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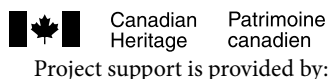
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Morgan Davis

A Lifelong Student of the Blues

“Anything I want to say I can say with the Blues.” - Morgan Davis

Originally from Detroit, Michigan Morgan Davis grew up listening to a rich diversity of music; everything from rock and roll to Motown. In 1962 his family relocated to California where he discovered artists like Blind Lemon Jefferson, The Doors and Electric Flag. He started playing guitar at 16.

After graduating from high school, he became involved in the anti-Vietnam movement and to avoid being drafted, moved to Canada. He arrived in Toronto in 1968. The “times were a changing”, especially musically. There was a resurgence of interest in the Blues. American Blues musicians embraced this young, new, attentive audience by often coming to Toronto to play. There were at least 40 clubs & coffee houses in the area that had live music every night. According to Davis, his musical career started when he moved into Rochdale College in Yorkville, then a mecca for artists. He says he paid \$14/month for a closet there. Then, Toronto Star described Yorkville as a place where there was “an explosion of youthful literary & musical talent who were appearing on small stages in smokey coffee houses next to edgy art galleries & funky fashion boutiques.” This environment gave him ample opportunity to meet, listen & jam with some of the best Blues artists of the time, from John Hammond to Son House to Muddy Waters & Junior Wells. He joined a local band called “The Rhythm Rockets” & soon after, started his own Blues band called “The Knights of the Mystic Sea.” His first big gig was in the upstairs room at the legendary “El Mocambo” in 1974. He began to tour. Eventually travelling across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. He would play hundreds of shows in any given year. He honed his art & developed his own style. This style reflected a deep understanding of the Blues. He tapped into Delta, Texas & Chicago Blues but also paid homage to traditional & country blues. Over his 5-decade career he has opened for and performed with the likes of Albert King, Muddy Waters and Sunnyland Slim, just to name a few. In 1984, one of the highlights of his life was the week he and his band backed up the legendary Hubert Sumlin at Toronto’s Pine Tree Tavern. Sumlin, lead guitarist for Howlin’ Wolf is still revered by Morgan.

In those days, Davis says, you would play six-nights from Monday to Saturday, and a Saturday matinee.

His lifetime of music has garnered him accolades that run long and deep. He has received multiple Maple Blues Awards including “Song Writer of the Year” “Male Vocalist of the Year” and “Producer of the Year”. In 1988 Colin James’s smoking version of Morgan’s song, “Why’d You Lie” was a hit for Colin James and featured on his self-titled debut album. In 2004, Morgan won a Juno award for “Blues album of the year” for his release, *Painkiller*.

For the last 20 years he has made his home in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. But nothing, other than Covid, has stopped him from touring, not even after 50 years! In some ways, his life of playing blues has meant he has had to swim upstream, away from the trends of the day-and by extension, broader success. “Blues guys rarely get rich & famous”. He says this without bitterness. “I consider myself incredibly lucky & successful at what I do: I manage to make my living playing music & I’ve always been able to play the music I love.” Davis rarely has time to ask, “what if?” as he is too busy touring & recording. There have been times over

the decades though that he has had to gain attention by whatever means necessary. To drum up attendance one year at a New Year’s Eve show in New Orleans, he made a meal of red beans & rice. “I made red beans & rice for 80 people for that gig; somehow, I heated & served them all up and played 3 sets.” Today, his soulful guitar playing and his distinctive vocal style still resonate with audiences and critics alike. On stage Davis carves out a space between entertainer, music professor and skilled master of his craft. His sense of fun coupled with his love of the blues & great song writing is what makes Davis a blues legend today. Although he is uncomfortable with that label. “I know who the legends are; I’m just a lifelong Student of the Blues”

His 2023 tour started in Halifax, and he has been playing to clubs throughout all of Ontario since May. He is at the Paisley Blues Festival on June 2nd, Castro’s in Toronto on June 11th, the R.C.H.A. club in Kingston on June 15th, and The Cove in Westport on June 22nd. A detailed listing can be found on his excellent website <https://morgandavis.com>.

