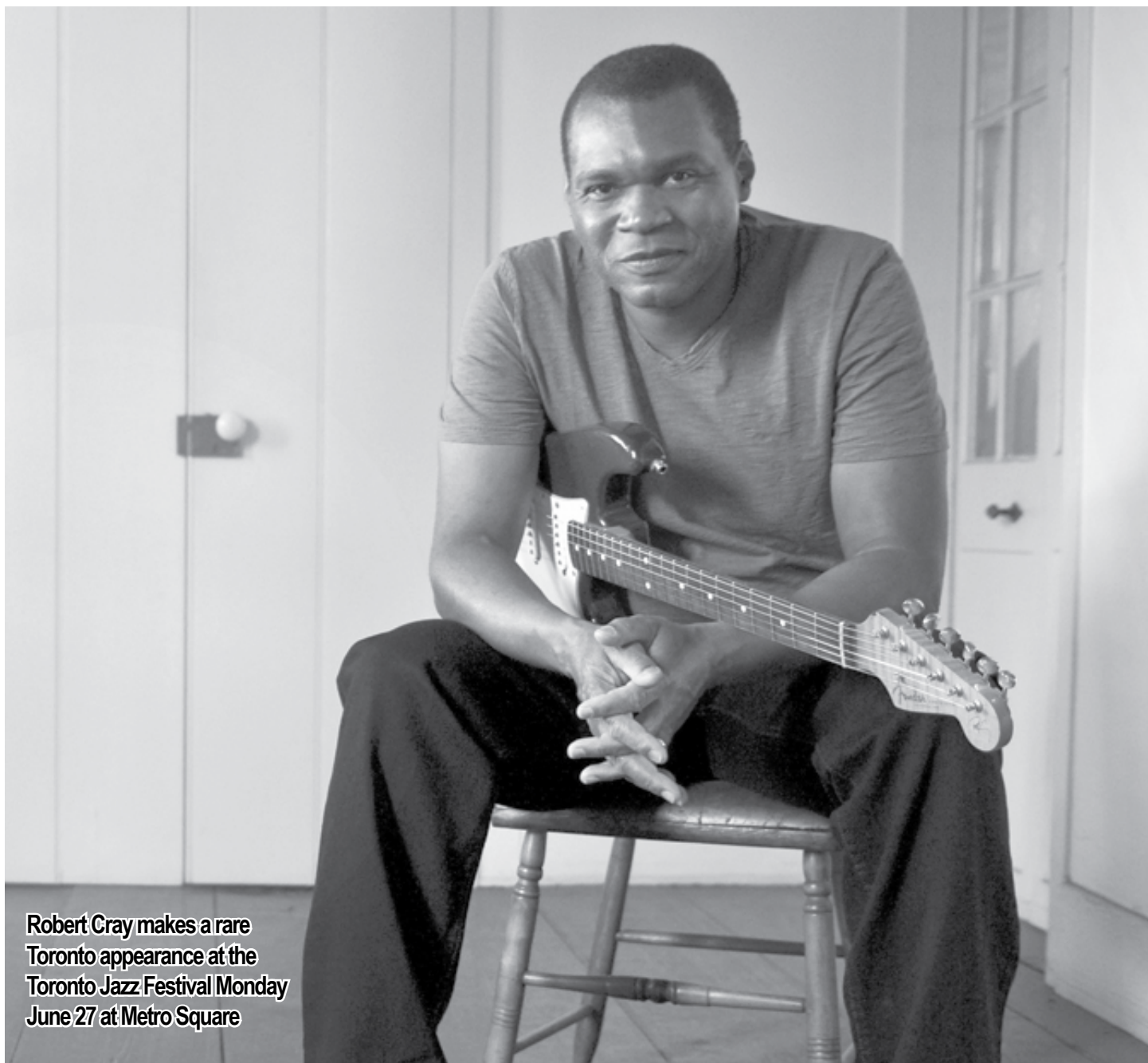


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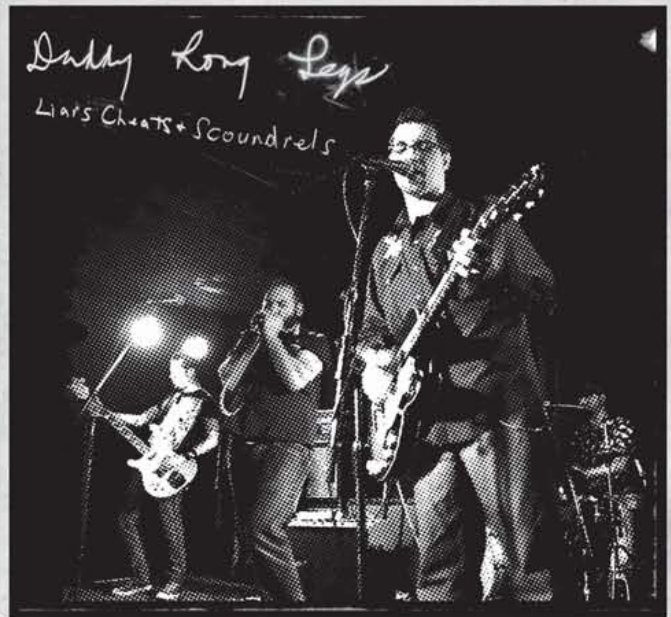
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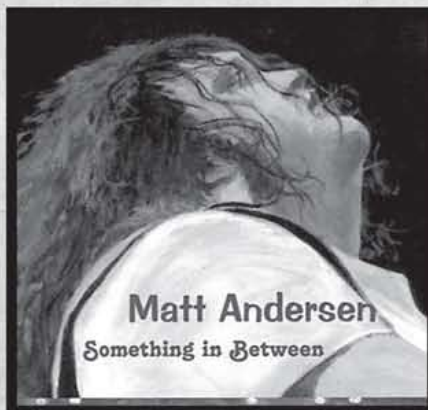


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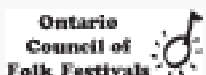
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The legendary **Curtis Salgado** has often been cited as the true inspiration for John Belushi's Blues Brother persona, though Toronto aficionados would argue that it was our own Downchild. Salgado makes a rare Toronto appearance at the **Waterfront Blues Festival** in Toronto on Saturday, June 4.

# Blues Fest Round-up

Congratulations to the Loyal Blues Fellowship of Belleville who had a successful "End of Winter Blues" Festival last month to kick off what will be another great season of blues festivals across southern Ontario. Listed below are the dedicated blues festivals within easy driving of the GTA. There are also numerous jazz and folk festivals with some limited blues content (Hillside has Little Miss Higgins and the North Mississippi All-Stars, The Toronto Jazz Festival kicks off with a free concert by Aretha Franklin on June 24th and will also present Mose Allison June 26 and Robert Cray (with Digging Roots opening) on June 27). There will be more comprehensive and continuously updated blues festival listings at [www.torontobluesociety.com](http://www.torontobluesociety.com) and for a complete list of international blues festivals check out [bluesfestivalguide.com](http://bluesfestivalguide.com). You can view a comprehensive listing of Ontario folk festivals at [www.ocff.ca](http://www.ocff.ca) and major Canadian jazz festivals at [www.jazzfestivalscanada.ca](http://www.jazzfestivalscanada.ca).

June 2-5

## Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival

The 9th Annual Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival will showcase over 80 great blues artists including Downchild Blues Band, Shakura S'Aida, David Gogo (backed by Orangeville's own Trouble & Strife), Paul James, Chris Antonik Band, catl, Matt Storch & The Usual Suspects, The Kat

Kings, Michael Pickett, Sherman Lee Dillon, Fraser/Daley Duo, SAB & The Family Band, Alfie Smith, Alan Gerber, Al Lerman, Anthony Gomes, JW Jones, the Rick Taylor Band, Johnny Max and from Florida, Swamp Cabbage. Friday night features the popular Dairy Queen Blues Cruise on Broadway with live bands and over 300 classic cars on the street. The Blues & Bikes event on Mill Street will include a Vintage Motorcycle display. Workshops will be presented at the Orangeville Public Library with sessions on harmonica, clarinet, piano and songwriting. It all wraps up with a free party for everyone at TJ's Hanger with the Jerome Godboos Band. <http://www.objf.org>

