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February 12 **Maple Blues Awards** Phoenix Concert Theatre 410 Sherbourne St

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Voting members of the Toronto Blues Society are eligible to run for the 2024 Toronto Blues Society Board of Directors. In order to run, you must be a member in good standing, and you must be nominated in writing by three voting members of the society at the AGM.



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# Blues Lovers' Gift Guide

If there's a blues lover in your family or circle, what better gift than one of the best Canadian blues albums of the year, as selected by the Maple Blues Awards Nominating Committee. One of these will be selected as Recording of the year at the Maple Blues Awards gala at the Phoenix Concert Theatre on Monday, February 12th

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 ARTIST: Brandon Isaak  
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 PRODUCER: Howard Ayee



*The Blues in Black & White* is an annual fundraising calendar produced in conjunction with At the Crossroads Blues Radio, and all net proceeds are donated to the cause of brain injury. The publication for 2024 consists of performance images captured at Calgary Bluesfest in Alberta and at Limestone City Blues Festival in Kingston, Ontario. The calendar is available at \$20 per item - CAD in Canada and USD in the US - and shipping is an additional \$5 for up to two items. To order and for more detail, please send an email to Brant Zwicker: atcblues@gmail.com.

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# "At the Crossroads": Channeling the Spirit of the Blues

"What I would like people to know about "At the Crossroads" is that it is truly a labour of love with the basic goal of offering the best new Blues I can find in any given week." Brant Zwicker.

Since 2009, the Toronto Blues Society has been awarding individuals or groups with the honour and title of "Blues Booster of the Year" at their annual Maple Blues Awards Show. It is a recognition of exceptional dedication to supporting Blues in Canada. This year the Blues Booster of the Year is Brant Zwicker. Brant has been the host, writer and producer of a radio show called "At the Crossroads" since February 2003, coincidentally, the year the Blues were acknowledged by U.S. congress. The timing was perfect for Brant. "I assembled a demo version of the one-hour program and began chasing after radio stations securing my first show a few months later. I continued to pursue radio stations on a grander scale, both nationally and internationally." Today, "At the Crossroads" is widely syndicated and heard 125 times a week on 112 FM transmitters or streaming platforms in Canada, the U.S., the U.K. and Belgium. He has produced nearly 1100 shows and supported and photographed major Blues festivals in Calgary, Kaslo and Salmon Arm.

Brant Zwicker's family were not musicians, but he grew up listening to a variety of music with albums and the radio always being played in the house. In fact, Brant has a long history with the medium of radio. He enrolled at Trent University in the Fall of 1970 eventually completing a BA in Sociology with a minor in Psychology. He began doing some writing and announcing for Trent radio. Upon graduation he was hired by Peterborough's Radio 105 FM where he stayed for four years. Soon, he was drawn to Kamloops BC when he heard a new radio station was to open there. His interest was successful, and he worked there for over eight years. He honed his skills of writing and photography and even did nightclub concert promotions. In 1998 he was hired to start a campus radio station for what is now Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C. where he resides to this day. His early work in radio encouraged his love of music but his passion for Blues started with a slow fuse. He soon came to realize that all the music he loved the most was Blues based. He started to search out and learn all he could about Blues. And then he decided to share his passion on a unique radio show.



*Brant Zwicker is this year's recipient of the Blues Booster Maple Blues Award*

## "Blood makes you related, but Blues makes you family."

"At the Crossroads" originates from Kamloops BC where Brant works with a small but dedicated group of fellow Blues lovers who will soon celebrate 21 years together. "I choose and lay out the music, write the scripts and record the voice. I work with engineer/producer/webmaster Mike Braniff and the imaging voice of Rosemary Trace. They are top notch at what they do; their work and the program was recently nominated for a Broadcast Dialogue's Canadian Radio award, also known as "The Howards", in the categories of multiple-market programming and imaging voice."

"At the Crossroads" endures as a showcase for the diversity and vitality of Blues. It opens with an original theme song by Juno nominated musician Neil Harnett. Brant's playlist caters to a wide range of sub-genres- the Chicago sound, Soul, Hill Country, slightly Jazzy, Roots Acoustic, Blues Rock etc. Dedicated listeners appreciate his lifetime knowledge and interest in the Blues, yet he manages to attract new listeners with new music as well as the Classics. "I have come to realize that good is good and I try very hard to find the best new music I can. I pay special attention to how the individual songs flow into each other, and it all seems to work."

Brant retired in 2021 although he says his inspiration and passion for Blues has not wavered to this day. Besides his radio show, he continues as a writer, photographer and fundraiser. He has been a longtime advocate of Canadian Blues Societies and an occasional contributor to the Maple Blues Newsletter.

"Doing what I do in the Blues has simply been a matter of course and much less by intent or design. I am part of the best, friendliest community-musical or otherwise-in the world and doing any kind of work in this community is as natural as breathing. And while we Canadians, of course, love to hear Blues music from outside the country, some of the best musicians on the planet are from here."

Brant Zwicker has been a tireless advocate and ambassador for Blues music in Canada and beyond. His radio show "At the Crossroads" has been a source of information and pleasure for Blues fans and musicians alike for over two decades. It is with pride that the Toronto Blues Society will be presenting the "Blues Booster of the Year" award to Brant Zwicker at the 26th Maple Blues Awards show on Monday, February 12th, 2024, at the Phoenix Concert Theatre.

For more information on where and how to tune in to "At the Crossroads," simply log on to [atcblues.ca](http://atcblues.ca). Free streaming audio of each weekly show is available by clicking on the 'Listen' button, where a list of affiliates that carry the program can also be found.

