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The TBS Board is please to welcome former Office Manager Alice Sellwood to join the board of directors as a mid term appointment. Alice left the TBS to work at Small World Music, then escalated to a position at Koerner Hall as Programming Manager alongside veteran producer Mervon Mehta. In other TBS news, Quisha Wint has agreed to join the TBS Board Executive Committee which advises the board and staff on finances, staff and policy issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 26-August 21, Every Monday noon & 6pm **Union Summer | Blues Monday** at Union Station, 65 Front St W.

August 31, 7-9pm **TBS IBC Road to Memphis Finals** Dakota Tavern, 249 Ossington Ave

November 17, Women's Blues Revue w/Dawn Tyler Watson, Divine Brown, Charlotte McAfee-Brunner and more to be announced at Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St

February 9-12 **Blues Summit Eleven** Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St W.

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Dawn Tyler Watson at the Montreal Jazz Festival last month

DTW@WBR

Dawn Tyler Watson was our cover-girl last month for being inducted into the London Music Hall of Fame. And now she is the first featured vocalist to be announced for this year's Women's Blues Revue at Massey Hall on November 17.

DTW is a force to be reckoned with in the world of blues and has left an indelible mark with her soulful performances and undeniable talent. Born in Manchester, England, Watson emigrated to Canada during her childhood, where her love for music would be nurtured and ultimately flourish.

Raised in Southwestern Ontario, Watson was drawn to the musical hub of Montreal for her higher education, studying jazz at Concordia University. The academic backdrop of the institution fostered her inherent talent, paving the way for a celebrated career in music. Interestingly, it was her contribution to a local compilation album of blues artists that sparked her journey into blues music, culminating in her debut album *Ten Dollar Dress* in 2001, with her band Dawn Tyler Blues Project.

Over the course of her career, Watson has collected a host of accolades that stand testament to her musical prowess. One of her most distinguished awards came in 2020 when she bagged the Juno Award for the Blues Album of the Year for her 2019 album Mad Love. Her recognition didn't stop there. Watson has been the recipient of six Maple Blues Awards, for categories including Female Vocalist, Entertainer, Album, & Songwriter of the Year, underlining her allround capabilities in the field of music.

Further, in 2017, she secured first place in the International Blues Challenge, gaining global recognition.Watson's distinctive sound and magnetic performances also won her the 2019 Blues Blast Music Award for Female Blues Artist of the Year.

Watson's illustrious career has not been confined to solo performances. She has taken center stage at some of the industry's most revered events, including several appearances at our own Women's Blues Revue.

This year, Watson's musical journey achieved another significant landmark with her induction into the London Music Hall of Fame. This honor reflects the impact she has had on the music scene, not just in Canada but also on a global scale.

Her collaborations with other artists have been instrumental in enriching her musical journey. Among the many artists she has worked with, her collaborations with guitarist Paul Deslauriers have been particularly noteworthy. Their combined artistry gave birth to the albums *En Duo* in 2007 and *Southland* in 2013, both well-received by the music community. Nowadays she's backed up by the Ben Racine Band but is known to pop up anywhere sitting in with blues legends like Curtis Salgado.

Watson's music continues to resonate, and her contributions to blues and jazz continue to inspire. As a singer, songwriter, and performer, Watson's journey stands as a testament to her talent, resilience, and commitment to her art.

Dawn will be appearing at the Kitchener Blues Festival in August and other events ahead of the WBR. One can keep abreast of her activities by visiting her official website <www.dawntylerwatson.com>. The site provides all the necessary information about Watson's music and updates on her tour dates. The anticipation for what comes next in Watson's career is always high among her fans and the music community.

Dawn Tyler Watson is not just a singer; she is a force on the Quebec, Canadian and yes, International blues scene. Her name is etched in the annals of blues music, a testament to her talent, dedication, and the love for her craft. Whether it's her fiery performances, soulstirring albums, or her accolades, Watson continues to be a shining beacon in the music industry. As she breaks into the American and international market, we eagerly await the next chapters in the ever blossoming career of this incredibly talented artist.

Dawn's next appearance in this area is the Kitchener Blues Festival. She plays the Europro Stage at 9:30 on Friday August 11 (following David Gogo)



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The Maple Blues Band -A Dream Come True!

How do you define Canadian Blues? Is it just a geographical reference or is it a composite footprint whose story is not only distinctly Canadian but also contributes to the larger evolution of the Blues? You may not have to look too far to find the answer. You may only have to give a listen to **The Maple Blues Band**.

How The Dream Started

In 1997 the Toronto Blues Society wanted to recognize and honour Canadian Blues music. To do that they started the Maple Blues Awards. Over the last decade this award show has been held at Toronto's prestigeous Koerner Hall. A gala event where musicians travel from all across Canada to show up in their best duds and receive their accolades. It is one hell of a great party. And a terrific concert.

One of the reasons for this is the professionalism and talent of The Maple Blues Band and its band leader and musical director Gary Kendall.