June 3-5 **Waterfront Blues** - Toronto  
Multi Blues Music Award nominee Curtis Salgado will be making a rare Toronto appearance as well as Larry McCray, Teeny Tucker, Gary Kendall & Chuck Jackson of Downchild, Johnny Rawls, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne and Erin McCallum playing The Waterfront Blues After Party  
[www.waterfrontblues.ca](http://www.waterfrontblues.ca)

June 9-20 **KOOL FM Barrie Jazz and Blues Festival** Barrie - Innisfil  
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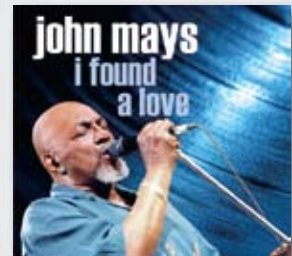
June 10-12 **Orillia Spring Blues Festival**  
Fathead, Anderson & Sloski, Ronnie Douglas, Danny Marks, Fraser/Daley & more [www.orilliaspringblues.com](http://www.orilliaspringblues.com)

July 5-17 **Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest**  
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# LOOSE BLUES NEWS

**Little Miss Higgins wins Independent Music Award:** Little Miss Higgins, guitarist/singer Jolene Higgins and guitarist Foy Taylor, won in the Blues category for their album "Across The Plains." Little Miss Higgins is currently on their first tour of the UK and will be appearing at the Hillside Festival in Guelph this summer. The winners in more than 70 categories are chosen from thousands of submissions from around the globe. A complete list of winners, nominees and judges is available at: [www.TheIndependentMusicAwards.com](http://www.TheIndependentMusicAwards.com)

**Harmonica Winner:** Pamela Tena (aka the Dancing Queen) was the winner of the Lee Oskar Harmonica Package at the TBS Harp Workshop last month. Pam will not be taking up the harmonica and donated the set to Arts Can Circle, after getting it autographed by all the participants.

**Congratulations to Holger Petersen** on the 35th anniversary of Stony Plain Records. Established in 1976 by Holger and Alvin Jahns, Stony Plain Records has released almost 400 albums of blues, classic R&B, folk, country, bluegrass, rock and roll, and music that is impossible to pigeonhole. Holger Petersen remains a self-confessed music junkie, but in addition to his day-to-day work with the label, gives his time generously to music industry organizations. Along the way, he helped found the Edmonton Folk Music Festival (and was its artistic director for three years), and was a founding member of Alberta Music.

Stony Plain has received six Grammy Award nominations for its artists, including Maria Muldaur, Jay McShann and Duke Robillard. The label and its artists have also garnered numerous awards from the Blues Foundation, 10 Juno Awards, Canadian Country Music Association Awards, Maple Blues Awards and Western Canadian Music Awards. And on a personal level, Petersen was honoured for his contributions to Canadian arts and culture with an honorary Doctorate from Athabasca University in 2002 and was awarded the country's highest honour, membership in the Order of Canada, in 2003.

All that said, Petersen is much better known in Canada for hosting "Saturday Night Blues," CBC Radio's only long-running national blues show, on the air for 25 years. In addition, he hosts a weekly show called "Natch'l Blues," on CKUA Radio Network in Alberta and programs the "BluesTime" channel on Canada's Galaxie Satellite Network. A special 3-disc set is being released on May 10 to celebrate its 35th anniversary. Titled *35 Years of Stony Plain*, the set includes 41 tracks on two CDs, plus a bonus DVD. Read more about the CD/ DVD in John's

Blues Picks. For more information on the label, visit [www.stonyplainrecords.com](http://www.stonyplainrecords.com).

**Dutch Blues Awards:** Congratulations to the newly-formed Dutch Blues Foundation on the first-ever Dutch Blues Awards presented on April 9. Two winners participated in the 2011 International Blues Challenge in Memphis—Ralph de Jongh and King Mo. Twelve Bar Blues Band won Best Dutch Blues Band and King Mo - Sweet Devil won for Best Dutch Blues CD. More at [www.dutchbluesfoundation.com](http://www.dutchbluesfoundation.com) (it will help if you can read Dutch).