*- Georgina Lynn Boucher*





This year's Women's Blues Revue featured some new faces in the band and some familiar Canadian blueswomen up front adding up to another unforgettable evening at Massey Hall. Left to right: Carrie Chesnutt, Marie Goudy, Laura Hubert, Morgan Doctor, Stacie McGregor, Charlotte McAfee-Bruner, Garnetta Cromwell, Quisha Wint (host), Divine Brown, Sandra Bouza, Dawn Tyler Watson, Alison Young, Elena Kapeleris, Angelique Francis, Emily Burgess



**Jackie Shane Documentary:** The Paradise on Bloor will replay the documentary on Jackie Shane on Monday, December 18 (7:00 pm). *My Name Is Jackie – Tribute to Jackie Shane* is a moving tribute to Jackie Shane, the boundary-shattering 1960s music icon and pioneer. Director/actor/vocalist/multi-hyphenate Nicky Lawrence, whose sold out show *Ugly Black Woman* rocked and amazed Paradise Theatre audiences, has partnered with Ravyn Wngz for a special evening of music, film and expression. After a triumphant first screening *My Name Is Jackie* is back by popular demand! Join Ravyn Wngz as she host an intimate fireside chat with the entire cast of *My Name Is Jackie* as they celebrate the inimitable Jackie Shane, her life, music and impact on the Black and trans community. <https://paradiseonbloor.com>

**Remembering Kenny Brown:** 47 Records, Gary Kendall's indie label has released a remastered digital only reissue of Kenny Brown & The Pervaders' 1981 single. The two tracks, both covers, are Ike Turner's "The Big Question" and Ray Smith's "Willing And Ready". The original sessions took place in Vancouver B.C at the late Wille MacCalder's recording studio. MacCalder, well known for his work with Powder Blues produced and guested on piano.

Band members, Kenny Brown guitar/vocals, Jim Milne bass and Ted Harrison



drums all passed away in recent years. The surviving Pervader, John Doheny relocated to New Orleans and is active in that city's jazz scene. Jim Milne would be known to Torontonians as a founding member of The Downchild Blues Band.

After spending a decade plus living and performing on the west coast, band leader Kenny Brown moved back to his home town of Toronto in 1984 and formed an eastern version of the Pervaders with a revolving lineup of the city's best bluesicians. The reissue was digitally remastered by studio wiz, L. Stu Young at his El Studio location in Toronto.

Kenny Brown & The Pervaders, The Big Question-Willing And Ready is available on Bandcamp, iTunes, Spotify and all streaming/download platforms. [www.47records.ca](http://www.47records.ca)

**Keeping the Blues Alive:** Two great friends of the Toronto Blues Society were included in the list of 2024 Keeping The Blues Alive award recipients. Photographer/presenter Laura Carbone and radio personality Mark Stenzler should both be honorary Canadians considering all they've done to promote Canadian blues artists in their respective areas (Laura is in Plattsburg, NY and Mark is in Bern, Switzerland). Laura has captured the essence of the blues for global publications. Her promotion efforts have brought artists to new regions and supported educational initiatives like Blues in the Schools. Carbone's philanthropy includes donating her photos to fundraisers and supporting aspiring young musicians. Her dedication to the blues, often without seeking recognition, showcases her commitment and warrants her recognition with a KBA Award.

Mark Stenzler's career in radio broadcasting has been marked by his love for the blues. His show, Blues Zeppelin, has become a staple for blues enthusiasts and has been instrumental in promoting

blues musicians and festivals. Stenzler's role in the growth of the blues genre and his support for artists' careers make him an exemplary recipient of the KBA Award. Other KBA recipients include John Hall, Jacques Garcia, Larry Chambers, Lee Oskar, The Columbus Blues Alliance, and Blues Association Turkey. The 2024 honorees will be celebrated for their contributions at the Keeping The Blues Alive Awards brunch on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 10:30 AM, located at the Hyatt Centric in Memphis. The awards ceremony is a highlight of the Blues Foundation's 39th Annual International Blues Challenge, which begins on Monday, January 16, 2024. [www.blues.org](http://www.blues.org)

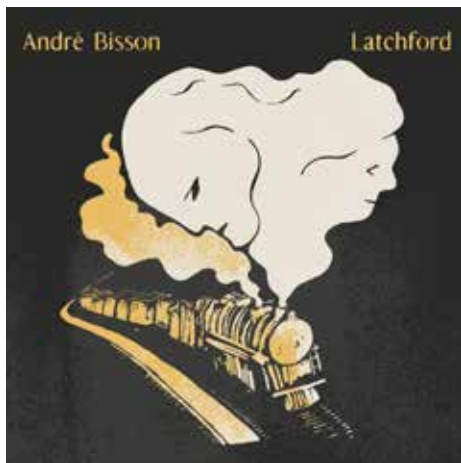
**GK's Trio winds up:** When Downchild's 2023 leg of The Happy Trails tour wrapped at The El Mocambo, November 25th, bassist Gary Kendall scaled it back to his trio featuring Teddy Leonard guitar and Tyler Burgess drums, bringing his East End Blues to Castro's Lounge in the Beach area of Toronto, Sunday, December 3, 3-6pm

**Mohawk College discontinues Music Program:** Just when Hamilton has an influx of musicians looking for cheaper rent and is getting a reputation as a "music city," Mohawk College has decided to suspend their highly acclaimed music program. With the announced suspension of the Applied Music program, no new students will be accepted into the program. Existing students will be fully supported as they continue their studies until the completion of their three-year diploma.

Mohawk College says, "...the program has not been financially viable for several years, with declining enrolment and increasing costs. It is no longer financially possible to offer the depth and quality of courses required to provide students with the high-quality training that has made the Applied Music program so successful."

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# ALBUM REVIEWS



## André Bisson Latchford

It has been largely under the radar, but Canadian soul/blues/roots singer/songwriter André Bisson has been a prolific recording artist over the past two decades. Latchford is rather a milestone album, as it is the 10th entry in his discography.

