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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year News. Welcome to 2024 and a fresh turn of the page toward twelve months of good things in our community and beyond. The world is in turmoil but blues fans have much to appreciate and we start the year off with a bang as we go into **Blues Summit Eleven** and the next edition of the **Maple Blues Awards**.

Changes. We will bid adieu to Managing Director **Glenn Smith** as we turn the page as he heads for teaching gigs and leaves TBS having accomplished a lot during transition times. TBS will now look to cover off our grant writing assignments and the office with a new approach and lean more heavily on steady rolling **Manny DeGrandis** with able support from long-time friend and supporter **Lucie Dufault**.

Blues Summit Eleven. Ontario Arts Council CEO and man with a meaningful message **Michael Murray** will deliver our keynote address at the opening reception of the **Chelsea Hotel** gathering. We return to Gerrard Street in the massive complex with all the goods including an "indoor winter festival" of showcases. Michael will be sandwiched between veteran keyboard legend **Bobby Dean Blackburn** and Gary Kendall's enormous instrumental project, the **Maple Blues Band**. TBS members and the public can purchase showcase admissions but if you are keen to advance your music career, a full delegate registration is recommended and required.

Introducing... The Maples! Gary Kendall has passed the bandleader torch to his bass playing compadre **Manny DeGrandis** and he has chosen to change and shrink the band! Backing up guest artists this year is a quintet featuring **Quincy Bullen, Selena Evangeline, Dave Patel and Kristina Prince**, with Manny of course on bass himself.

Phoenix Rises Again. After shrinking the MBA down to the Harbourfront Centre Theatre we sought some elbow room with a return to Toronto's Sherbourne Street nightclub, the Phoenix Concert Theatre. An all-purpose black box, we will provide seating for those who request and book, VIP seating in the cushy balcony, twelve private box gondola style tickets, and standing room tickets for those who wish to mingle and mutter during our celebration of the best in Canadian blues. Host Quisha Wint will command attention and respect from the podium and she'll entertain along with family funk outfit **Blackburn Brothers**, Ottawa's guitar whiz **Angelina Hunter**, BC golden boy **Brandon Isaak** with more confirmations on the way. Already announced is the new Indigenous MBA awarded to **Crystal Shawanda** while the Blues Booster is going to BC's hardworking radio jock **Brant Zwicker**. Buy your tickets now and stick around for the "After Glow" set post trophy toss.

Annual General Meeting. Our previously scheduled session to review the 2022-23 fiscal year has bounced out of the calendar due to all of the above and has yet to land on a date. Watch your inbox for that news, but heads up that we are looking at a meeting after the MBA and Summit.

– Derek Andrews, President, Toronto Blues Society.

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The Remarkable Journey of Quisha Wint

Quisha Wint began her musical journey at six years old singing in her church. The response by her congregation and choir director was so loving and positive, she knew, even at that early age, that music was part of her calling. She was born in Toronto into a Jamaican/Canadian home where she absorbed Reggae, Soul, Gospel, Blues and Motown. Inspired, she entered the Jazz program at Canada's highly esteemed school of music, Humber College. After that, she quickly rose in prominence as one of the most in-demand vocalists and session musicians in the business, working with artists like Johnny Reid, Jacksoul, Snow, Maestro Fresh Wes and Paul Shaffer, just to name a few. These collaborations soon had her touring around the world. However, the first time that all of Canada collectively saw Quisha was when she sang on the first Season of Canadian Idol in 2003. Unable to make the auditions in Toronto as she was appearing as Tina Turner in the Legends Tina Turner Show, she eventually drove herself to Ottawa for the audition, easily making her way to the top tier of performers.