**Happy 100th Birthday to Robert Johnson:** Robert Johnson lived for 27 years and recorded 29 songs that changed music forever. May 8, 2011 marks what would have been his 100th birthday. He will be remembered with a weekend of activities including an exhibition of artwork from the collection of Steve LaVere, a panel discussion on Robert Johnson's Life & Legacy moderated by Jim O'Neal and guided tours of historic blues locations around Greenwood and Leflore County. There will be concerts featuring Bobby Rush, Honeyboy Edwards, Kenny Brown Band, Alvin Youngblood Hart, RJG (Robert Johnson Grandson Band), Keb' Mo' and the Warren Haynes Band along with other world famous blues acts who will take the stage to honour Johnson's legacy. Honeyboy Edwards was with Robert Johnson on the night he was poisoned and had known him through the blues circuit. More at [www.greenwoodms.org/robertjohnson](http://www.greenwoodms.org/robertjohnson)



## ETOBICOKE'S WOODFORD PARK TO BE RENAMED AFTER MUSIC ICON JEFF HEALEY

Jeff Healey will be remembered in his home town of Etobicoke, Ontario with a park named in his honour. Woodford Park, located in the Park Lawn and Queensway area of Etobicoke, will be officially renamed Jeff Healey Park in June 2011.

More than 500 friends, fans and organizations including the Hospital for Sick Children and the CNIB wrote in to Council to show support.

Healey, who passed away from cancer in 2008, played in Woodford Park as a child and later brought his own children there to play.

"Jeff Healey Park will be a powerful reminder for parents of children with disabilities that their kids can grow up to accomplish great things," said Rob Quail, a long time friend who initiated the campaign. "This park will help people remember the inspiring story of Jeff's life..."

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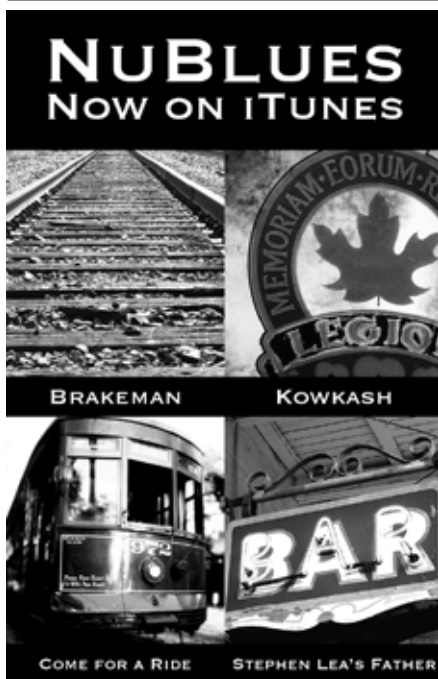
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##### **July 15-17 Frankford Island Blues Festival**

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##### **August 4-7 Kitchener Blues Festival**

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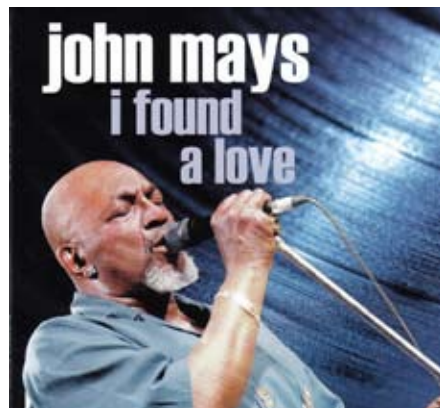
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**Rita Chiarelli** *Music From The Big House* Mad Iris/Outside