It is a consistently strong effort, and one worthy of bringing Bisson increased attention. He has at least been recognised in his hometown of Hamilton, as a five time nominee for the Hamilton Arts Awards, and a victory as Male Vocalist of the Year at the Hamilton Blues awards. He has competed at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, representing Grand River Blues, and won a Song of the Year Award at the 2022 International Song Contest for Blues & Roots Radio for his tune 'Down the Line'.

Worthy of note is the fact that Bisson wrote and produced all the material on Latchford himself, and he contributed electric and acoustic guitar, percussion and harmonica. He recruited a large cast of A-list players here, including keyboardist Jesse O'Brien (Blackie and The Rodeo Kings), veteran saxophonist Pat Carey (part of a four-piece horn section), Loretta Hale (trumpet/cello), Paul Barna (violin, viola), and backing vocalists Quisha Wint and Selena Evangeline.

Latchford was recorded at elite Mississauga studio Metalworks, and the production quality throughout is strong.

Bisson explains that a unifying theme if the album lyrically is "Perspective. Sometimes is not about changing the situation but how we view it. Realizing that when we control our thoughts, we have full control of our lives, our outlook on life, and our reality."

One example of that here is the closing cut, "The Bring Down," a rollicking tune featuring horns and female backing vocals in which Bisson finds the positive in a failed situation, declaring "thank you for bringing me down."

Similar positivity informs another album highlight, "The Reformed Deceiver," released as an early single (Sample lyric: 'Now I'm a believer, a reformed deceiver, I'm through with walking away'). The full-blooded tune features lusty horns, harmonica, and piano, and it showcases Bisson's soulful voice neatly.

Also released as a single earlier, "Shake" has a Motown feel, with horns again to the fore. Horns play a prominent role on many of the songs here, and they are arranged in inventive fashion. The rhythm section of Keagan Early (drums) and Mike Rowell (bassist) is tight throughout, and a funky groove anchors such tunes as "Echo Mountain," "Enough," and "Sticks and Stones."

While most of the album is built upon soul, R&B, and blues elements, a couple of the strongest songs here would fit right into an Americana/roots playlist. "Dusty Albums" features spirited keyboards and a violin solo, while the ballad "Longest Way Around" has something of a country gospel feel, with Bisson's chameleonic vocals to the fore.

Hopefully the stylistic eclecticism of Latchford won't deter those preferring a sound that can be easily pigeonholed, for Bisson is a major talent worthy of your time. (Kerry Doole)



## LJ Mounteney Mama Danced Puzzle Rabbit Records

LJ Mounteney spent her early years on the prairies. Her mother had a great love of music, which she passed along to her daughter. LJ moved to BC and found herself in Vancouver. After taking the jazz program

at Vancouver Community College, she sang in jazz, swing, R&B, roots and pop bands.

A friend suggested that LJ should make a blues album, and introduced her to bluesman and Juno winner Jack Lavin (Powder Blues), who agreed to produce. The pandemic intervened and the album took much longer to complete than originally planned. But it was worth the wait.

LJ decided that the focus would be Canadian – as much as possible of the songwriters and musicians would hail from north of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel. Another priority was to get as many contributions as possible from women.

The title song was inspired of course by her mother, who loved to dance along to her large and varied record collection. 'Mama Danced' was co-written with Lillooet Fox and Jon Roper. Jack Lavin offered up 'I Like It Hot', a Big Easy flavoured number co-written with Jeane Rogers. Both of these zippy tracks are driven by the accordion of Debra Peters.

Another significant contribution is by Maple Blues Award winner Brandon Isaak, who played guitar and harmonica on several songs. He also contributed the gospel-flavoured 'Take My Message', performed here as a tasty duet.

Other Canuckian songs used to good effect are 'Somebody Pour Me Some Coffee' (Alexandrov/Gaye/ Mounteney), 'Wasn't That a Time?' (Jim Foster), 'Life of the Party' (Dennis Meneely), 'Take Some Care of Me' (Linda Kidder) and the clever 'Basement Suite Blues' (Tom Arntzen).

The carefully chosen covers are 'I'm Ready' (Willie Dixon), 'Dirty Rat' (Memphis Minnie), 'I Did My Part' (Allan Toussaint), 'Neighbor, Neighbor' (Huey Meaux) and 'Two Is a Couple' (Ike & Tina Turner).

As well as the spirited production, Jack Lavin contributes harp on some tracks, and plays bass throughout. The talented lineup of BC musicians includes Jan Randall (keys), Jon Roper (guitar), Jerry Cook (saxes), Geeta Daas (trumpet) and Ross Hall (drums). Helping out are Nick Apivor (percussion) and Dee Daniels, Krystle Dos Santos and Lillooet Fox (vocals).

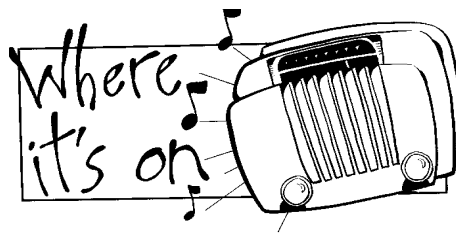
Mama Danced is a very appealing collection of sounds, arrangements, and collaborators. You can bet that we will be hearing more from LJ Mounteney. [www.ljmounteney.com](http://www.ljmounteney.com) (Paul Norton)



# A new category for the MBAs

The Toronto Blues Society has been encouraging the emergence of Indigenous blues talent throughout the years since 1993, when we produced the first all-Indigenous blues show, titled, 'Rez Bluez'. Since then the talent in this genre by Indigenous musicians has grown substantially. During the pandemic the TBS Board proposed the idea of having a Maple Blues Award for an Indigenous Artist or Group. Indigenous influencer Elaine Bomberry called on six Indigenous media personalities who were knowledgeable of the blues genre, and together they compiled an overall list of candidates for the first Maple Blues Award for an Indigenous Artist or Group and voted for the Indigenous Blues Artist/Group. The recipient of this inaugural award is Crystal Shawanda, Anishinabe from Wikwemikong Unceded Territory, Manitoulin Island. Crystal is a multiple JUNO, Maple Blues Award winner and these are just a few of her many accolades. Having crossed over from the country music genre, she made her soulful blues voice known right away from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Not only does she perform at large festivals and concert halls, she also performs extensively at Indigenous events and speaks to and inspires Indigenous Youth throughout her travels.