It would be impossible to overstate the importance of Gary Kendall's presence on the Canadian Blues scene. Twenty four years ago when he took the helm of the Maple Blues Awards show, he was already successful as a composer, producer, promoter and Canada's most lauded bass player in Blues. As band leader of The Maple Blues Band, he had a dream for what it could be. He wanted a band that could play all Blues styles from Delta to Zydeco. He wanted professional, talented musicians that could handle the spontaneity of a live awards show and yet back up any artist on stage. But more than anything, he wanted a Big Band. In fact, he wanted the greatest Big Blues Band in the World!

His dream is not unwarranted. From the first time he saw Elvis Presley on the Ed Sullivan show at his home in Thunder Bay, he knew he loved music. When his grandfather gave him an old radio he would tuck it under his covers at



The Maple Blues Band (l. to r.) Roshane Wright - percussion, Howard Moore - trumpet, Gary Kendall - bassist, band leader, musical director, Lance Anderson - Hammond B3, piano, accordion, Pat Carey - tenor saxophone, horn arrangements, Meirion Kelly - trombone, Alison Young - baritone saxophone, tenor saxophone, soprano saxophone Al Lerman - harmonica, acoustic guitar, Jim Casson - drums, percussion, Teddy Leonard - guitar

night and dial surf to American stations. Gospel, R&B, Blues....

Like all aspiring instrumentalists he wanted to play guitar. When he was around twelve his parents gave him an acoutstic guitar and got him lessons. The teacher told him he was hopeless. Two acts of fate intervened. A local bass player showed him how to play a Jimmy Reed shuffle. He was captivated. "I saved my money and bought a red Silvertone electric guitar for \$50 at a pawn shop." At 16, a local band was desperate for a bass player as no one wanted to play bass. "I just wanted to be in a band so I said I'd play bass. I played bass line on my Silvertone for a long time until I was

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able to save up enough money to buy a cheap bass. As soon as I made my first \$20 at a dance I knew I was on my career path for the rest of my life."

To this day, Kendall considers his first two local teenage bands "The Countdowns" and the "Shameful Minority" as one of the highlights of his life. From a musician who has received multiple major music awards this view pays homage to the value of local live music venues where young artists can learn, play and develop their talent.

He moved to Toronto in 1968. He worked his way into the Blues culture with the James Hartley Band. Before long he was playing bass with Canada's most enduring and famous Blues group," The Downchild Blues Band." He was with them from 1979 to 1983 and then rejoined them in 1995 where he is to this day. "Playing on 11 of their records, touring the world and continuing to be in this band is something I am very proud of."

In 1983 Gary Kendall and former Downchild drummer Cash Wall formed the core of the Kendall Wall Blues Band. They began to host a Saturday Blues Matinee at the Black Swan in Toronto. This was not just another bar jam. The Kendall Wall experiment was fundamental in transforming the Blues culture in Toronto. For eleven years it became a hot spot for local and international touring musicians and their fans. A documentary and CD of this historic time, *The Way We Was* was released in 2013. For more info, go to http://kendallwallband.com

After over 50 years of a life dedicated to Blues music, Gary Kendall is still finding ways to learn and move forward. The Maple Blues Band became an opportunity for him to compose and compile an original sound. The awards show required two instrumental pieces to open each segment. He began to write originals. He engaged his band as cowriters and arrangers. Over time this collaborative approach created a lot of songs too good to shelve. In 2021 the first two compositions were released on an EP titled Instrumentalz on his own 47 Records label. By the summer of 2022, The Maple Blues Band went into the studio. Early this year their album Let's Go was released on Cordova Bay Records. It is a rarity; an album of instrumental original music! Since its release it has received both popular and critical acclaim hitting #1 on Canada's Roots Music Chart. Its hit song "Sumlin Around" is #1 on the singles chart and 5 other tracks from the album

are in the top 50. It has gone from # 60 to #37 in the international Blues charts and continues to gain momentum.

Gary Kendall's dream continues. The Maple Blues Band intends to play theatre shows first in Ontario, then across Canada and eventually the world. On September 15th they will be playing at the Regent Theatre in Oshawa, Ontario. The band will perform music from *Let's Go* with **Harrison Kennedy and Quisha Wint** featured as guest vocalists. Ticket info is available at www.maplebluesband.com

To list all the awards, recordings and bands that Gary Kendall has played with is a gigantic task. Remarkably, this is no less true for all the musicans in The Maple Blues Band. Detailed info on the band members can be found on their website.

Teddy Leonard is a long time member of the Juno award winning band Fathead

and has received the Jimmy Lewis life time achievement award. He is a revered guitarist and session musician.

Lance Anderson is considered one of the best Hammond B 3 players in Canada. Classically trained, he is a major music producer with his own record label, "Make It Real". He has done orchestral arrangements for symphony shows and music revues, most notably "The Last Waltz".

Alison Young is a Juno nominated Tenor and Baritone saxophonist who has blazed a path to the top in both Jazz & Blues. An Ottawa native, she has toured the world and has appeared on over 40 recordings.

Al Lerman is a multi instrumentalist, singer and songwriter. He is considered one of the top harmonica players in the country. His last release *Northern Bayou* received rave reviews worldwide.