The movie documents Rita working with the inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola and this disc has the performances that are excerpted in the film. The history of Rita's ten-year journey and the resulting **Bruce MacDonald** film was our feature story last October and it's at our web site if you'd like to re-read it. Having somehow managed to miss all the various screenings of the movie, I'll just tell you about the soundtrack. After a brief opening, "Rita's Journey", the music program begins with a song that alone is worth the price of the CD: "These Four Walls", recorded here with **Papa John King** on slide guitar. It serves, I think, as Rita's summation of her efforts - her empathy for the inmates, their crimes acknowledged, is laid bare here. With that song as a breathtaking introduction, the Angola concert begins and the talent shown in these songs will amaze you. "Mississippi Boy" is a stunning down-home blues performed by one of the three bands of inmates, **The Jazzmen**, who despite the name, are a straight ahead blues band. Another grouping, **Pure Heart Messenger**, do "Don't Let Him Catch You (With Your Work Undone)" featuring **Ray Jones** on lead vocal. This song is written and originally performed by the **Jackson Southernaires** and this wonderful version shows how gray the line is between gospel and blues. "Mercy Blues" is a fine slow blues, a duet of Rita with 'Ross' and the Messengers. "Harvest" has the Messengers doing a gospel quartet rendering of the **James P. Kee** song. Rita's "Rest My Bones" from *Sweet Paradise* does not make this disc but a rehearsal sequence does, underlining the rapport she established on these visits. She then joins Messengers once again for a stirring "Glory Glory (Hallelujah)". Ray Jones

returns for "Rain On Me", another fine gospel performance. Rita contributes a fine country tune that everyone enjoys before closing the program out with **Leadbelly's** "Midnight Special". The DVD will apparently be released early next year. Her web site is [www.ritachiarelli.com](http://www.ritachiarelli.com).



**John Mays** *I Found A Love* Electro-Fi/Outside

**John Mays** has been the voice of **Fathead** from the beginning and many fans have asked during that time that he do a solo CD. Here it is. Born in Georgia, he sang gospel as a child and later, doo wop on the street corners of New York in the 50s. He first recorded a 45 for ABC Paramount there with a group called **The Jive Tones**, and recorded again as a member of the Gospel Group **The Christian Soldiers** in Houston, Texas for Songbird, a subsidiary of **Don Robey's** Peacock label. He toured extensively in the south with them in the mid to late 60s before joining the Rochester, NY R&B band **The Dynamic Insiders** who toured as an opening act for **James Brown** in 1970 and 1971. It was with this band that he first visited Toronto. After deciding to move here in the late 70's he sang with **Bleeker Street** for a few years. Their claim to fame gig was playing **Elizabeth Taylor's** Birthday Party while she was filming in Toronto. All of this is reflected in *I Found A Love*. His Deep Soul voice has now been recognized six times with the MBA for Male Vocalist of the Year and if you want to know where it comes from, check out this disc. John has chosen some R&B and Gospel gems that are a delight to listen to. The opening and title song goes back to **The Falcons**, which featured **Wilson Pickett & Robert Ward**. "People Sure Act Funny" was a hit for **Lee Dorsey & Arthur Conley**. "Your Good Thing Is About To End" finds him at his soul blues singing best. "Have Mercy Baby" goes for that down home blues sound, reuniting him with **Jack de Keyser**, **Willie "Big Eyes" Smith & Bob Stroger**. "Jesus Is On The Mainline", "99 And A Half" and "Standing By The Bedside of a Neighbour" have the gospel corner covered and covered well. "Think" is his nod to the funk era and his touring with James Brown. John is in award-winning form throughout and the members of Fathead are joined behind

him with **Lance Anderson & Denis Keldie** on keyboards, **Al Cross** on drums and Alec Fraser on bass & percussion. **Al Lerman**, **Omar Tunnoch**, **Bucky Berger** & Alec Fraser are superb as a gospel quartet. **Teddy Leonard** shines on every one of those guitar parts. With Fraser, Lerman & Tunnoch producing, we have a disc with Fathead that is not a Fathead album but a John Mays solo album. Congrats to all. John celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> at the Dollar on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, getting this CD is a fine way to help him celebrate.