“Bob Marley’s music represents equality, justice, peace and love and this is where my heart is when it comes to being who I am and what I want to put out in this world” Quisha Wint

In 2012 Quisha released her first album, aptly titled *The Journey*. She co-founded and became president of QW Productions, a professional source of support designed to inspire artists to live their dreams. “Our mission is to provide a platform for musicians to showcase their awesome gifts.” QW also honors legendary musicians and songs of the past by encouraging young and upcoming artists to keep this music vital and recognized. As a music director and producer, Quisha has become a beacon for love and hope, and is often requested as a motivational speaker at both artistic and corporate events. In 2021, she released an EP entitled *My Life* to rave reviews. Its single, “Black Shoes” is a dramatic, potent song in response to the infamous murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement. The song



Quisha Wint will be back hosting the Toronto Blues Society’s Maple Blues Awards and presenting guest performers Brandon Isaak, Angelina Hunter, the Blackburn Brothers and more to be announced. The gala event, the highlight of the Canadian blues calendar, be held on February 12th at the Phoenix Concert Theatre in Toronto.

evolved organically and communally with her band. “The band had gotten together after a really long break and we just wanted to play. The groove was there from the start but there was no real intention to write such a powerful song. We were just working the song out when we realized we were all literally wearing black shoes. It became a grassroots song, but as it developed it got very powerful all on its own. We all share song writing credit on it.” The song frames a difficult truth through words and music without the intention of polarization. It soon became #1 on the Canadian Indie Music Artists Charts.

Quisha’s beautiful vocals have defined her as a great singer but she is equally no stranger to success in business or the arts. Entrepreneur, director, producer, songwriter, arranger, entertainer and choir director: her musical journey now includes acting. She recently appeared as a choir performer in a Netflix featured mini-series called *Self Made: the Story of Madame C.J. Walker*. She also appeared in the film *The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel*. But Quisha feels that

her greatest source of love and inspiration is as a mom. “Having a child has changed my perspective on life. I view the world differently and can only hope that I am raising someone who will make a difference in this world.” That seems an achievable task as there is no question that Quisha has always encouraged others to follow their dreams. She has mentored and supported young artists while inspiring them to open their hearts to the music of the past. Her singing performances have and still continue to ignite passion and love.

Once again this year, Quisha will be hosting the Toronto Blues Society’s Maple Blues Awards gala to be held on February 12th at the Phoenix Concert Theatre. Quisha will also be featured in a night of music to chase the January blues away with 9 time Juno nominated jazz guitarist Michael Occhipinti and guests at the newly located Hugh’s Room on January 13th. Half price tickets are available. Please check the website.

For more information and to hear Quisha’s music please search out quishawint.com.

- Georgina Lynn Boucher

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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.

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

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\$130.00	\$175.00

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Note: Conference delegate passes do not include admission to The Maple Blues Awards.

Tickets for this event must be purchased separately

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Guests who would like to benefit from special TBS room rates starting at \$179.00 per night during the Summit can book their rooms by calling the hotel directly, toll free at 1-800-CHELSEA (243-5732) or 416-595-1975. They must identify themselves as part of Blues Summit to take advantage of the discounted group rate. For on-line bookings please e-mail the TBS office at info@torontobluessociety.com for a direct link to book at the discount rate.

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Tix at www.ticketpro.ca

Friday February 9

Opening ceremony
4pm Bobby Dean Blackburn
5:15pm The Maple Blues Band

8:00pm Ken Whiteley
8:30pm The Tone Wheels
9:00pm Son of Dave
9:30pm Dan McKinnon
10:00pm Jake Chisholm
10:30pm Kenny Blues Boss Wayne
11:00pm Bywater Call
11:30pm Angelina Hunter Trio

Saturday February 10

8:00pm Derek Falls Band
8:30pm Michael Jerome Browne
9:00pm Miss Emily
9:30pm Glenn Marais and The Mojo Train
10:00pm The Sugar Darlings
10:30pm Angeliqne Francis
11:00pm Garnetta Cromwell and DaGroovemasters
11:30pm The Brandon Isaak Trilogy

Sunday February 11

4:00pm Camillo Restrepo
4:30pm Sean Pinchin
5:00pm Po'Boy Jeffreys
5:30pm Brock Stonefish