This category will honour an Indigenous Artist or Group who have had a successful recording, tour, presence on social media or have had a long-standing career in the blues. There are no sales qualifications for this category. The Advisory Committee for this category are Diane Kohoko, Radio Producer/Host, Event Co-ordinator for Six Nations Radio CKRZ 100.3FM; Amos Key Jr., CEO of CKRZ-FM Six Nations, Director of First Nations Languages over the years with the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford; Mell Kirkland, Founder and owner/operator of Vancouver Blues Around Town. She's been presenting blues in Vancouver and is on the Blues Committee for the JUNO Awards; Ted Whitecalf, owner of Sweet Grass Records in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, who has recorded Pow Wow music over 30 years and released over 200 albums; Lance Delisle, who hosts a radio show on CKON 97.3 FM and has been involved in broadcast radio and journalism for the past 30 years in Kahnawake and Montreal. He's also a blues drummer who has performed and toured with Derek Miller, and accompanied Murray Porter at special events in both Kahnawake and Montreal; Dennis Joseph is an Elder from the Squamish Nation, B.C., and he's a traditionally trained speaker in the Coast Salish Longhouse, and is a studio owner, traditional singer and drummer



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## CKWR 98.5 FM (Kitchener)

*Old Chicago Blues*, w/ **Willy A.**  
Saturday 12:30pm - 2:00pm  
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*Saturday Night Blues Review*, w/ **George Vaughan**  
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## CKCU 93.1FM - Carleton University (Ottawa)

*Black and Blues*, w/ **John Tackaberry**  
Sunday 9-11pm  
Listen at <https://cod.ckcufm.com/programs/38/info.html>

## CFRU 93.3 FM - University of Guelph

*Blues Around The Block*, w/ **Mac Dee**  
Monday 7-9:00 pm  
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## CKAR Hunter's Bay 88.7 FM (Muskoka)

*Big Beat Bar-B-Cue Radio Show*, w/ **Matt Allen**  
Tuesday Midnight - 2:00am  
Sundays 10am to 12 Noon  
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and also plays blues harmonica for 'Bitterly Divine', a local Rock'n Blues bands in the lower mainland; And finally, the de-facto chair of this group, Elaine Bomberry who serves on many Boards/Committees, including

## INDI 1015 FM (formerly Mohawk College station, Hamilton)

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*Blues Source*

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- ☐ BSC re-airs Thursday at 8, Friday at 10pm, Saturday at 7.30pm, and Monday at 6am
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## CFMU 99.3 FM - McMaster Campus (Hamilton)

*Swear to tell the truth*, w/ **Chris M. Compton**  
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*Buckside Blues Cruise* w/ **Rich Anton**  
Tuesday 9-11pm

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## CFBU 103.7 FM - Brock University (St. Catharines)

*Eclectic Blues*, w/ **Deborah Cartmer**  
Tuesday 7-9 pm

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## COUNTYFM 99.3 (Picton)

*Sideroads*, w/ **Ben Parkin and Greg Hinde**  
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Friday 8pm (replay Thurs 10pm)

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the Toronto Blues Society and the JUNO Blues Advisory Screening Committee plus managing Murray Porter's career. This past year she received the 'Brian Chater Builder Award' from Music Managers Forum Canada.

# TORONTO BLUES SOCIETY

# BLUES SUMMIT ELEVEN

Blues Summit 11 will take place from February 9 - 12, 2024. All Blues Summit events and panels will be at the Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto. Register now at [www.torontobluessociety.com](http://www.torontobluessociety.com).

## About the Summit

The Blues Summit is a conference creating opportunities for the blues community to personally connect with key leaders in the industry, and attend professional development seminars, working meetings, and showcase concerts. The bi-annual Blues Summit is the largest meeting of blues artistic directors in Canada with representatives from over 30 top draw blues festivals and blues societies across Canada and the U.S., and Europe.

The Summit features 30 showcase performances, seminars, networking events, and a welcome reception keynote address by Ontario Arts Council CEO Michael Murray. Delegates include musicians, DJs, record label reps, festival artistic directors, journalists, promoters, and blues societies.

Blues Summit 11 will close with the 27th Annual Maple Blues Awards on February 12, 2024 at the Phoenix Concert Theatre

**Register for the Summit @ [www.torontobluessociety.com](http://www.torontobluessociety.com)**

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Though the music program was more focused on jazz, the entire music community is up in arms and encouraging anyone who believes in music education to raise their voices to Mohawk College and the local politicians.

**Guy Davis Arts Outreach:** American Blues guitarist Guy Davis brings his unique blend of music and storytelling to elementary school students at The River Run Centre in Guelph for 3 performances on February 20-22.

The arts outreach program "Linamar for the Performing Arts", now in its 21st season, is dedicated to building wisdom and understanding of life's broadness and diversity through exposure to professional arts performances of music, dance and theatre. Admission is free so that every child has the opportunity to attend. The program sees an attendance of 32,000 to 34,000 children each year.