**Steve Dawson** *Nightshade* Black Hen/Universal

The prime mover of Black Hen Records, a double JUNO winner this year, and the man behind the hugely successful **Mississippi Sheiks** Tribute CD/DVD is a major recording artist in his own right. And this is in addition to playing various stringed instruments on his artists' CDs. His producer credits have led him to be billed as the 'T-Bone Burnett of Canada'. His discography begins with the legendary roots duo **Zubot & Dawson** and its offshoot, the contemporary jazz group **Great Uncles of the Revolution** and *Nightshade* is his fifth solo album. The last couple of discs consisted largely of instrumentals but this one has more fully realized songs and quite a lot of blues, beginning with the opening rocker, "Torn and Frayed". "Walk On" was on the Blues JUNO winning *Everywhere West* by **Jim Byrnes** and his own version is here. It's a very good song, based loosely on one by **Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee**. He also adds to his Sheiks project with a fine rendering of "Gulf Coast Blues", the song he performed on the concert DVD. Other highlights include the slide work on "Darker Still" & "Fair Weather Friends". His vocals remind me very much of the laid back, laconic style of **Corb Lund** and it rather suits his dark lyrics. He is first and foremost a guitar player, though, and the variety of instruments and styles he presents on these songs should delight guitar fans everywhere.





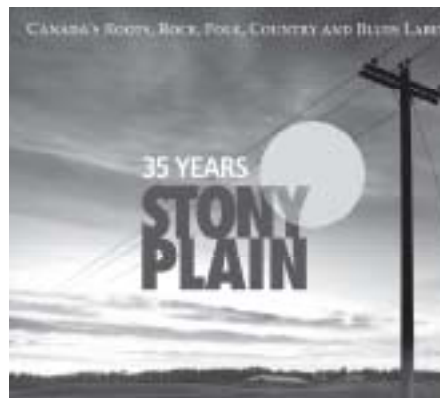
**Douglas Watson R&B Revue** *Broken Hearted Man* Self

**Doug Watson** was born in Chicago, the son of the noted pianist **Eddie “Lovie Lee” Watson**, whose many accomplishments included a stint in **Muddy Waters’** last band. He is a member of the extended **Bell Harrington** clan - the late **Carey Bell** was a stepbrother. Having relocated to Kitchener, he won our Talent Search in 2007. That Revue, with Watson playing bass, is still together: **Chris “Mr. Sweetness” Latta** on guitar, **Maciej “Mr. Magic” Lukaszewicz** on drums, and partner **“Mississippi” Pete Temple** on harmonica. They mine the same soul blues vein as Calgary’s **Donald Ray Johnson** and they do it very well. Watson has written a couple of solid originals on this six-song disc and treats us to fine versions of **Latimore’s** “Let’s Straighten It Out” and **Z.Z. Hill’s** “Down Home Blues & “Please Don’t Let Our Good Thing End”. **Bobby Bland’s** “When You Got A Heartache” rounds out the non-originals but those two new ones show promise. “Broken Hearted Man” and “The Best Way I Can” belong in this company and I hope there’s more to come. With a voice as good as his, a lack of strong new material is the only thing holding him back. Helping out at the recording session was **Junior Reggan** or **John Lee** on organ & **John MacMurtry** on sax. They’ve scheduled a CD Release night at Hugh’s Room on June 2. Their web site is [www.douglaswatson.com](http://www.douglaswatson.com).

#### **Various Artists** *35 Years of Stony Plain* Stony Plain/Warner

Another five years has gone by and in what has become a welcome tradition, **Holger Petersen** gets to troll through his vault for a new compendium of excellence. Once again, we have in hand a disc of mostly singer/songwriters; a disc of blues, R&B & jazz and a disc of videos to enjoy and sample and perhaps even lead you to search out a performer you might not otherwise have heard. As before, this is not just a ‘best of’, it’s a goldmine of rare and unreleased gems, beginning with the remaining four tracks from the lost-

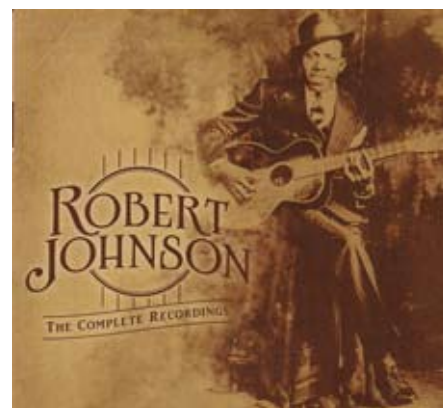
for-40-years session that the legendary **Robert Nighthawk** recorded here in 1965 (one song was on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary package). This session isn’t even in the official postwar discography. There’s an unreleased **King Biscuit Boy** song and a preview of **Kenny “Blues Boss” Wayne’s** new Stony Plain disc, *An Old Rock On A Roll*. **Harry Manx & Kevin Breit’s** new collaboration won’t be available until the end of the month but “Looking For A Brand New World” is here to entice you. The DVD is, of course, all previously unavailable at retail and leading off the list is **Mako Funasaka’s** special tribute to **Jeff Healey**, blending video of Jeff performing with guests from **Kim Wilson** to **Downchild’s Donnie Walsh**