8:00pm Isaak Bonk
8:30pm Raoul and the Big Time
9:00pm Dawn Tyler Watson
9:30pm Sugar Brown
10:00pm Suzie Vinnick
10:30pm Shakura S'Aida
11:00pm Garret T. Willie
11:30pm The Blackburn Brothers

For the complete schedule, and showcase artist bios, <https://torontobluesociety.com/blues-summit-11/>

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Meet "The Maples": The Maple Blues Awards backing band is changing for the first time since 1999 with an all new set of fresh faces. Manny DeGrandis is the new Musical Director (and Bass player). This is Manny's first year as Musical Director for The Maple Blues Awards Band. He is no stranger to the award show having Stage Managed the last 2 award shows and working so close with The Maple Blues Band made Gary Kendall's decision to pass the MD duties over to him easy. Joining him in "The Maples" will be Quincy Bullen – Keyboards, Guitar and Vocals, Selena Evangeline – Guitar and Vocals, Kristen Prince – Tenor and Bari Sax and Dave Patel – Drums. The Maples will be backing up some of the guests performing at the Maple Blues Awards Gala on February 12 at The Phoenix Concert Theatre. Performers announced so far include Brandon Isaak, Angelina Hunter and the Blackburn Brothers. The evening will be hosted by Quisha Wint.

Congrats to Toronto guitar slinger Anthony Gomes whose latest CD, *High Voltage Blues*, is celebrating its 52nd week on the Billboard Blues Chart. Looking forward to a Toronto play in the new year from this home-town hero.

Sad news from a couple of local roots music institutions: Winterfolk has announced they will not be around this winter due to health challenges from founder/director Brian Gladstone. The Winterfolk Festival has become a significant cultural event in Toronto since its establishment in 2003, bringing together music enthusiasts from various backgrounds to celebrate a diverse range of musical genres against the unique winter backdrop of the city. The decision to take a hiatus in 2024 is clearly a difficult one, given the festival's prominence and the need for meticulous planning. Everyone is wishing Brian Gladstone and the entire Winterfolk team strength and resilience as they navigate through this challenging period and looking forward to the festival's return with renewed energy and creativity in 2025.

Blues and Roots Radio will also cease operation at the beginning of the new year. They posted, "It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cessation of broadcasting on Blues & Roots Radio, effective January 31st, 2024. For more details, please read the announcement at the following link: <https://www.bluesandrootsradio.com/> Thank you for your unwavering support throughout the years. Their newsletter, The Sound Café, will pick up the slack in promoting up-and-coming roots artists. <https://www.thesoundcafe.com/>

A new Blues Society emerges: A brand-new blues society is about to take flight. The Escarpment Blues Society has already had a soft launch for members and continues to offer discounts.



The main launch of the Escarpment Blues Society will take place Tuesday May 28th in the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, which features a large theatre with top-notch acoustics.

The goal of the Escarpment Blues Society is to strengthen awareness and appreciation of Blues And Roots Music while at the same time putting the emphasis on growth.

The society has a strong mission statement which we'll include here:

The Escarpment Blues Society will:

- Promote Blues & Roots Music through multiple avenues including live performances, artist support, education with blues in the schools' programs and highlighting recordings.

- Support local, national and international blues and roots artists for the advancement of their craft in the Niagara Escarpment area. This applies to established Blues And Roots artists as well as new artists.

- Support local venues that feature Blues And Roots music

- Engage in activities that will garner funds for operational needs

- Raise community awareness for Blues and Roots Music, through through social media, mainstream media, digital and print media

- Will become an affiliate of the Blues Foundation and help raise funds for artists to participate in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis

The Society features a solid board membership of local music fans that have been involved in the music scene for many years in the Hamilton area. Juno award-winner and Hamilton musician Steve Strongman is just one of the many esteemed board members.



Paul James' Birthday Bash is a traditional kick-off to a new year of blues in Toronto. See you at the Phoenix Concert Hall on Saturday, January 27

Steve said: "I see great things happening in the region and beyond for the Escarpment Blues Society."