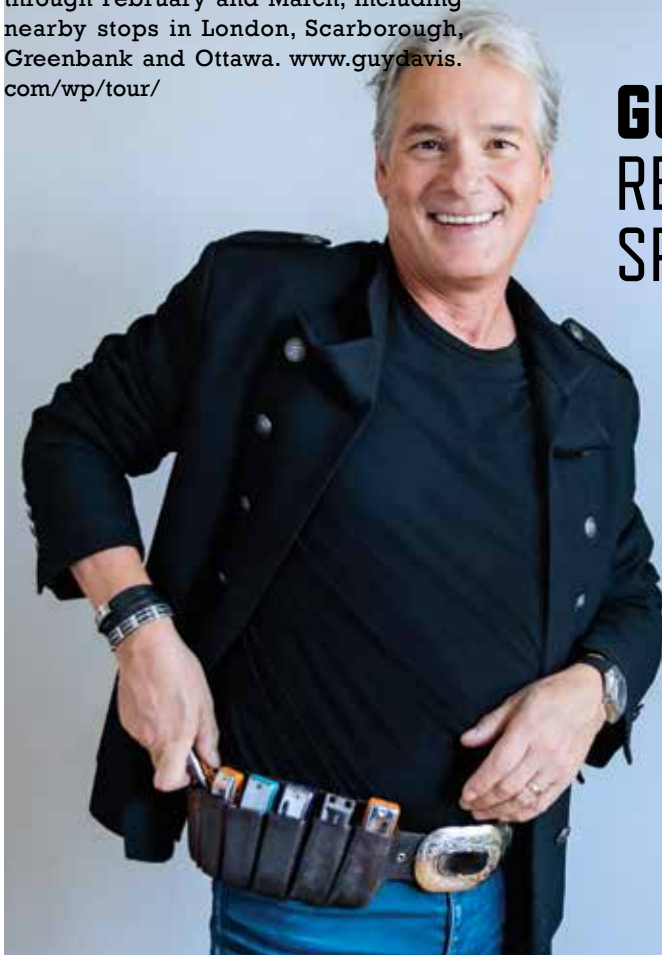
Guy Davis has been offering his children's program called "Routes of the Blues" for years at home in NYC, via Lincoln Center Education. It takes children on a fascinating journey through storytelling and music, and explores two prominent styles of the Blues, Mississippi Delta and the Piedmont/East Coast forms. Davis will then tour Ontario, Quebec and the East Coast through February and March, including nearby stops in London, Scarborough, Greenbank and Ottawa. [www.guydavis.com/wp/tour/](http://www.guydavis.com/wp/tour/)



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

- \*Sue Foley *Live in Austin, Vol. 1* Stony Plain
- Bobby Rush *All My Love for You* Thirty Tigers
- Kenny Wayne Shepherd *Dirt On My Diamonds, Volume 1* Provogue
- \*Blackburn Brothers *SoulFunkin' Blues* Electro-Fi
- Johnny Rawls *Walking Heart Attack* Catfood
- Various Artists *Playing for the Man at the Door: Field Recordings from the Collection of Mack McCormick, 1958-1971* Smithsonian Folkways
- Robert Finley *Black Bayou* Easy Eye Sound
- Willie J. Campbell *Be Cool* Blue Heart
- \*Brandon Isaak *One Step Closer* Self
- Bob Margolin *Thanks* VizzTone
- Christone (Kingfish) Ingram *Live In London* Alligator
- John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers *Live in 1967 - Volume Three* Forty Below
- Coco Montoya *Writing on the Wall* Alligator
- \*Michael Jerome Browne *Gettin' Together* Stony Plain
- Various Artists *Delmark 70<sup>th</sup> Blues Anthology* Delmark
- \*Layla Zoe *Back to the Spirit of 66* Self
- T-Model Ford *Live At The Deep Blues* Alive Naturalsound
- Robin Trower *Joyful Sky* Provogue
- Various Artists *Alligator Records Christmas Collection* Alligator
- Ghalia Volt *Shout Sister Shout* Ruf

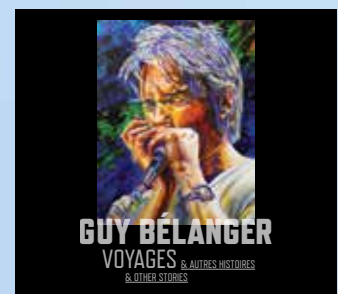
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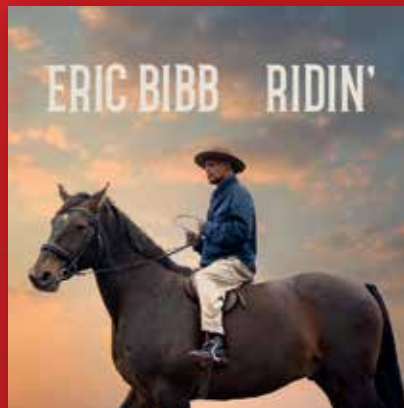
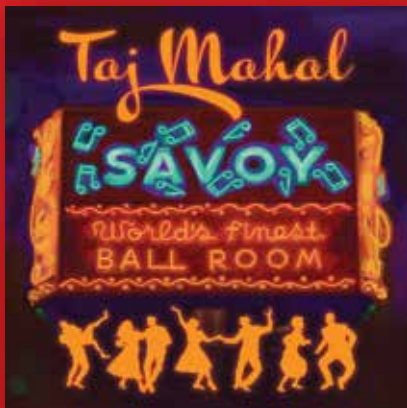