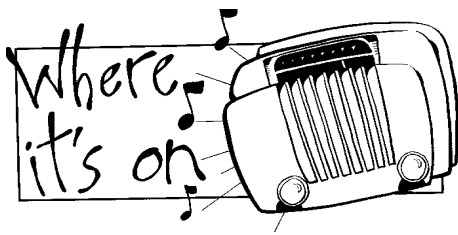
- Georgina Lynn Boucher



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

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- Selwyn Birchwood *Exorcist* Alligator
- Joanna Connor *Best of Me* Gulf Coast
- *JW-Jones *Everything Now* Stony Plain
- Mike Welch *Nothing But Time* Gulf Coast
- Samantha Fish & Jesse Dayton *Death Wish Blues* Rounder
- Tony Holiday *Hotel Mississippi* Forty Below
- Gov’t Mule *Peace...Like A River* Fantasy
- Boo Boo Davis *Boo Boo Boogaloo* Blue Lotus
- *Shakura S’Aida *Hold On to Love* Independent
- Eric Bibb *Ridin’* Stony Plain
- *The Maple Blues Band *Let’s Go* Cordova Bay
- Dr. John *Solo Piano: Live In New Orleans 1984* Tipitina’s Record Club
- *The Soul Motivators *Do It Together* Do Right Music
- The Cash Box Kings *Oscar’s Motel* Alligator
- Joe Louis Walker *Weight of the World* Forty Below
- John Mayall *The Sun Is Shining Down* Forty Below
- Taj Mahal *Savoy* Stony Plain
- Savoy Brown *Blues All Around* Quarto Valley
- Angela Strehli *Ace of Blues* Antone’s
- *Steve Hill *Dear Illusion* No Label

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Shuffle Honoured: The Southside Shuffle has just received the 2023 Creative City Business Award from the Mississauga Board of Trade. Nice to see that kind of community support for a blues festival.

Mako Funasaka's Talkin' Blues has just posted their latest episode – an interview with New Orleans journeyman guitarist John Fohl who was at Dr John's side pretty well every time he played Toronto. John has a long resume as a sideman but also performs as a solo artist in small clubs in his home town. Check out talkin blues at <https://talkinblues.podbean.com/>

JW on the Road: After winning Best Guitarist at the 2020 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, prolific blues singer/guitarist **JW-Jones** started working on his 12th CD, *Everything Now*, and it was finally released on May 26. Produced by **Gordie Johnson** (Big Sugar), the all-original project features guest turns from **Jimmie Vaughan, The Texas Horns, and Johnson**. Jones is supporting the release with multiple Canadian festival appearances over the next six weeks. See the complete itinerary at www.jw-jones.com

Blues on the Rideau: Choose The Blues Productions has announced their first ever 1000 Islands Blues Cruise on June 20, 2023 – a 3 hour evening cruise through the magnificent 1000 Islands combined with a deluxe buffet Dinner and Show featuring boogie-woogie piano legend **Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne** and his band. Cruise + Dinner + Show is \$200 (+ HST), Cruise + Show-Only is \$140 (+ HST). Proceeds go to support the Kingston Food Bank. The event takes place on the Island Queen, the unique 3 decker Mississippi style riverboat operated by Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises. During the Cruise a delicious full course chicken & rib buffet dinner will be served followed by the Show and dancing with a short intermission to hand out Door Prizes and present the donation cheque to the Food Bank. Choose The Blues Productions continues their series at The Cove Inn, Westport Ontario with 3 Dinner & Show evenings – July 13 **Steve Strongman Band**, August 10 **Monkeyjunk** and September 3 **Miss Emily**, three of Canada's most popular Blues bands. These will be Rain or Shine events - if the weather is bad they move indoors. More details at www.ChooseTheBlues.ca

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Blues Awards: The 44th edition of the BMA honors were held last month at the Renasant Convention Center in Downtown Memphis. Buddy Guy, Albert Castiglia, John Németh, Christone “Kingfish” Ingram and Charlie Musselwhite were among the winners. Sue Foley took home the Koko Taylor Award for Traditional Blues Female Artist. Buddy Guy’s *The Blues Don’t Lie* won for Album of the Year and Contemporary Blues Album, while Castiglia’s “I Got Love” won for Blues Rock Album. Castiglia also took home the prize as top Blues Rock Artist.

Tommy Castro won the coveted B.B. King Entertainer of the Year Award for the second year in a row and Laura Chavez, earned top Instrumentalist in the Guitar category. Junior Kimbrough and blues scholar Dr. David Evans were inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame. Here is the complete list of the 2023 Blues Music Awards Winners



Glenn Marais and the Mojo Train will be representing the Grand River Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. A full house at Stonewall’s in Hamilton helped contribute to the travel expenses to Memphis. The band is: Glenn Marais - Guitar & Vocals, Manny DeGrandis - Bass/Vocals, Jesse Kurwat - Keyboard/Vocals and Jeff Saulnier - Drums/ Vocals



2023 Blues Music Awards Winners

Acoustic Blues Album: Charlie Musselwhite, “Mississippi Son”

Acoustic Blues Artist: Doug MacLeod

Album of the Year: Buddy Guy, “The Blues Don’t Lie”

B.B. King Entertainer of the Year: Tommy Castro

Band of the Year: Tedeschi Trucks Band

Best Emerging Artist Album: Dylan Triplett, “Who Is He?”

