 28

Brant Parker 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, $10
Red Hot Ramble 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Friday, September 2

Emily Burgess & The Emburys 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Saturday, September 3

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY
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

EVERY WEDNESDAY
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, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

EVERY FRIDAY
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

EVERY SATURDAY
Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob Gusevs, 3:00 pm, Outrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto, 647-748-2232, No Cover

Concerts of Note

Michael Kaeshammer | RCM Koerner Hall | Toronto | June 29

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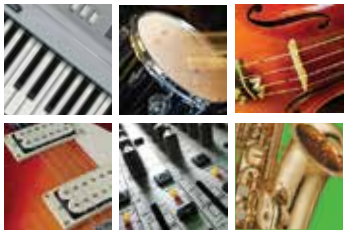
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Camilo Restrepo: Camilo's repertoire ranges from classic Robert Johnson to the more obscure predecessors of the genre, while stopping to salute folk masters such as Dave Van Ronk and Doc Watson. Camilo's rendition of classic tunes are meticulously respectful of original recordings while inevitably conveying his personal sensitivities.

Garnetta & Dagroovmasters, based in Hamilton Ontario, is a high energy Blues, Classic Soul & Funk band that are a reflection of Canada's multicultural society. Their upbeat music brings pure joy to their listeners and spreads their contagious & cheerful sounds throughout their live performances! Vocalist Garnetta Cromwell is a powerhouse performer with roots in Gospel, Blues, Country, and Soul music.

Jim Dan Dee is not a typical Blues band - a dose of Motown and gritty Rock & Roll keeps listeners' heart pumping. Front-person Jim Stefanuk is like a man possessed, his soulful voice juxtaposed against cutting guitar tones. Tying the melodies together is the saxophone of Bobby Sewerynek. The back-beat is held down by Justin Goran's bass and Shawn Royal's solid meter and groove.

Marcus Trummer's bluesy guitar playing, soulful vocals, and down-to-earth songwriting is a modern yet familiar take on the sounds of past decades. He was dubbed "a precocious guitarist whose vocals possess a wise-beyond-his-years weariness" by the Calgary Herald. His soon to be released debut solo offering taps into a reflective sound, while remaining true to his blues, soul, rock & roll, and Americana influences.

Shakey Trill is a gutsy blues/folk duo from Saugeen Shores. "Shakey" was a nickname given to guitarist/vocalist Mike MacDonald because of his jittery hands. Harmonica player/ vocalist Tyler Pantlin adds the "Trill": the sound of notes being played rapidly back and forth. In 2019 the duo participated at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis Tennessee, making it into the final top 8 spots in the solo/duo category. In 2022 they released their debut album.

Tyler Wilson is a gifted singer and guitarist from Brantford Ontario. He brings a wild twangy telecaster vibe to his music. Tyler has performed with numerous bands and has opened for artists like The Trews, Theory of a Deadman, and even reggae star Beanie Man! You'll love his seasoned playing as much as his enthusiasm and humour while performing.

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