The Society intends to promote activities in the area of the Escarpment and the surrounding locales. The official launch on May 28 will feature the Escarpment Blues All Star Band and a large line up of guest stars.

For more information go to escarpmentbluessociety.ca and you can join the Facebook group by clicking on the link on the web page. There is also a link to join a mailing list to get up-to-date music information.

Passings: As we go to press we heard of the sudden passing from a heart attack of Dave Curry, guitarist, leader and founder of The Mighty Duck Blues Band. A popular contributor to the Niagara Music Community he will be sadly missed by his wife Denise, family members, friends, bandmates and fellow musicians. 2023 marked the loss of many great bluesicians and the years ends with both Montreal and Toronto mourning the loss of a couple of significant musicians who spent their lives in around the blues of their respective cities. Bat Taylor was a fixture on the Montreal Blues scene and David Baxter covered every musical genre through his career including plenty of blues. They are well remembered by the musicians and fans who were touched by their talent.

Muchas Gracias

Many thanks to Jane Davie and Dave Shuken for their help with the Newsletter mailing.

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- Tom Buenger *Blues From Caucasia* independent
- *Father 'n' Son *Dancing with the Devil* independent
- Andrew Riverstone *Pushing Against the Flow* Atlantic Highway Records
- *Robert Connelly Farr *Pandora Sessions* independent
- Peter Veteska & Blues Train *Full Tilt* Blue Heart Records
- Walter 'Wolfman' Washington *Feel So at Home* Tipitina's Record Club
- Teresa James & the Rhythm Tramps *Rose-Colored Glasses Vol. 2* Blue Heart Records
- Dustin Arbuckle & the Damnations *Live at the Shamrock Lounge* independent
- *Voodoo Walters *How to Be Happy* independent
- Ben Levin & Stella Heath *Waiting Just For You* VizzTone
- Al Basile *B's Time* Sweetspot Records
- HeavyDrunk *You Don't Know Me* 4142 Music
- *The Commotions *Volume III* independent
- Chris Beard *Pass It On Down* Blue Heart Records
- EG Kight *Sticks & Strings* Blue South Records
- *Davis Hall & the Green Lanterns *Canboro Canborough* independent
- The Christopher Dean Band ft. 'Chicago' Carl Snyder *Need a Friend* Lost World Music
- Marcel Smith *From My Soul* Little Village Foundation
- *Kenny Brown & the Pervaders *The Big Question/Willing & Ready* (two-sided single) 47 Records
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Sil Simone 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Harbour St. Fish Bar, 10 Keith Ave., Collingwood, 705-293-3474

Steve Marriner's Local Electric 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Bluebird Bar, 2072 Dundas W., Toronto

Friday, January 5

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

Sean Pinchin & Scott Fitzpatrick 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Busholme Inn, 156 Main St, Erin, 519-315-0315

Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe 8:00 pm, Revival 1863, 35 Armstrong Street, Orangeville, (519) 307-2100

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

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

Saturday, January 6

The Coachmen w/ guest Dylan Wickens 1:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822

The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Dwayne Laforme 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

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

Paul Reddick (matinee) 4:00 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

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

Fraser Melvin & Robert Davis 9:00 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, January 7

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

Mardi Gras Buffet w/ Roberta Hunt & Toby Hughes 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Front Porch Southern Kitchen and Blues Joint, 4 Albert St., Langton, 226-397-1223

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

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

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

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

Wednesday, January 10

Action Sound Band 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Little Magic Sam 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, January 11

Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, German Canadian Club London, 1 Cove Road, London, (519) 433-2901, The Great Lakes Blues Society are proud to present Chicago's own Lil'Ed and The Blues Imperials Ticket info: <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/46539/>, \$40

Friday, January 12

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

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

Dylan Wickens Band 8:00 pm, Lancaster Smokehouse, Kitchener

Weber Brothers 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$30

Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

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

Saturday, January 13

The Coachmen w/ guest Chris Chambers 1:00 pm, Coach and Lantern, 384 Wilson St E., Ancaster, 905-304-7822