Blues Rock Album: Albert Castiglia, “I Got Love”

Contemporary Blues Album: Buddy Guy, “The Blues Don’t Lie”

Contemporary Blues Female Artist: Ruthie Foster

Contemporary Blues Male Artist: Christone “Kingfish” Ingram

Instrumentalist – Bass: Danielle Nicole

Instrumentalist – Drums: Kenny “Beedy Eyes” Smith

Instrumentalist – Guitar: Laura Chavez

Instrumentalist – Harmonica: John Németh

Instrumentalist – Horn: Deanna Bogart

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Instrumentalist – Vocals: Shemekia Copeland

Song of the Year: “Don’t Lie” written by Tom Hambridge

Soul Blues Album: Sugaray Rayford, “In Too Deep”

Soul Blues Female Artist: Thornetta Davis

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Traditional Blues Album: John Németh, “May be the Last Time”

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A Story of Music, Love and the Blues

by Georgina Lynn Boucher

The Toronto Blues Society has just completed a strategic planning process where board members and members of the Musicians Advisory Committee have been getting together to discuss the organization's identity and help shape the path forward. It seems like a good time to look at how other blues societies operate and TBS member Lynn Boucher has offered to give us a little history on the Kingston Blues Society. We hope in future editions we can tell the stories of all the great blues societies who are keeping the blues alive in Canada.

The Kingston Blues Society officially became a nonprofit in 2006 but its origins go back much further. It evolved from a friendship of two Kingston, Ont. couples who shared the same passion- a love of live music. Pamela and Bruce Boucher/Susan and Frank Warnica first met when their daughters attended the same elementary school. This social connection opened the door to a deep friendship based on a shared love of the Blues. The foursome started to go to live music all over Ontario and beyond.

One night Bruce and Frank were standing in line to see Johnny Winter in Kingston when Frank said how much better it would be if they could see similar shows at home. "If only there was a way to book the bands ourselves" he mused. Bruce replied "Hey, I can book the bands". Bruce had booked live music all through high school, and not just local bands: artists like Murray McLauglin and Mike and Suzie Quatro. They forged a plan with their loving wives to bring local, national and international Blues artists to Kingston. They had full time jobs and families to raise but they were ready to take this on.

They were the ideal composite to make this lofty goal work; Pamela had bookkeeping skills; Susan had management and banking; Frank and

Bruce would book the shows and take care of everything else. They formed the Kingston Blues Society. Jack de Keyzer offered to do their first show. Frank recalls that they were so concerned about getting the word out, they plastered posters on their back car windows and drove around town! They had no need to worry. The show sold out and was a huge success! Their love of Blues had started them on their journey.

They agreed that paying the bands would be their first priority and that they would never take a penny for themselves. They wanted to begin with a Blues Jam night. They approached every live music club in Kingston only to be rejected. Finally, the R.C.H.A. Club (the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery) tentatively agreed.

"Blues Societies are the life blood that helps keep the Blues alive and thriving. I have been fortunate to play every year for the Kingston Blues Society since it began in 2006, including playing their very first show. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such a wonderful group of blues loving people." Jack de Keyzer

This historic building was already a nonprofit and on the downtown waterfront. And it came with a bar and a good sound system. They held their first Blues Jam there hosted by local teenagers "Mojo Shooter". That continued for 8 years. Their bigger ticket shows continued too, but over time they realized that these larger venues were only sustainable on an occasional basis.

They decided to focus on the RCHA club as the right venue for their membership to grow. The venue is small- it only holds 80 people- but they believed that the intimate nature of the club would attract the approval of musicians and audiences alike. Since then, KBS Blues shows have become the backbone of the RCHA Club. Many blues artists from across Canada have played here. Most musicians love the intimacy of the place! They have also attracted bands from around the world like Wellbad from Germany and Black Diamond Express from Scotland, and for some of their shows in larger halls: Johnny Winter, Big Bill Morganfield and Coco Montoya from the U.S., just to name a few.

There have been many highlights and few missteps. One highlight for Bruce was at the RCHA Club when Victor Wainright decided to set up his piano in the middle of the room asking the crowd to form a circle around him. A Tour de Force in a kitchen party setting! He was a sensation!