Concert Series	2023 concert concert per eventsImage: Concert 	
SHOWS REMAINING THIS SEASON		
Sunday, August 6	CAMED BLUES BAND	
Tuesday, August 8	THE BOWLING STONES (Sean Cotton & Friends)	
Sunday, August 13	HFA presents JAY DOUGLAS	
Tuesday, August 29	ACOUSTIC ZEPPELIN (Sean Cotton & Friends)	
Friday, September 1	CHARLIE A'COURT	
Sunday, September 3	PAUL REDDICK & JENIE THAI	
Sunday, September 10	WILD T & THE SPIRIT	
Tuesday, September 12	ACOUSTIC FLEETWOOD MAC (Sean Cotton & Friends)	
Sunday, September 17	JACK DE NEYZER	
Sunday, September 24	TOBIN SPRING & LANCE ANDERSON	
Sunday	Sunday Shows run from 7:45nm until 6nm	

Sunday Shows run from 2:45pm until 6pm.

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Night Shows begin at 6:45 and run until 9:30pm. Seating is provided but you may bring your own chairs and refreshments.



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Pat Carey has been the saxophone player with The Downchild Blues Band since 1985. He is in constant demand as a freelance musician and has appeared on multiple Juno award winning albums.

Jim Casson has been a veteran blues drummer of over 30 years. He is the 2022 winner of MBA's "Drummer of the Year" award. He has done sessions on over 100 albums and been nominated for Junos, Genies and Hammer Blues awards.

Howard Moore is the trumpet player in the band. For over 35 years he has played and recorded with major international Reggae bands from Gregory Issacs to Dennis Brown. His music supervisory roles in movies and tv have been diverse; from Canadian Idol to Disney films.

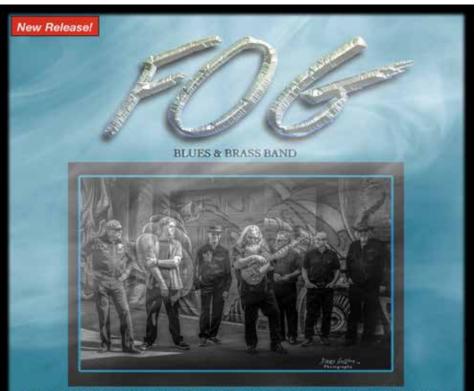
Merion Kelley is a recipient of a Masters Arts Degree in Jazz studies and brings years of success as a trombone player to the mix. Studio recordings have earned him a Canadian Recording Industry Alliance Gold Record.

Roshane Wright joined the band in 2022. He brings remarkable talent as a percussionist to the mix. He came to Canada from Jamaica in 2019 to study music at Humber College and is part of a TBS mentorship program.

For Gary Kendall, The Maple Blues Band is a dream come true. He knows he is working with the best of the best! Purchase info for their new release *Let's Go* may be found at **www. maplebluesband.com.**

Dedicated to the memory of the late Michael Fonfara, founding member of The Maple Blues Band.

- Georgina Lynn Boucher



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Saturday September 2 2023 7pm North Bay Blues Festival Capitol Centre 150 Main St East North Bay, On. Friday September 8th 9:45pm South Side Shuffle Port Credit, On. (Silver Anniversary Stage)



Painting Stars The LH Express independent

This is the 4th album for this Ottawa band, formerly known as "The Lucas Haneman Express". *Painting Stars* is the forceful, bluesy sound of a quartet coming out of lockdown with something to prove, a burst of light and optimism we can really use.

The band is Lucas Haneman on vocals and guitar, Martin Newman on bass, with new drummer Valera Negovora bring fresh energy to the band. Megan Laurence, the "L" of The LH Express, steps up as lead vocalist for half of the record and sings her ass off. "After almost three years of silence in our industry, where many musicians couldn't work, *Painting Stars* is an album where every member in our band has something to say and something to prove" Laurence says. "The LH Express is back with a renewed energy and a positive sound we can't wait to share with the world." This band is beyond ready to get rolling.

Lots of great blues textures across *Painting Stars* and, as good as Lucas is on the mic, I find Megan's vocals more compelling and powerful. The production is nice and clean, everyone playing well together without stepping on each other's toes. When I'm not zeroing in on a vocal or guitar solo I get drawn into Negovora's drumming; driving without being obnoxious, yet with a relaxed feel that swings and really suits the music. As someone that used to play I appreciate it.

Lucas Haneman is proud of what the band has accomplished with *Painting Stars* and rightly so. "(This) is The LH Express putting everything on the table with our hearts on our sleeves" he says. "Megan steps forward into the light on this album showing the world that she is a force to be reckoned with, and the rest of the band is right there alongside us." *Painting Stars* is an ebullient, uplifting album that I will listen to often. (John Kereiff courtesy www.lhexpress.ca)

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> Each act may only submit ONE application. Acts may be solo, duo or band

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Priority will be given to "market ready" artists who have developed a team to assist their touring and career development.
Please include all relevant details in your application.
Submission Deadline - Sunday, October 1, 2023 5pm (EST).
Selected artists will be contacted on October 10 2023.