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## Friday, December 1

**Alfie Smith** 6:00 pm, Nickel Brook Brewing Co., 3426 Mainway, Burlington  
**A Bluesy Christmas w/ Johnny Max, Cheryl Lescom, Chuck Jackson, Quisha Wint** 7:00 pm, Lebovic Centre for the Arts, Stouffville  
**MonkeyJunk-15th Anniversary Tour wrapping up with 3 shows!** 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Killaloe Lions Hall, 18 Lake Street, Killaloe, \$30  
**Jerome Tucker Band** 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Second Wedge Brewery, 14 Victoria St., Uxbridge,  
**Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe** 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474  
**Terra Lightfoot** 8:30 pm, Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St W., Toronto, \$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, December 2

**The Coachmen w/ guest Spencer Mackenzie** 1:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822  
**James Anthony matinee w/ Ted Peters** 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  
**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Garnetta Cromwell** 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/ Greg Brisco** 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340  
**Brother Paul & Blues Revival** 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469, PWYC  
**Sean Pinchin & Scott Fitzpatrick** 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Sidelaunch Brewing Co., Collingwood  
**Suzie Vinnick & Roly Platt** 5:30 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223, Southern Supper Blues & Buffet, \$65  
**Laura Hubert Trio** 6:00 pm, Drom Taberna, 458 Queen St. W, Toronto  
**House Concert & Buffet w/ Jack de Keyzer** 7:00 pm, TreasureMollysMusic@gmail.com, Mimico, Toronto,

416 251 3878, For tickets please e-transfer to [treasuremollysmusic@gmail.com](mailto:treasuremollysmusic@gmail.com) no later than 4 days before event. \$45. For details email, or call: (416) 251-3878, \$45  
**A Weber Brothers Christmas** 7:30 pm, Old Church Theatre Trenton, 940 Bonisteel Rd, Trenton, \$30  
**Steve Strongman Holiday Show w/ Harrison Kennedy and Dave Ray** 8:00 pm, Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Wilson St. E, Ancaster  
**Jerry Rig Blues Band w/ Rod McTaggart** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$10  
**Julian Taylor** 8:00 pm, Market Hall Performing Arts Centre, 140 Charlotte St, Peterborough  
**Paul James: stories & songs** 8:00 pm, Sellers and Newel Bookstore, 672 College St, Toronto, 647-778-6345, \$20  
**Carlos del Junco** 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto, \$40  
**MonkeyJunk play Ganaraska Hotel, tickets at The Ganny, Zap Records and Eventbrite** 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Ganaraska Hotel, Address 30 Ontario St Port Hope ON, Toronto, MonkeyJunk-2 Junos, a case of Maple Blues Awards! Wraps up 15th Anniversary!, \$30  
**Voodoo Walters** 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Capone's Cocktail Lounge, 1573 Bloor St. W (at Dundas), Toronto, Album release party \$5  
**Mark Stafford w James Rasmussen (piano)** 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Shakey's Bar, 2255 Bloor Street West, Toronto, 4167675608, no cover  
**Swingin' Blackjacks** 9:00 pm, Noonan's Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804  
**Tony Springer Blues Band** 9:00 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000  
**Julian Fauth & Ken Yoshioka** 9:00 pm, Capital Bar, 973 King St E, Hamilton, No Cover  
**Danny B.** 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

## Sunday, December 3

**Ken Yoshioka Blues Jam & Open Mic** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Shacklands Brewing, 100 Symes Rd #101, Toronto, 416-763-2424, PWYC  
**James Anthony w/ guest Donnie Meeker** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Plank Restobar, 18 Augusta St, Hamilton  
**Jerome Godboo Jam Band** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, The Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd, Crystal Beach, 9058949996, Damian Arokium on guitar and Darcy Yates on bass. Rotating drummers Peter Griffin, Grant Marchand, Tip Jar friendly  
**Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ host Jim Casson, guests Spencer Mackenzie & Steve Pelletier** 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, Two sets from 2:00pm – 4:30pm, weekly guests, reservations recommended: 905-892-0782

**The Gary Kendall Trio featuring Teddy Leonard and Tyler Burgess** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272  
**Tim Gibbons & The Swampbusters, w/ guest Jesse O'Brien** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808  
**Cool Yule: Cheryl Lescom w/ Dale Anne Brendon, Rick Taylor, Chuckee Zehr, Marc Shickluna** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Ethel's Lounge, 114 King St. N, Waterloo, Free admission w/ food bank donation  
**Danny Marks Combo** 3:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469  
**Paul Reddick Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto  
**Alfie Smith** 6:00 pm, Merk Snackbar, 189 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton  
**Jerome Tucker Band** 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130  
**MonkeyJunk 15th Anniversary Tour – Market Hall Peterborough** 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Market Hall Performing Arts Centre, 140 Charlotte St, Peterborough, MonkeyJunk-2 Junos, a case of Maple Blues Awards! Wraps up 15th Anniversary, \$30

## Monday, December 4

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

## Tuesday, December 5

**Julian Fauth** 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto  
**Po'Boy Jeffreys** 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054  
**Reddick and Yates** 9:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

## Wednesday, December 6

**Sean Pinchin & Scott Fitzpatrick** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Slabtown Cider, 4559 Concession Rd. 6, Uxbridge  
**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free  
**Julian Taylor w/ special guest Shakura S'Aida** 8:00 pm, TD Music Hall – Allied Music Centre, 178 Victoria Street, Toronto  
**Action Sound Band** 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

## Thursday, December 7

**Ragwax** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

**Terra Lightfoot** 7:00 pm, Dominion Telegraph Event Centre, 97 Grand River St N, Paris, (226) 227-1767  
**Fundraiser Durham Outlook for the Needy – feat. Jack de Keyzer** 7:30 pm, Biltmore Theatre, Oshawa,  
**Alison Young & Pat Carey (2 nights)** 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Jazz Bistro, 251 Victoria St, Toronto, (416) 363-5299, \$20