Lori Yates w/ Naomi Dyon 2:00 pm, NV Bar & Kitchen, Guelph

The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Jerome Godboo 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

Junction City All-Stars 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Inter Steer Tavern, 357 Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto, 416-588-8054

Jack de Keyzer w/ Glenn Marais & The Mojo Train opening 7:00 pm, Old Town Hall, 460 Botsford St., Newmarket

Emily Burgess & The Emburys – album release 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$20

January Blues Bash w/ Quisha Wint, Michael Occhipinti and friends 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto

Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials 8:00 pm, KBD Hall Chatham, 34 Bying Ave., Chatham, Tickets at [Ticketscene.ca](https://ticketscene.ca), 30 – 35

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

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

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

Wednesday, January 17

Action Sound Band 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Jesse Whiteley 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, January 18

Mike Daley and Matt Weidinger 6:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272

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Friday, January 19

Blues at The Cove: Jack de Keyzer (2 nights) 7:00 pm, Blues at the Cove – The Cove Inn, 2 Bedford St, Westport, (613) 273-3636, Donation in support of Westport Blooms and Friends of Foley Mountain, \$100
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Conor Gains 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville, \$20
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Saturday, January 20

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Ragwax 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Hespeler Legion, 26 Schofield St, Cambridge
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Sugar Brown Quintet 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000, w/Nichol Robertson, Victor Bateman, Lowell Whitty and Derek Thorne, free

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Sunday, January 21

Jimmy's Juke Joint w/ host Jim Casson, guests Jeffery Arthur Pagendem, Randy Stirtzinger, & Rob McBride 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
Jerome Godboo Jam Band 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, The Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd, Crystal Beach, 9058949996, Damian Arkonium on guitar and Darcy Yates on bass. Rotating drummers Peter Griffin, Grant Marchand, Tip Jar friendly
Josh Miller and the Pappy Johns Band 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Stonewalls Restaurant, 339 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905-577-0808

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

Julian Fauth 6:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto
Gail Gunnis & The Dirty Roosters 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Reid's Distillery, 32 Logan Avenue, Toronto, +1 416-465-4444
Reddick + Yates 9:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Wednesday, January 24

Action Sound Band 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000
Jesse Whiteley 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, January 25

Mike Daley and Mark Thackway 6:00 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Colin James 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, OLG Stage Fallsview Casino, 6380 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls

Friday, January 26

Fraser/Daley 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Castro's Lounge, 2116 Queen St E, Toronto, (416) 699-8272
Blues Night: Rick Fines with guests Roly Platt & Alec Fraser 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Sanderson Hall – St. Paul's United Church, 30 Main St. S, Brampton, Presented by the Brampton Folk Club
Sandra Bouza 8:00 pm, Sellers and Newel Bookstore, 672 College St, Toronto, 647-778-6345
Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376 Danforth Ave., Toronto

Saturday, January 27

The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Bill Durst 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Jo Blos Rock and Wok, 2 Pelham Rd (@ St. Paul St. W.), St. Catharines, 905-685-8280, \$10.00
Sil Simone and The Boys 3:00 pm, Carrigan Arms, 2025 Upper Middle Rd, Burlington, 905-332-6131
Paul James Birthday Bash 7:00 pm, Phoenix Concert Theatre, 410 Sherbourne St, Toronto

Emily Burgess Album Release Party 7:00 pm, Gordon Best Theatre, 216 Hunter St. W., Peterborough
Jack de Keyzer 8:00 pm, Heartwood Concert Hall, 939 2nd Ave E, Owen Sound, \$30
Great Canadian Singer-Songwriters Show, feat. Steve Strongman, Adam Buschlen, Sydney Jones, 8:00 pm, Registry Theatre, 122 Frederick St, Kitchener
Albert Lee 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Hugh's Room Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto
Junction City All-Stars 9:00 pm, The Cat Pub & Eatery, 3513 Dundas St W. (at Jane St.), Toronto
Danny B. 9:30 pm, Reservoir Lounge, 52 Wellington St. E, Toronto, 416-955-0887
Donne Roberts 11:30 pm, Drom Taberna, 458 Queen St. W, Toronto