Applicants must be available to showcase in Toronto February 9 – 11, 2024 between the hours of 8:00pm-1:00am. Showcase slots will be 25 minutes total length.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact TBS Managing Director Glenn Smith at info@torontobluessociety.com or 416-538-3885 (Toll free: 1-866-871-9457).

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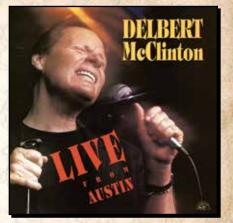
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Blues Source Canada, w/ Ken Wallis (Tuesdays, 4-5pm) Blues Source International (Tuesdays, 5-6pm) Listen link at <u>https://indi1015.ca/</u>

Both of these shows also repeated

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- BSI airs Friday at 6pm/Saturday 2pm/ Monday 4am ET
- CFMU 99.3 FM McMaster Campus (Hamilton) Swear to tell the truth, w/ Chris M. Compton



Tuesday 10am Listen at <u>https://cfmu.ca/shows/31-swear-to-tell-</u> the-truth

CANOE FM 100.9 FM (Haliburton) Buckslide Blues Cruise, w/ Patrick Monaghan Tuesday 7-9pm https://canoefm.com/listen/ways-to-listen

CFBU 103.7 FM - Brock University (St. Catharines) Eclectic Blues, w/ Deborah Cartmer Tuesday 7-9 pm Listen at https://www.cfbu.ca/

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Bonnie Blues: Bonnie Raitt is making her long awaited appearance at Massey Hall on October 6, get your tickets as they're nearly sold out! She tours across the US and Canada in September/October with one additional stop in southern Ontario, Centennial Hall in London, on Oct. 5.

Venue News: After three years without a home, Hugh's Room Live announced on July 6,2023 that they have secured a new home. The venue has successfully purchased a historic church property located at 296 Broadview Ave. in Toronto's east end. This significant milestone provides Hugh's Room Live with a permanent home for the first time since shutting the doors to its original location in the Roncesvalles neighbourhood three years ago. The acquisition of the Broadview Faith Temple Church comes after Hugh's Room Live faced the challenge of relocating from Dundas Street West due to a rent hike in 2020. The new space will not only serve as a music venue but also aims to become a world-class performance and music hub, supporting artists and fostering community engagement. The new home will feature performance studios, dedicated support for artists, and vibrant community musical activities. While some renovations will be undertaken over the summer, the initial priorities include ensuring accessibility and establishing a commercial kitchen. These goals will be the focus of immediate fundraising efforts. https://hughsroomlive. com

In other venue news, LiveNation has acquired two new venues - the Opera House on Queen Street East and The Key to Bala up north. LN continues to bring us the big blues names, like the upcoming Eric Clapton show at the Budweiser Stage and last month's Tedeschi Trucks concert which seems to be declared the best show of the year if you go by all the social media posts. Hopefully the Opera House will be a good home for some of the top touring blues bands who've been skipping Toronto.

Awards and Acknowledgements: Congrats to Rodeo King/Junkhouse man Tom Wilson (aka Lee Harvey Osmond) who is now a member of the Order of Canada. Governor General Mary Simon announced the new investitures on the eve of Canada Day. He is recognized for his multifaceted contributions to the arts in Canada, notably as an iconic musician, as well as for his advocacy of Indigenous communities in Canada." "I received an email from the



Governor General letting me know they had a matter to discuss with me. I usually get these kinds of formal requests from bill collectors so this note came as a bit of a surprise."

Chuck Jackson is the first recipient of the "Erin McCallum Blues Legend & Legacy Distinction", a different kind of award programme which selects blues artists of stature to acknowledge one or two musicians who are no longer with us to be given the distinction of "Blues Legacy" artists. Chuck selected two dearly departed Downchild alumni, Hock Walsh and Jane Vasey. "To be able to name Hock Walsh and Jane Vasey is something I am very happy to do - both of them have made great contributions through music, and this is recognition they should have had a long time ago. There are a lot of artists who have passed, who are deserving, and this is a way for people to have an opportunity to learn about their musical contributions," he wrote. Jackson is scheduled to be presented with a physical award acknowledging the distinction on Thursday August 17th, 2023 as part of the 25th annual Southside Shuffle's opening event, The Beggars Blues Banquet. Learn more at www.bluesandrootsradio.com



The Paul Reddick Band will be taking the stage on August 7 at 6pm at the Union Summer | Blues Monday series at Union Station on Front St. If you haven't checked out the Union Summer music series yet, there is still plenty to see in a comfortable setting with some interesting street food offerings and top-notch musicians every weekday. And it's free! Blues shows are presented on Mondays in July and August with upcoming performances by Angelique Francis, Ouincy Bullen, Jack de Keyzer, Camilo Restrepo, The Big Time duo, and Suzie Vinnick. https:// torontobluessociety.com/union-summer-blues-monday/