For Susan, the most precious of nights was at their 15th Anniversary Show. Pamela's health was failing but she was determined to go. Jack de Keyzer was performing as he was their first KBS artist. Susan mentioned Pam to Jack and he asked if there was a song he might play for her. Pam and Susan shared a love of Stevie Wonder's "Superstition." It was not a blues song nor a usual one in his repertoire. He said very little about her suggestion and Susan forgot about it. Pam arrived at the club in her wheelchair with her children beside her. Jack not only opened the set with "Superstition" but left the stage with some of the band, surrounding Pam and Susan to give them a personal performance. Amidst the hugs; love, tears and the Blues flowed.

In seventeen years, the remaining three founding members have never lost their passion for the Blues. They feel good about helping to bring quality musicianship to an intimate local club for highly enthusiastic audiences. They believe that they have met their mandate of supporting young and local talent.

If there have been any surprises, it's not only the longevity of their friendship but also how many new friendships have been forged between Blues Society members. It has helped to create a community unlike any other. A community inspired by live music and supported by a local society rich with love for the Blues.

KBS continues to bring high-caliber live music to their hometown.

Coming soon to the RCHA Club:

June 15th- Canadian legend, Morgan Davis

July 30th- from Memphis, the Ghost Town Blues Band

August 6th- from Denmark, Thorbjorn Risager and the Black Tornado.

Details can be found on the Kingston Blues Society webpage.

Dedicated to Pamela Boucher (August 5th/64-Sept. 17th/ 22) co-founder of the Kingston Blues Society

ALBUM REVIEWS



Tony Holiday *Motel Mississippi* Forty Below

With a cohort of like-minded musicians, vocalist and harmonica player Tony Holiday has been shaking up the blues scene in Memphis since his move there from Salt Lake City in 2017. In *Motel Mississippi*, his

second solo album, he called on guitarists A.J. Fullerton (who had a hand in writing all the original material) and Dave Gross to co-produce the CD, which was recorded in Mississippi. Paired with his skilfulness on the harp, Holiday's vocals have a mellow, retro touch, gliding across the lyrics with finesse. All but two tracks are originals; each song is influenced by such styles as Delta blues, Memphis soul, Hill Country blues and Cajun music.

The first track, "Rob & Steal," written by Mississippi bluesman Paul "Wine" Jones, is a swampy, hypnotic number that highlights Holiday's resonant vocals, while the heaviness of the rhythm, saturated with organ, contrasts with a delicate guitar solo dancing above. His command of the harmonica is evident in "Get By," a buoyant song reverberating with impassioned harp countered by guitar. "Trouble," co-written by Holiday, also includes rousing harp and guitar, with Victor Wainwright adding a dash of wah-wah on the clavinet. Then "She's So Cold" is somewhat trancelike, as Holiday sings of a woman who's uninterested in their relationship while he remains enticed.

Jake Friel takes up the harmonica in the lively "Just As Gone" in an effective call and response to Holiday's silken vocals, accentuated with tasteful slide guitar. His voice is at its best in "Nobody But You," written by Delta singer and guitarist Asie Payton. The smooth, laid-back quality of Holiday's vocals continues in "You Know Who I Am," emphasized by slide-guitar embellishments. Then in "Yazoo River," an unexpected but splendid conclusion co-written by Holiday, he and Friel face off in an instrumental Cajun-spiced harmonica duel. The rich interplay of their harps is an exquisite musical conversation, leaving the listener yearning for more.

In *Motel Mississippi*, Tony Holiday showcases the appealing fluidity and ease of his vocals, offset by a dynamic performance on the harmonica. With a nod to the past, he gives us hope in a solid future for the blues.

—Sandra B. Tooze

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Festival Fever picks up

Former Quinte Arts Council Executive Director Carol Feeney and local musician Tony Vani are the brains behind a new blues festival landing in Belleville on the September 7-9 weekend. On June 22 their official announcement on the running of the Downtown Blues Festival will drop, but word is that Jack de Keyzer is headlining the event. Watch this space for news.