Sunday, January 28

The Tonewheels: Matt Weidinger, Chris Latta, Mike Rajna 2:00 pm, Busholme Inn, 156 Main St, Erin, 519-315-0315

Concerts of Note

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

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

Albert Lee | Hugh's Room Live | Toronto | January 27, 2024

Matt Andersen w/ guest Terra Lightfoot | Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts | Oakville | January 31, 2024

Matt Andersen with special guest Abigail Lapell | River Run Centre | Guelph | February 2, 2024

Mariposa Presents Blues & Gospel: Kenny Blues Boss Wayne, Prakash and Jordan John, Lance Anderson, Ronnie Douglas, Michael Shand | Orillia Opera House | Orillia | February 3, 2024

27th ANNUAL MAPLE BLUES AWARDS | Phoenix Concert Theatre | Toronto | February 12, 2024

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue (2 nights) | Danforth Music Hall | Toronto | February 16-17, 2024

Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar | TD Music Hall – Allied Music Centre | Toronto | February 24, 2024

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

Jon Batiste | Massey Hall | Toronto | March 12, 2024

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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

Swingin' Blackjacks 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

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

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

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

Monday, January 29

Ragwax 6:00 pm, Drom Taberna, 458 Queen St. W, Toronto

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Red Hot Ramble (dance lesson prior at 7pm) 8:00 pm, Reid's Distillery, 32 Logan Avenue, Toronto, +1 416-465-4444

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

Wednesday, January 31

Paul Reddick & Kyle Ferguson 8:00 pm, Sellers and Newel Bookstore, 672 College St, Toronto, 647-778-6345, \$25

Matt Andersen w/ guest Terra Lightfoot 8:00 pm, Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, 130 Navy St, Oakville, (905) 338-4161

Action Sound Band 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto, (416) 977-7000

Jesse Whiteley 10:00 pm, Cameron House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Thursday, February 1

Beat Heathens w/ guest Eric Schenkman 8:00 pm, Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St, Oakville

Friday, February 2

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

Matt Andersen with special guest Abigail Lapell 8:00 pm, River Run Centre, 35 Woolwich St, Guelph, 519-763-3000

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

Saturday, February 3

The Mighty Duck Blues Band with Spencer MacKenzie 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

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

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Sunday, February 4

Rick Taylor Band 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Crystal Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd., Crystal Beach, (905)894-9996

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.

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Danny Marks Combo 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt Pleasant Rd, Toronto, 416-901-7469

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

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



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Sass Jordan 8:00 pm, Oakville Centre for the
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Zeke Pippin 8:30 pm, Sauce on Danforth, 1376
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Fraser Melvin Blues Band 10:00 pm, Cameron
House, 408 Queen St W, Toronto

Saturday, February 10

Jeff Rogers w/ Jenie Thai 8:00 pm, Hugh's Room
Live, 296 Broadview, Toronto

Jack de Keyzer 8:00 pm, Market Hall Performing
Arts Centre, 140 Charlotte St, Peterborough

Sunday, February 11

Rick Taylor Band 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Crystal
Chandelier, 3878 Erie Rd., Crystal Beach, (905)894-
9996

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Toronto, Ticket info: <https://thephoenixconcerttheatre.com/events/event/maple-blues-awards/>, 37 – 84

Wednesday, February 14

Sass Jordan 8:00 pm, Sanderson Centre, 88
Dalhousie St, Brantford

Action Sound Band 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm,
Grossman's Tavern, 377 Spadina Ave., Toronto,
(416) 977-7000

Thursday, February 15

Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar 7:00 pm to 10:30
pm, Dominion Telegraph Event Centre, 97 Grand
River St N, Paris, (226) 227-1767

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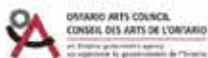


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