## Friday, December 8

**Little Magic Sam** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272  
**Blues at The Cove: Steve Marriner Band feat. Jimmy Bowskill** 7:00 pm, Blues at the Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, \$100  
**Alison Young & Pat Carey (2 nights)** 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Jazz Bistro, 251 Victoria St, Toronto, (416) 363-5299, \$20  
**Jim Dan Dee** 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100  
**Johnny Max Christmas Show** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville  
**Zeke Pippin** 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto  
**Alfie Smith** 9:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822  
**Mike Sedgewick's Friday Night Blues Jam** 9:30 pm, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth, Toronto  
**Fraser Melvin Blues Band** 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W

## Saturday, December 9

**The Coachmen w/ guest Dave Rave** 1:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822  
**James Anthony matinee w/ Mike Stevenson** 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Uptown Social, 1900 Walkers Line, Burlington, 905-331-4700  
**Sean Pinchin & Scott Fitzpatrick** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, The Local, 396 Roncesvalles, Toronto  
**Afternoon Blues Jam w/ Mike Branton** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville  
**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Rick Fines** 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, \$10.00  
**Blues at the Regency w/ Toney Springer** 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340  
**Jesse Murphy Trio** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223, Southern Supper, buffet at 5:00 and music at 5:30. Reservations required: 226-397-1223  
**James Anthony solo** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Falcon Brewing Co., 30 Barr Rd, Ajax, (905) 686-6686

**A Gospel Christmas w/ Quisha Wint, Roly Platt, Kerroy Williams, Tracy Cain and more...** 7:00 pm, Royal City Mission, 50 Quebec St, Guelph, Tickets are available at Eventbrite.ca, 15 – 30

**Marty Allen, Jerome Godboo and Riley Himmrich** 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd., Crystal Beach, (905)894-9996, Tip jar friendly

**Garnetta Cromwell & Dagroovmasters** 8:00 pm, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60, 828 Legion Road, Burlington,

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

### Sunday, December 10

**Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ host Jim Casson, guests Sean Pinchin & Scott Fitzpatrick** 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, Two sets from 2:00pm – 4:30pm, weekly guests, reservations recommended: 905-892-0782

**James Anthony w/ guest Terry Chisholm** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Plank Restobar, 18 Augusta St, Hamilton

**Jerome Godboo Jam Band** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, The Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd, Crystal Beach, 9058949996, Damian Arokium on guitar and Darcy Yates on bass. Rotating drummers Peter Griffin, Grant Marchand, Tip Jar friendly

**Yule Blues All-Stars: Steve Marriner, Sandra Bouza, Darcy Yates, Gary Craig, Jesse O'Brien, Jimmy Bowskill, Steve Strongman** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Busholme Inn, 156 Main St, Erin, 519-315-0315, \$40

**Alfie Smith** 3:00 pm, Cat & Fiddle, 174 John St S, Hamilton

**Robbie Lane and the Disciples feat. Little Magic Sam** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, The Duke Live, 1225 Queen St. E, Toronto

**Paul Reddick Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

**Legendary Castaways** 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130, Every 2nd Sunday

### Monday, December 11

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

### Tuesday, December 12

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

**Reddick and Yates** 9:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

### Wednesday, December 13

**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free

**Action Sound Band** 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

### Thursday, December 14

**Ragwax** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville

**Cheryl Lescom & Chuckee Zehr** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Guelph Little Theatre, 176 Morris St., Guelph, \$10

**Conor Gains** 7:30 pm, Maxwell's, 35 University Ave E, Waterloo, 226-240-7020

**Digging Roots & Lacey Hill** 8:00 pm, Jane Mallet Theatre – St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front St E., Toronto

**Jammin for Joy – 11th Annual Charity Concert with Gavin Mcleod** 8:00 pm, Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St W., Toronto, Proceeds from every ticket go to Sick Kids

### Friday, December 15

**Alison Young** 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Rd, 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

**Al Lerman Trio hosts PMBA Jam** 1:00 pm, Dr. Jay's BBQ, 282 Aylmer St N, Peterborough, Al Black drums and Rob Foreman bass

**The Coachmen w/ guest Joshua Arden Miller** 1:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822

**James Anthony matinee w/ Djino Lefrancois** 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

**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Gail Gunnis and Fabio Parovel** 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Bloss Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, \$10.00

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

**The Don River Blues Band** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469, Christmas Blues Band Jam! NO COVER!

**Bill Durst & Joe De Angelis** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223, Southern Supper, buffet at 5:00 and music at 5:30. Reservations required: 226-397-1223

**Sean Pinchin** 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Sawdust City Brewing, 397 Muskoka Rd N, Gravenhurst

**Kenny Blues Boss Wayne** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

**Fraser Melvin w/ Jenie Thai** 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Shakey's Bar, 2255 Bloor Street West, Toronto, 4167675608

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

### Sunday, December 17

**Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ host Jim Casson, guests Brooke Blackburn & Russ Boswell** 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, Two sets from 2:00pm – 4:30pm, weekly guests, reservations recommended: 905-892-0782

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**Paul Reddick Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto

**Alfie Smith** 6:00 pm, Merk Snackbar, 189 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton

**Mike Sedgewick's Blues Revue** 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130, Every 3rd Sunday

### Monday, December 18

**Film: My Name Is Jackie – Tribute to Jackie Shane** 7:00 pm, Paradise Theatre, 1006 Bloor St W., Toronto, 416-306-8134

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

### Tuesday, December 19

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

**Reddick and Yates** 9:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto



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### Wednesday, December 20

**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free  
**Alfie Smith** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville  
**Kellylee Evans Wintersong** 8:00 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto  
**Action Sound Band** 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