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

T-Model Ford Live At The Deep Blues Alive Naturalsound Nina Simone You've Got To Learn Verve Nick Moss Band, featuring Dennis Gruenling Get Your Back Into It! Alligator Selwyn Birchwood Exorcist Alligator *Michael Jerome Browne Gettin' Together Stony Plain Joanna Connor Best of Me Gulf Coast *JW-Jones Everything Now Stony Plain Lil' Jimmy Reed with Ben Levin Back to Baton Rouge Nola Blue Mike Welch Nothing But Time Gulf Coast Samantha Fish & Jesse Dayton Death Wish Blues Rounder Tony Holiday Hotel Mississippi Forty Below Grainne Duffy Dirt Woman Blues Blue Heart 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

Another blues award programme just announced is the "Independent Blues Awards" and though it's US-based there's a very high proportion of Canadian blues talent in the long nominee list: Angel Forrest, Kenny 'Blues Boss' Wayne, Annika Chambers and Paul Delauriers, Chris Antonik, Spencer Mackenzie, Bywater Call and more. Check out www.makingascene. orq

Kensington Jazz needs volunteers: The Kensington Jazz Festival is calling out for volunteers who can put in a few shifts from September 29 to October 2. As a volunteer, you can help make this festival an incredible success. Join an extraordinary community of individuals who are passionate about music and dedicated to creating a positive impact. To sign up go to: www.kensingtonjazz.com

Jackie Shane Day: Toronto kicked off Pride week by declaring June 23 as Jackie Shane Day to honour the music and legacy of Jackie Shane, an iconic musician, black trans trailblazer and queer icon who was celebrated in Toronto and around the world. A new documentary My Name Is Jackie will premiere at The Paradise Theatre on Thursday August 10 at 8 PM. Directed by Nicky Lawrence, the event includes a 40 minute film, plus a performance and fireside chat celebrating the inimitable Jackie Shane.

- Brian Blain

Fest Fever

The inaugural **Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival** kicks off on Saturday August 26 at the Haliburton Forest Logging Museum (1095 Redkin Road) with some great blues acts including Erin McCallum, Chuckee Zehr & Cheryl Lescom, The Swingin' Blackjacks, The Smoke Wagon Blues Band and more. The day before at the same venue, Jenie Thai and Sandra Bouza team up for the "Women of the Forest" concert series. https:// myhaliburtonhighlands.com

Matt Andersen and the Big Bottle of Joy will rock the house at this year's Southside Shuffle on September 9. The festival runs September 8-9-10 in Port Credit. Downchild will close it out on Sunday night (as is their tradition). Other performers include Angelique Francis, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, Jack de Keyzer, Spencer Mackenzie, Steve Strongman, Paul James, Jake Chisholm, Sherman Lee Dillon, Fog Blues and Brass, Joel Johnson, Jenie Thai, Suzie McNeil and the Chain Reaction and more. Krista Blondin is the Mainstage Emcee. The Street Shuffle happens on Saturday afternoon 1-5pm and always offers a great variety of up-andcoming and established blues bands.

The Southside Shuffle is an annual outdoor music festival entering its 25th year in 2023 that takes place over 3 days in the Port Credit area of Mississauga the weekend following Labour Day. It features 3 stages in Memorial Park 2 of which are free. The Street Shuffle featuring over 20 local acts closes Lakeshore Rd. between Stavebank and Hurontario on Saturday afternoon between noon and 6pm. www.southsideshuffle.ca

The Beggars Blues Banquet, is their prefestival kick-off event on Thursday, August 17, on the upper floor of the Port Credit Legion. They will provide a fantastic night of blues and dancing hosted by The 25th Anniversary Shuffle Allstars featuring members of Downchild, Fathead and the Maple Blues Revue with special guests: There will be a delicious charcuterie buffet catered by The Cheese Boutique.

The **Wasaga Beach Festival** happens September 15-17 with Dylan Wickens, David Gogo, Jim Dan Dee, Angelique Francis, Loco Zydeco, Durham County Poets, Ben Racine Band, Jordan John and more. Gabor Szepesi has stepped in to the role of Artistic Director following in the footsteps of Wayne Buttery who passed away in 2020. Gabor is best known as a production guy (founder of PA+) and had been working with Wayne to coordinate festival logistics. In his hands they are celebrating their 10th Anniversary in style. https://wasagabeachblues.com/



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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Sandra Bouza has a new CD coming out in September. Catch her live at the Forest Festival where she shares the bill with Jenie Thai. Show starts at 7:30 PM on August 25 at the Haliburton Forest Logging Museum, 1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton. She will also play a free show at Music in the Park in Haliburton on August 15 (6:30pm)



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Concerts of Note

MonkeyJunk | Blues Holler | Uxbridge | August 13 Lance Anderson – Everyday People | Redwood Theatre | Toronto | August 25 Colin Linden and The Rotting Matadors | Blues Holler | Uxbridge | August 26 Garnetta Cromwell & DaGroovmasters Album Release The Mule Spinner at The Cotton Factory | Hamilton | September 8 Eric Clapton w/ Jimmie Vaughan | Scotiabank Arena | Toronto | September 10 Matt Andersen | Southside Shuffle | Port Credit | September 9 Angelique Francis | Wasaga Beach Blues Festival | Wasaga Beach | September 16 Rhiannon Giddens | RCM Koerner Hall | Toronto | September 20 Coco Montoya | The Revival | Toronto | October 3 Bonnie Raitt | Massey Hall | Toronto | October 6 Women's Blues Revue | Massey Hall | Toronto | November 17