The Beaches Jazz Festival in Toronto spreads across 4 week-ends in July and is offering more blues than in recent years. The first week-end, Sounds of Leslieville at Jimmie Simpson Park has Quincy Bullen on July 8 and Jerome Tucker on July 9. The second week-end is all Salsa then the Main Stage at Woodbine Park will feature Spencer Mackenzie and Jay Douglas on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday the 29th provides non stop blues starting at 3pm with James Anthony, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne and Dawn Tyler Watson. The Streetfest (July 27-28-29) has the aforementioned Jerome Tucker and Quincy Bullen as well as Little Magic Sam, the Blackboard Blues Band and streetfest stalwarts, Blue Room. <http://beachesjazz.com>

There were some grumblings from blues fans in Quebec that two of the premiere festivals had a dearth of the big blues names that folks have come to expect. The Mont Tremblant Blues Festival (July 12-16) has Sugaray Rayford and Southern Avenue but it's mostly Quebec artists. Some of the usual suspects from our neck of the woods include Steve Marriner, Jack de Keyzer, Johnny Max and Spencer Mackenzie. One headliner locals and tourists will definitely be happy to see is Harry Manx. More info at <https://blues.tremblant.ca/en>.

The Montreal Jazz Festival (June 29-July 8) is also short on high-profile blues artists. They're bringing in Christone Kingfish Ingram from the States but featuring mostly Canadian blues attractions like Harry Manx, Kenny 'Blues Boss' Wayne, Blue Moon Marquee, Blackburn, Dawn Tyler Watson, Mike Goudreau, Steve Hill and a little nod to "world blues" with Vieux Farka Touré. <https://www.montrealjazzfest.com>

Our own Toronto Jazz Festival (June 23-July 2) is kinda short on blues content too, but there are a few highlights starting with the TBS Talent Search Finals on June 25th, last year's Talent Search winners Garnetta & DaGroovmasters on June 30 and west coast blues sensation Blue Moon Marquee on the 28th. www.tojazz.com



Countdown for the summer 2023 has started and Blues festivals from coast to coast started to reveal their exciting lineups! Save the date for these upcoming Blues festivals:

June

Paisley Blues Festival | June 2-4 | Paisley, ON
Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival | June 2-4 | Orangeville, ON
Pender Harbour Blues Festival | June 2-4 | Pender Harbour, BC
Beaumont Blues and Roots | June 16-17 | Beaumont, AB
Edmundston Blues Festival | June 15-17 | Edmundston, NB
Stratford Blues & Ribfest | June 16-18 | Stratford, ON
Toronto Jazz Festival | June 23-July 2 | Toronto, ON
Vancouver Jazz Festival | June 23-July 2 | Vancouver BC
Toronto BluesFest | June 24 | Toronto ON
Montreal Jazz Festival | June 29-July 8 | Montreal QC

July

Ottawa Bluesfest | July 6-16 | LeBreton Flats, Ottawa, ON
Tremblant International Blues Festival | July 12-16 | Mont-Tremblant
Beaches International Jazz Festival | July 6-30 | Toronto, ON
Lighthouse Blues Festival | July 14-16 | Kincardine ON
Vancouver Island Musicfest | July 14-16 | Courtenay, BC
Festival Blues D'la Baie Petit-Rocher | July 27-29 | Petit-Rocher, NB

August

Donnacona Blues Festival | Aug 2-6 | Donnacona QC
Calgary Blues Festival | Aug 3-6 | Calgary AB
TD Kitchener Blues Festival | Aug 10-13 | Kitchener, ON
Live from the Rock Folk Festival | Aug 5-7 | Red Rock, ON
Nanaimo Blues Festival | Aug 10-13 | Nanaimo BC
Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival | Aug 12 | Burnaby BC
Salmon Arm Roots & Blues | Aug 17-20 | Salmon Arm BC
Edmonton Blues Festival | Aug 15-27 | Edmonton AB
Markham Jazz Festival | Aug 18-20 | Markham, ON
Limestone City Blues Festival | Aug 24-27 | Kingston, ON
Trois-Rivières en Blues Festival | Aug 24-27 | Trois Rivieres, QC
North Bay Blues Festival | Aug 30 – Sept 3 | North Bay ON

September

West Coast Blues Festival | Sept 1-2 | Goderich, ON
Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival | Sept 8-10 | Port Credit, ON
Wasaga Beach Blues Festival | Sept 15-17 | Wasaga Beach, ON
Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival | Sept 12-17 | Fredricton NB



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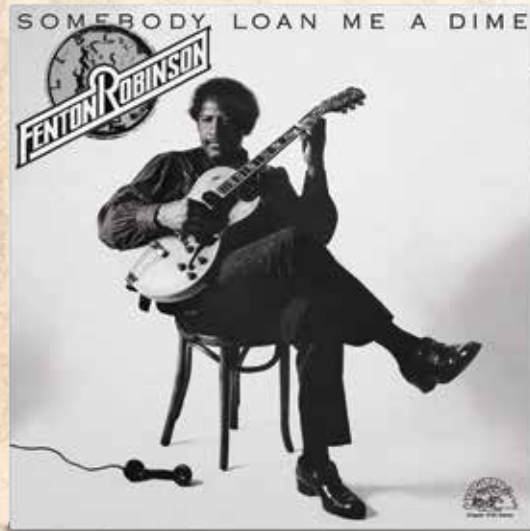
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Jim Dan Dee 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Whitehorse 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Dominion Telegraph Event Centre, 97 Grand River St N, Paris, (226) 227-1767