### Thursday, December 21

**Ragwax** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville  
**Blues For Christmas w/ The Little Magic Sam Band** 6:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474  
**Whitehorse Winter Classic** 8:00 pm, Burlington Performing Arts Centre, 440 Locust St, Burlington, 905-681-6000, Animal Sanctuary Benefit show

### Friday, December 22

**Blues For Christmas w/ The Little Magic Sam Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272  
**Colleen Allen** 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Rd, 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, December 23

**James Anthony matinee w/ Terry Chisholm** 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  
**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Dawn Tyler Watson** 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, The Duck's Christmas Party, \$10.00

**Blues at the Regency w/ Shawn Kellerman** 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Regency 76 – The Original Sports Bar, 8068 Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, 905-354-2340  
**Steve Strongman & Rob Szabo 19th Annual Holiday Show** 8:00 pm, Room 47, 47 King St N, Waterloo  
**Action Sound Band** 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000, w/ Paul Reddick, Stan Miczek, Glenn Milchem & Eric Schenkman, free  
**Danny B.** 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887

### Sunday, December 24

**Joshua Arden Miller – Christmas Eve Matinee** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808, \$10  
**Paul Reddick Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto  
**Frank Cosentino** 7:00 pm, Linsmore Tavern, 1298 Danforth Ave, Toronto, 416-466-5130, Every 4th Sunday  
**Monthly Blues Jam w/Ken Yoshioka Band** 9:00 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000, 4th Sunday jam, PWYC

### Tuesday, December 26

**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Steve Grisbrook** 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, Boxing Day Bash, \$10.00  
**Julian Fauth** 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

### Wednesday, December 27

**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free  
**Suzie Vinnick** 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto, \$40  
**Action Sound Band** 8:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

### Thursday, December 28

**Ragwax** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Barley Vine Rail Co., 35 Armstrong St., Orangeville  
**Sandra Bouza** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$15

### Friday, December 29

**Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe** 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

### Saturday, December 30

**James Anthony matinee w/ Michael Theodore** 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  
**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Sean Pinchin** 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  
**Garnetta and DaGroovmasters** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Sammy's Creamery, 75 Erie Avenue, Brantford, ON  
**Rick Robichaud Band** 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474  
**Chuck Jackson Trio** 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$20  
**Fraser Melvin Band** 9:00 pm, Noonan's 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, December 31

**Jimmy's Juke Joint NYE Matinee w/ host Jim Casson, guests Ron Hoover & Rich Moore** 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, Two sets from

2:00pm – 4:30pm, weekly guests, reservations recommended: 905-892-0782

**Donnie Meeker's Baby Boomers Matinee NYE show** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Timothy's Pub, 344 Browns Line, Etobicoke, 416-201-9515  
**Paul Reddick Band** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Rex Jazz and Blues Bar, 194 Queen St W., Toronto  
**Jack de Keyzer NYE in Hamilton** 8:00 pm, Leander Boat Club (formerly Bay City Music Hall), 50 Leander Dr, Hamilton, Tickets \$35 at jackdekeyzer.com or Eventbrite. Hats, noise-makers, party favours, dancing. For info contact bluestarrecords@rogers.com, \$35  
**New Year's Eve w/ Shakura S'Aida** 9:00 pm, Base31, 26-343 County Road 22 Picton, Prince Edward County, Visit Base31.ca to book

### Monday, January 1, 2024

**The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Chuck Jackson** 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, New Years Day Hangover Party, \$10.00  
**Jack de Keyzer – New Year's Day show** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Polish Hall Brantford, 154 Pearl St., Brantford, 519-753-0414, \$25

### Tuesday, January 2, 2024

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

### Wednesday, January 3, 2024

**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free

### Thursday, January 4, 2024

**Sil Simone** 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474




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Friday, January 5, 2024

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

**Fraser Melvin Band** 9:00 pm, Noonan's Irish Pub, 141 Danforth Ave, Toronto ON, 416 778 1804

Saturday, January 6, 2024

**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

Sunday, January 7, 2024

**Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ host Jim Casson, guests Suzie Vinnick & Russ Boswell** 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Peter Pipers Pubhouse, 111 Hwy 20 E, Fonthill, reservations recommended: 905-892-0782

**Jerome Godboo Jam Band** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, The Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd, Crystal Beach, 9058949996, Damian Arokium on guitar and Darcy Yates on bass. Rotating drummers Peter Griffin, Grant Marchand, Tip Jar friendly  
**Danny Marks Combo** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

**Heather Luckhart** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, My House in The Junction, 2882 Dundas St W, Toronto, Blues Variety Show, 1st Wed = Jam!, Free

## Concerts of Note

**Julian Taylor w/ special guest Shakura S'Aida | TD Music Hall – Allied Music Centre | Toronto | December 6**

**Yule Blues All-Stars: Steve Marriner, Sandra Bouza, Darcy Yates, Gary Craig, Jesse O'Brien, Jimmy Bowskill, Steve Strongman | Busholme Inn | Erin | December 10**

**Digging Roots & Lacey Hill | Jane Mallet Theatre – St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts | Toronto | December 14**

**Kellylee Evans Wintersong | Hugh's Room Live | Toronto | December 20**

**Whitehorse Winter Classic | Burlington Performing Arts Centre | Burlington | December 21**

**Suzie Vinnick w/Kevin Breit | Hugh's Room Live | Toronto | December 27**

**Emily Burgess & The Emburys – album release | Moonshine Cafe | Oakville | January 13, 2024**

**Garnetta Cromwell & DaGroovmasters' Toronto CD Release | Hugh's Room Live | Toronto | January 25, 2024**

**Colin James | OLG Stage Fallsview Casino | Niagara Falls | January 25, 2024**

**Sona Jobarteh and Taj Mahal | RCM Koerner Hall | Toronto | March 9, 2024**

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