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Saturday, July 29

Tamica Herod & Sean Cotton, Frank Cosentino, Sandra Bouza, Thunderstruck and more... 11:00 am to 11:30 pm, Chrome Thunder & Blues Bikefest, 6037 County Road 10, Essa The Doozies 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering, Free outdoor show on the patio Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville 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 Bill Durst 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues

Holler, Uxbridge Mike McKenna's Slidewinder Blues

Band 4:00 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Weber Brothers 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton

Indigenous Sounds Now: Cale Crow, Murray Porter, Joshua Arden Miller & The Pappy Johns Band Reunion 6:00 pm, Trillium Park – Ontario Place, 955 Lake Shore Blvd W, Toronto

Silvia Dee & the Boyfriend 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Argyle Arms, 210 King St E, Cambridge

Julian Fauth, Bob Vespaziani, Dave McManus 8:00 pm, Hirut Cafe, 2050 Danforth Ave., Toronto, \$15 Eric Shubert & CJ Lee 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, July 30

Harrison Kennedy 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering, Join us on the patio to experience an incredible blues/music legend in an intimate setting, FREE Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Tavi-Stock feat. Bill Durst w/ LTZ Band, Tim Woodcock & The Thunderkings 2:00 pm, ss7 muzik productions, 965695 Maplewood Sideroad, Travistock, Rain or shine, BYOB, BBQ.

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

Red Hot Ramble 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469 Jenie Thai 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272 Mike's Monster Jam w/ Shane Philips 3:00 pm, Lancaster Smokehouse, Kitchener Indigenous Sounds Now: Cliff Cardinal & The Sky-Larks 3:00 pm, Trillium Park – Ontario Place, 955 Lake Shore Blvd W, Toronto Sean Pinchin 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Beamish House Pub, 27 John St, Port Hope

Paul Reddick & Kyle Ferguson w/

guests 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130, no cover

Monday, July 31

Union Summer | Blues Monday: Angelique Francis (noon) 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Union Summer | Blues Monday: Angelique Francis Band (evening) 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

The Weber Brothers 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, ZimArt – Rice Lake Gallery, Bailieboro, \$40 Mike Biggar w/ Grant Heckman 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054

Thursday, August 3

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

Mike Biggar 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Dominion Hotel, Minden, \$20

Friday, August 4

Mike Biggar 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton

Sean Pinchin 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Foundry Tavern, Cambridge Waterstreet Blues Band 8:00 pm, Jordan House Tavern, 3845 Main St, Jordan Station

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

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



Garnetta Cromwell and Dagroovmasters will hold a CD release celebration for their new album Time To Shine on Friday September 8 at 7PM at at the Cotton Factory in Hamilton.

Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto Paul Reddick 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, August 5

Halton Freedom Celebration: Blackburn Brothers, Errol Blackwood, LMT Connection, Oakland Stroke, and more... 1:30 pm to 11:00 pm, Spencer Smith Park, 1400 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, ON Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville Pinchin & Fitzpatrick 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Badlands Brewing Inglewood, 13926 Chinguacousy Rd, Inglewood 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 Jesse Corrigan, Blues Hearts 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Skol House (Belwood School House), 24 North Broadway St. Belwood Po' Boy Jeffreys & Calamity Jane 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Busholme Inn, 156 Main St, Erin, 519-315-0315 Don Rooke & Kevin Breit w/ guest David Piltch 8:00 pm, Sellers and Newel Bookstore, 672 College St, Toronto, 647-778-6345, \$20 Paul Reddick 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Only Cafe, 962 Danforth Ave., Toronto McKenna Moonah Blues Duo 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, DogFish Bar & Grill, 7 Brimley Rd. S, Scarborough, (416)

269-9797, no cover **Catl** 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm, Toronto Island Marina and Yacht Club, 89 Queen\'s Quay W, Toronto Steve Payne & Mike Branton, w/ Albert Saxby 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$15 Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, August 6

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Once on a Blues Sunday: A Tribute to the Musical Legacy of Mo Kauffey 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Cameo Blues Band 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972 Don River Blues Band 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Pleasant Rd, foronto, 416-901-7469 Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

Music in the Gardens: Little Magic Sam 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Hendrie Park – Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plain Rd. W., Burlington

Rocky Verweel and Queen City Blues 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469, Blues and R&B with horns, free

Monday, August 7

Union Summer | Blues Monday: Quincy Bullen 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Union Summer | Blues Monday: Paul Reddick Band 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

Wild T & the Spirit w/ Silvia Dee & the Boyfriend 7:00 pm, Morty's Pub, 272 King St N, Waterloo 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, August 10