and **Deep Purple’s Ian Gillan**, plus some rare in-studio footage, all set to Jeff’s version of **Neil Young’s** classic “Like a Hurricane”. An excerpt of **Downchild’s** “Bop ‘til You Drop” was used in *Flip, Flop & Fly*, the recent documentary. The whole thing is here. **Long John Baldry’s** video for “Shake That Thing”, from *It Still Ain’t Easy* must also be added to the highlights. Just pick one up, turn it over to see the contents and you’ll know it belongs in your collection. Go to [www.stonyplainrecords.com](http://www.stonyplainrecords.com) for more info.

#### **Robert Johnson** *The Complete Original Masters: Centennial Edition* Columbia Legacy/Sony

Those of you who think that major label box sets don’t happen in blues are in for a big surprise. **Robert Johnson**, born in Hazellhurst, Mississippi, would have been 100 years old on May 8<sup>th</sup> and Sony has prepared a major anniversary celebration. Twelve 78’s were released in his lifetime or shortly after and these twelve are now available as 10" LPs, at 45rpm, each with the original A & B sides and label. Packaged as a vintage, hardbound 78rpm album, it also includes a new essay by *Delta Blues* author **Ted Gioia** updating the RJ story with photos and a completely new piece by **Steve LaVere**, replacing his essay in the Grammy-winning 1990 box. This essay has lots of new information. There are important bonus items as well: a 2 CD set contains all 29 different songs plus all the remaining alternate takes for a total of 42. It



also collects the alternate takes at the end of each disc, addressing a major complaint about the earlier set. A second 2CD set has one disc of *Rare Victor Blues* from the era: 12 78s, A & B sides, some of which are easily available elsewhere but many not and one never before issued, by **Samuel “Fat” Westmoreland**. The other disc, *Also Playing*, contains songs by other artists who were recorded during the same days on those recording field trips to San Antonio in 1936 and Dallas in 1937. This disc may be of less interest as it includes Mexican string bands and country artists but it does give you an idea of the wide range of music recorded during those field trips. Last, but certainly not least, there is a DVD, 1997’s **Peter Meyer** film, *Can’t You Hear The Wind Howl: The Life and Music of Robert Johnson*, the excellent documentary on RJ’s life, narrated by **Danny Glover** and featuring **Keb’ Mo’** as RJ with **Johnny Shines**, his travelling companion, **Honeyboy Edwards**, who was with him as he was dying, **Robert Jr. Lockwood**, his only student, as well as modern performers acknowledging their debt: **Robert Cray**, **John Hammond**, **Eric Clapton** and more. The really important part of this review and why you should consider this purchase seriously is that the recorded sound is dramatically improved. All the music has all been completely remastered to the highest standards - the earlier Columbia CDs sound flat and lifeless by comparison. Ever since the release of RJ’s *King of the Delta Blues Singers* LP in 1961, his music has been the cornerstone of the blues revival, influencing pretty much everyone in one way or another, this box set will be the definitive way to remember that. This set, in a numbered, limited edition of 1000, will only be available online at [www.completerobertjohnson.com](http://www.completerobertjohnson.com) for about \$350.00. The newly remastered 2CD set of all the songs and the alternates should be in the shops by now if this big package is more than you need.