Tony Holiday 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Ganaraska Hotel, 30 Ontario St, Port Hope

TBS Birthday Blues Dance w/ The Swingin' Blackjacks & Sugar Brown 8:00 pm, Redwood Theatre, 1300 Gerrard St. E, Toronto,



Mark Hummel's Blues Survivors w/Anson Funderburgh will be making a rare appearance north of the border with their only Canadian stop on their summer tour at the Moonshine Cafe in Oakville on Wednesday, June 14.

Friday, June 2

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272

Raoul and The Big Time 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Rd, Toronto

Blackburn Brothers 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, Dinner & Show, reservations: (613) 273-3636. Proceeds to Rideau District Museum., \$100

Tony Holiday w/ Steve Marriner 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Joshua Arden Miller & Pappy Johns Band 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Jim Dan Dee 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Kim Doolittle Band 9:00 pm, The Ganaraska Hotel, 30 Ontario St, Port Hope, \$20

Paul Reddick 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, June 3

James Anthony w/ Donnie Meeker 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, \$10.00

Blues at the Regency w/ guest Mick Hayes 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340

Blues Matinee w/ Morgan Davis 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Donnelly's Pub, 54 Front St S, Thorold, (905) 227-1947

Spring Blues Day Fundraiser for Royal City Studios: Bad Omen, Lucky Dog, Open mic 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Royal City Studios, 930 Woodlawn Rd. W, Guelph, \$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

John Fraser Findlay & The Unsouled Blues Band 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Danny Marks 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272

McKenna Moonah Blues Duo 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, DogFish Bar & Grill, 7 Brimley Rd. S, Scarborough, (416) 269-9797, Playing the music of McKenna Mendelson Mainline, Broke Fuse, and more, no cover

Tony Holiday 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Lion's Head Tavern, 7880 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

Paul Reddick 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Only Cafe, 962 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Celebrating the legacy of King Biscuit Boy: Blackburn Brothers, Smoke Wagon Blues Band, Josh Miller & Pappy Johns Band 8:00 pm, Leander Boat Club, 50 Leander Dr, Hamilton, \$25

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, June 4

Brandon Isaak 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

Danny Marks Combo 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Dawn Tyler Watson 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, \$20

Meghan Parnell & Dave Barnes (of Bywater Call) 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, TreasureMollysMusic@gmail.com, Mimico, Toronto, 416 251 3878, Summer Menu to be served. Book tickets by e-transfer before June 1 by e-transfer to treasuremollysmusic@gmail.com. For any questions call: 416.728.2160 (leave a message)., \$55.00

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 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

Monday, June 5

Bentley Collective feat. Brooke Blackburn 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, The Hare Wine Co., 769 Niagara Stone Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, TD Niagara Jazz Festival presents **Steve Marriner & Local Electric** 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, June 6

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

Steve Strongman Blues Studio Acoustic Sessions 7:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822

Po'Boy Jeffreys & Calamity Jane 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054, PWYC

Wednesday, June 7

Garrett Mason 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

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, June 8

Big Dan & The Topside Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Friday, June 9

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 to 11:00 pm, Stonehooker Brewing, 866 Lakeshore Road E, Mississauga, 289.847.5000

Ragwax 8:00 pm, St. James Gate, Etobicoke

Mike Branton 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Bronte Sports Kitchen, 2544 Speers Rd, Oakville, 905-847-8595

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

Saturday, June 10

James Anthony w/ Ronnie Russell 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700

Blues at the Regency w/ guest Joel Parisien 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340

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

Rick Fines 7:00 pm, Massie Hall, Chatsworth, 496765 Veterans Rd N, Chatsworth, \$22

Ancaster Heritage Days: Steve Strongman, Jacob Moon, Harrison Kennedy 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Wilson St. E, Ancaster, Free. Bring a lawn chair, show weather permitting.