MonkeyJunk 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues at the Cove – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, Summer outdoor series, Dinner & Show Fundraisers in support of local charities. Advance Reservations required: thecoveinnwestport@gmail. com, \$110.00

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

Quisha Wint 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

Kitchener Blues Festival kick off concert: Digging Roots, Spin Doctors 7:00 pm, Victoria Park, 69 Joseph St, Kitchener

Waterstreet Blues Band 7:00 pm, Fireman's Park, 2275 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, ON, 905-371-2099

My Name Is Jackie: A Tribute to Jackie Shane (film) 8:00 pm, Paradise Theatre, 1006 Bloor St W., Toronto, 416-306-8134, Premiere of the new film MY NAME IS JACKIE (45min), directed by Nicky Lawrence, plus a live performance

Friday, August 11

Steve Payne, Noah Zacharin, Brian Gladstone, Brain Jantzi 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Supermarket, 268 Augusta Ave, Toronto, (416) 840-0501 Jim Dan Dee 7:00 pm, The Paddock Tavern, 178 Bathurst St, Toronto Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto Jesse Whiteley Trio 9:00 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804 Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night

Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto Fraser Melvin Band 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, August 12

James Anthony & Steve Beach

(Trickbag) 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700 Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville Brooks & Bowskill 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887 Swingin' Blackback 9:30 pm

Swingin' Blackjacks 9:30 pm, Noonan's (formerly Dora Keogh) Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804

VOODOO Pawn Shop 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Ride for Sight – Fenelon Falls, 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls, Headlining Saturday night with an electrifying set of blues, supporting Ride for Sight

Sunday, August 13

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville HFA presents Jay Douglas 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972 MonkeyJunk 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues Holler, Uxbridge, Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

Monday, August 14

Union Summer | Blues Monday: Camilo Restrepo 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Union Summer | Blues Monday: Raoul Bhaneja 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Johnny Cox 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Dominion Hotel, Minden, \$20 Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

Al Lerman 6:00 pm, ZimArt – Rice Lake Gallery, Bailieboro Fraser Melvin Blues Band 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, The Station – Collingwood Museum, 45 St. Paul Street, Collingwood 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, August 17

Dylan Wickens & The Grand Naturals 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474 The Muddy York Blues Machine 10:00 pm, Dakota Tavern, 249

Ossington Ave., Toronto

Friday, August 18

Sean Pinchin 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Slabtown Cider, 4559 Concession Rd. 6, Uxbridge

Suzie Vinnick 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton

The Teskey Brothers 8:00 pm, History, 1663 Queen St E (Coxwell), Toronto

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, August 19

Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Magnaphing Cofe, 137 Karr St. Og

Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville The Teskey Brothers 8:00 pm, History, 1663 Queen St E (Coxwell), Toronto Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Black Bear Pub, 1125 O'Connor Drive, Toronto, 416-752-5182

Matt Andersen 8:00 pm, Jackson-Triggs Winery, 2145 Niagara Stone Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, August 20

Alfie Smith 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Busholme Inn, 156 Main St, Erin, 519-315-0315 Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Danny Marks 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469 Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

Monday, August 21

Union Summer | Blues Monday: Jack de Keyzer 12:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Union Summer | Blues Monday: Suzie Vinnick Band 6:00 pm, Union Station, Toronto Steve Marriner & Local Electric 8:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

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, August 24

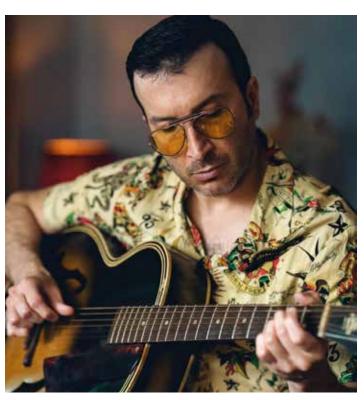
Jay Douglas 6:00 pm, Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), Toronto Donnie Meeker & The Collection 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Friday, August 25

Steve Payne w/ Al Lerman 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd. Trenton Lance Anderson – Everyday People 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Redwood Theatre, 1300 Gerrard St. E, Toronto Forest Festival presents: Jenie Thai w/ opener Sandra Bouza 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Haliburton Forest, 1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton, 1-800-631-2198 Ticket info: https:// haliburtonforest.checkfront.com/ reserve/?category_id=75, \$35 Sil Simone Band 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474 Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto The Jive Bombers w/ Johnny Max 9:00 pm, Ganaraska Hotel, Address 30 Ontario St Port Hope ON, Toronto Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, August 26

Haliburton Highlands Blues Fest: Sean Cotton & Tamica Herod, Erin McCallum Band, Chuckee Zehr & Cheryl Lescom, The Swingin' Blackjacks, Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe, Jim Dan Dee, The Smoke Wagon Blues Band 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Haliburton Forest, 1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton, \$45



Traditional Blues master **Camilo Restrepo** plays the Union Series | Blues Monday stage on Monday August 14 at 12:00 noon

Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Brother Paul & Blues Revival 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469, Electric Chicago Blues, PWYC

Carlos del Junco and The Blues Mongrels 3:00 pm, The Village Sage, Port Hope

Colin Linden & The Rotting Matadors 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues Holler, Uxbridge, Canadian guitarist, songwriter and record producer playing acoustic and electric guitar., See Website Blues Cruise w/ Miss Robin Banks

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Georgian Legacy – Landmark Cruises, Town Dock, Penetanguishene Steve Payne, Albert Saxby & Noah Zacharin 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, 23 York St, Haliburton, 705-457-2330 Andre Bisson 7:30 pm, Periscope Playhouse, Port Burwell Jack de Keyzer 9:00 pm, Ganaraska Hotel, Address 30 Ontario St Port Hope ON, Toronto, \$25 Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, August 27

Al Lerman 1:00 pm, Huff Winery, Bloomfield - Prince Edward County Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Paul Reddick 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

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, August 31

Toronto Blues Society's IBC Road to Memphis Finals 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Dakota Tavern, 249 Ossington Ave., Toronto, 5 – 15

Friday, September 1

Charlie A'Court 6:30 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972 Emily Burgess & The Emburys 8:30 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$20

Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto Paul Reddick 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, September 2

Bywater Call 2:00 pm, Just Jellin' – Jam in the Backyard, Peterborough Paul Reddick 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Only Cafe, 962 Danforth Ave., Toronto

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

Sunday, September 3

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Paul Reddick w/ Jenie Thai opening 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972 Danny Marks 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469 Miss Emily w/ Band 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Blues at the Cove – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, , \$110

Monday, September 4

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

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

Philip Sayce 7:30 pm, Maxwell's, 35 University Ave E, Waterloo, 226-240-7020

Friday, September 8

Garnetta Cromwell & DaGroovmasters Album Release 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, t The Cotton Factory, 11 Landsdowne Ave., Hamilton 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 Fraser Melvin Band 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, September 9

Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Roc'n Docs, 105 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, (905) 891-1754

Carlos del Junco and The Blues Mongrels 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton

Digging Roots 7:30 pm, First Ontario Performing Arts Centre, 250 St Paul St, St Catharines, 905-688-0722 Philip Sayce 8:30 pm, Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St W., Toronto, \$25

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

Sunday, September 10

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville The Fabulous Jive Bombers w/ Johnny Max 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972 Rocky Verweel & Queen City Blues 7:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto Eric Clapton w/ Jimmie Vaughan 7:30 pm, Scotiabank Arena, Toronto Dawn Tyler Watson 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Jazz Room in Waterloo, 59 King St N, Waterloo

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054 Gov't Mule w/ Big Sugar 8:00 pm, Massey Hall, 178 Victoria Street, Toronto, 416-872-4255

Friday, September 15

Durham County Poets 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton Wasaga Beach Blues Fest: Luke & The Apostles, Shuffle Demons, KC Roberts & The Live Revolution 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonebridge Town Centre, 291 Main Street, Wasaga Beach

Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto Maple Blues Band wsg Harrison Kennedy & Quisha Wint 9:00 pm, Regent Theatre Oshawa, 50 King St. E., Oshawa, Durham Blues Festival Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto

Saturday, September 16

Wasaga Beach Blues Fest: Tonewheels, David Gogo, Durham County Poets, Angelique Francis, and more... 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Stonebridge Town Centre, 291 Main Street, Wasaga Beach Don River Blues Band 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469 Michael Jerome Browne w/ quest Teilhard Frost 6:00 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton Sonny Landreth 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Uxbridge Music Hall, 16 Main St S., Uxbridge, Presented by Music by the Bay Live, \$75 **Official Blues Brothers Revue 2023** 9:00 pm, Regent Theatre Oshawa, 50 King St. E., Öshawa Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

Sunday, September 17

Wasaga Beach Blues Fest: Soulstack w/ Roly Platt, Ben Racine Band, Jordan John, and more... 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Stonebridge Town Centre, 291 Main Street, Wasaga Beach Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Studebaker John & The Hawks w/ Rick Kreher (Muddy Waters) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, The Ganaraska Hotel, 30 Ontario St, Port Hope, \$37 Jack de Keyzer 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series - Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972

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Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

Fraser/Daley 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054 Rhiannon Giddens 8:00 pm, RCM Koerner Hall, 273 Bloor St. W., Toronto, 416-408-0208, \$65

Friday, September 22

The Last Waltz – A Musical Celebration of The Band 8:00 pm, Flato Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, 905-305-7469 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, September 23

VOODOO Pawn Shop 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Hy-Hope Farm, Pickering, No Cover

The Mighty Duck Blues Band w/ guest Joel Johnson 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280

Brother Paul & Blues Revival 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469 Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto,

Sunday, September 24

416-955-0887

Ragwax 2:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville Spencer Mackenzie 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Back Alley Bar and Grill, 18 Princess Ave., St. Thomas \$35 Tobin Spring, Lance Anderson & Jake Thomas 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Etwell Concert Series – Outdoor Venue, 2012 Etwell Rd, Huntsville, 705-789-2972



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