Andre Bisson 8:00 pm, Museum Square, Downtown Woodstock, at Culture Canvas

Toney "Wild T" Springer 9:00 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, June 11

GRBS Road to Memphis Competition 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223, See Grand River Blues Society site for complete line-up, \$15

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

Ronnie Douglas Band 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, \$20

Brant Parker & The Bay City Blues Band 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 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

Don River Blues Band 7:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Monday, June 12

Ken Yoshioka & Julian Fauth 5:30 pm, Drom Taberna, 458 Queen St. W, Toronto

Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, June 13

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

Po'Boy Jefferies 7:00 pm, Drom Taberna, 458 Queen St. W, Toronto

Wednesday, June 14

Mark Hummel w/Anson Funderburgh & The Blues Survivors 8pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

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, June 15

Erin McCallum Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474, \$10

Mike Daley and Sean Pinchin 8:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272

Friday, June 16

Sean Pinchin 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Dominion Hotel, Minden

Larry Kurtz 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100

Tucson Choirboys & All Night Mule 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Sugar Brown quintet 9:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000, Sugar Brown Blues Quintet w Nichol Robertson, Lowell Whitty, Derek Thorne and Leo Valvasorri

Saturday, June 17

James Anthony w/ Grant Lyle 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700

Blues at the Regency w/ guest Joel Johnson 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340

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

Danny Marks Combo 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Voodoo Pawn Shop 7:30 pm, Sam's Place – Prince Edward County, 3038 County Rd 3, Carrying Place, PEC

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Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, June 18

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

Morgan Davis 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, \$20

Rockabilly Blue 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto, Featuring Debbie Fleming, Jay Moonah, Kevin Fox, Rob Kirkpatrick, and David Morrision

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 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

Monday, June 19

Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, June 20

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

Concerts of Note

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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, June 22

Lyle Odjick & The Northern Steam 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Colin James Trio 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Jackson-Triggs Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Friday, June 23

Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Mike Branton 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Bronte Sports Kitchen, 2544 Speers Rd, Oakville, 905-847-8595

Saturday, June 24

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James Anthony w/ Danny B. 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700

Sean Pinchin 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Sidelach Brewing, Collingwood
Blues at the Regency w/ guest Paul Martin 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340

Steve Grisbrook 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

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Last Waltz – A Celebration of The Band 7:30 pm, Meaford Hall Arts And Cultural Centre, 12 Nelson St E, Meaford

Colin James Trio 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Base 31 Drill Hall, 26-343 County Road 22, Picton

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Alfie Smith 8:00 pm, Roxy's, 214 King George Rd, Brantford

Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, June 25

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville
Lance Anderson & Nola Parish 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972, \$20

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

Josh Miller 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808

Chuck Jackson 4:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Donnie Meeker Band 5:00 pm, Timothy's Pub, 344 Browns Line, Etobicoke, 416-201-9515

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Please send an email to info@torontobluesociety.com with the subject line "IBC".

To learn more about the rules and details please visit The Blues Foundation's IBC website.

Monday, June 26

TBS Union Station Mondays:

Brooke Blackburn 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

Krewe de Bleu: Julian Fauth, Dave McManus, Cleave Anderson, George Baumann 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm, La Rev, 2848 Dundas St W., Toronto, 647-748-1376

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

Robert Davis & Fraser Melvin 9:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto

Thursday, June 29

Frank Consentino Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Suzie Vinnick 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Fonthill Bandshell, 20 Peltham, Fonthill, Free

Weber Brothers Band 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Friday, June 30

Alfie Smith 6:00 pm, Nickel Brook Brewing Co., 3426 Mainway, Burlington

Po Boy Jeffreys & Calamity Jane 6:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Sean Pinchin 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Foundry Tavern, Cambridge

Weber Brothers 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Saturday, July 1

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

Monkeyjunk and others 3:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Battle of Beaverdams Park, Thorold, Rock N Blues on the Battlefield. Two days Canada Day Weekend, featuring top Blues and Rock bands, Free

Sean Pinchin 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Taphouse Craft Beer and Kitchen, Orangeville

Tony Holiday 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Ganaraska Hotel, 30 Ontario St, Port Hope

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McKenna Moonah Blues Duo 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, DogFish Bar & Grill, 7 Brimley Rd. S, Scarborough, (416) 269-9797, Playing the music of McKenna Mendelson Mainline, Broke Fuse, and more, no cover

Paul Reddick 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Only Cafe, 962 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Fraser Melvin Band 9:00 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804

Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, July 2

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

Monkeyjunk and others 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Battle of Beaverdams Park, Thorold, Rock N Blues on the Battlefield. Two days Canada Day Weekend, featuring top Blues and Rock bands, Free

Danny Marks Combo 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Big John and the Night Trippers 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

Tony Holiday 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Alfie Smith 9:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822

Monday, July 3

TBS Union Station Mondays: Harrison Kennedy 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

TBS Union Station Mondays: Little Magic Sam 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, July 4

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

Wednesday, July 5

Rick Fines 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, ZimArt – Rice Lake Gallery, Bailieboro, \$40

Root Down Trio 7:00 pm, Long-branch Legion, 3850 Lakeshore Blvd. W, Etobicoke

Bad Luck Woman & Her Misfortunes 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, July 6

Rick Robichaud Band 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Johnny Max Band 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$15

Friday, July 7

Pinchin & Fitzpatrick 7:00 pm, Stonehooker Brewing, 866 Lakeshore Road E, Mississauga, 289.847.5000

Ragwax 8:00 pm, St. James Gate, Etobicoke

Paul Reddick 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, July 8

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

Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, July 9

Al Lerman 1:00 pm, Huff Winery, Bloomfield - Prince Edward County

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

Carlos del Junco 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

The Legendary Castaways 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Don River Blues Band 7:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Monday, July 10

TBS Union Station Mondays: Quisha Wint & Lance Anderson 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

TBS Union Station Mondays: Jay Douglas 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto

Al Lerman 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm,

Dominion Hotel, Minden

Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, July 11

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

Black Joe Lewis 8:00 pm, Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St W., Toronto

Wednesday, July 12

Bad Luck Woman & Her Misfortunes 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, July 13

Steve Strongman Band 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues on the Rideau – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, New BOTR Summer Outdoor Series on the beautiful Cove Inn Patio, Westport. Dinner & Show Fundraisers in support of local charities. Tickets \$130 Advance Reservations required. Call The Cove 613-273-3636 or email thecovein-westport@gmail.com , \$130

Tedeschi Trucks Band 7:00 pm, Budweiser Stage, Toronto

Friday, July 14

Durham County Poets 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$25

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

Saturday, July 15

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

Danny Marks Combo 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Blues Cruise w/ Miss Robin Banks 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Georgian Legacy – Landmark Cruises, Town Dock, Penetanguishene



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Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge,
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Mike Sedgewick's Blues Revue 7:00
pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth
Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

**Carlos del Junco & The Blues
Mongrels** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, ZimArt
– Rice Lake Gallery, Bailieboro, \$40
**Bad Luck Woman & Her Misfor-
tunes** 10:00 pm, Cameron House,
408 Queen St W, Toronto

Friday, July 21

Garnetta & DaGroovmasters 8:30
pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St,
Oakville

Saturday, July 22

The Swingin' Blackjacks 12:00 pm
to 4:00 pm, Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering
Brother Paul & Blues Revival 3:00
pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744
Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto,
**Johnny Wright w/Robbie Rox & Rob
Gusevs** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm,
Outtrigger, 2232 Queen St E, Toronto,
647-748-2232, No Cover
Jack de Keyzer 7:00 pm, Sam's
Place – Prince Edward County, 3038
County Rd 3, Carrying Place, PEC
**Matchedash Parish (Matt Weidinger
and Lance Anderson)** 7:30 pm,
Meaford Hall Arts And Cultural Centre,
12 Nelson St E, Meaford
Colin James 8:00 pm, Casino Rama,
5899 Rama Rd., Orillia

Sunday, July 16

The Cash Box Kings 2:00 pm to 4:30
pm, The Back Alley, 18 Princess Ave.,
St Thomas, ON, 519-207-3555,
Sunday Afternoon Blues Series with
The Cash Box Kings * Chicago Blues
at its finest! Ticket info: [https://www.
ticketscene.ca/events/43634/](https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/43634/), \$40
Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail
Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville
Matt Weidinger & the Tonewheels
2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert
Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell
Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

Monday, July 17

**TBS Union Station Mondays: Sean
Pinchin** 12:00 pm, Union Station,
Toronto
**TBS Union Station Mondays:
Garnetta & DaGroovmasters** 6:00
pm, Union Station, Toronto
Al Lerman 7:30 pm, Dominion Hotel,
Minden
Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00
pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376
Danforth Ave., Toronto

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July 17 Noon **Sean Pinchin** 6pm **Garnetta & DaGroovemasters**

July 31 Noon **Angelique Francis** 6pm **Angelique Francis Band**

Aug 7 Noon **Quincy Bullen** 6pm **Paul Reddick Band**

Aug 14 Noon **Camilo Restrepo** 6pm **Raoul Bhaneja**

Aug 21 Noon **Jack de Keyzer** 6pm **Suzie Vinnick Band**

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