-John Valenteyn  
[jvalenteyn8724@rogers.com](mailto:jvalenteyn8724@rogers.com)

# TOP BLUES

*This month's recommended listening by Brad Wheeler,  
music writer for the Globe and Mail*

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**Rita Chiarelli** Music from the Big House Soundtrack (Mad Iris)\*  
**Jimmy Vaughan** Blues, Ballads and Favourites (Shout! Factory)  
**Suzie Vinnick** Me 'N' Mabel (Independent) \*  
**Hot Tuna** Steady as She Goes (Red House)  
**Tracey Nelson** Victim of the Blues (Delta Groove)  
**Harmonica Shah** Admit One: Live at The Cove with Jack de Keyzer (Electro-Fi)\*  
**Bob Dylan** In Concert: Brandeis, 1963 (Columbia)  
**Derek and the Dominos** Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs, Deluxe Edition (Universal)  
**Steve Dawson** Nightshade (Black Hen)\*  
**Rory Block / Shake 'Em On Down:** A Tribute To Mississippi Fred McDowell (Stony Plain)  
**Carlos del Junco & the Blues Mongrels** Mongrel Mash (Big Reed)\*  
**North Mississippi Allstars** Keys To the Kingdom (Songs of the South)  
**Gregg Allman** Low Country Blues (Rounder)  
**Steve Miller Band** The Let Your Hair Down (RRR) **Various Artists** Delta Swamp Rock (Soul Jazz) **Buddy Guy & Junior Wells** Alone and Acoustic (Alligator) \* Canadian  
**Ray Manzarek & Roy Rogers** Translucent Blues (*Blind Pig*)

**Yank Rachell** Blues Mandolin Man (*Blind Pig*)

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CBC Radio One (99.1)  
*"Saturday Night Blues"*,  
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Saturday 10:05pm-12:00am  
(on Radio 2 Saturday at 6:00pm)

JAZZ-FM (91.1)  
*"Bluz FM"* w/ **Danny Marks**  
Saturday 8:00 pm-midnight



CIUT-FM (89.5)  
*"Let The Good Times Roll"*  
w/ **John Valenteyn**  
Thursday 3-5pm,



CHRY-FM (105.5)  
*"Everyday I Have the Blues"*,  
w/ Vince Vitacco Monday 9-11pm,

CFMU-FM (93.3)  
*"Mr. Pointy Shoes"* w/ **Dennis Smith**  
Tuesday 11:00pm-12:00am  
*"Blues Experience"* w/ **Mike Wallace**  
Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm,  
*"Breakfast of Champions"* w/ **Paul Panchezak**  
Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm (Hamilton area).



The Haze FM [www.thehazefm.ca](http://www.thehazefm.ca)  
Sunday Morning Soul w/Johnny Max  
Sundays at 11AM-1PM & Wed 10PM-midnight

CKWR (98.5 FM)  
*"Old Chicago Blues"* w/ **Willy A.**  
Friday 10:30 pm-midnight (Waterloo)

CIOI-FM (101.5 FM)  
*"Thursday Night Blues Revue"*, with **Little Willie**  
Thursday 6-9pm (Hamilton)

CJLX (91.3 FM)  
*"Saturday Night Blues Review"*, with **George Vaughan**  
Saturday 6-7pm (Belleville)

CFRU (93.3 FM)  
*"The Blues Review"*, with **Roopen Majithia**  
Tuesday 9:00 pm (Guelph)

CFBU (103.7 FM)  
*"Eclectic Blues"* with **Deborah Cartmer**  
Tuesday 7-9 pm (St. Catharines)

CFMU (93.3 FM)  
*"Patchwork Blues"* w/ **Diane Wells** (aka Misty Blue)  
Every Monday 6-9 am (Hamilton)

CANOE-FM (100.9 FM)  
*"Blue Canoe"* with **Zoe Chilco**  
Tuesday 7-9 pm (Haliburton County)

CKMS (100.3 FM)  
*"Poor Folk Blues"* w/ **Bruce Hall** (aka Brewski)  
Monday 7:30-9 pm (Waterloo)





## TORONTO LISTINGS

**Blue Goose** 1 Blue Goose St. 416 255-2442 Etobicoke

May-20 Crossroads Blues Band 9:00 PM.

May-21 The 24th Street Wailers

2 SHOWS 4-8pm and 9-1am

May-22 Robin Banks 3:30

May-29 Morgan Davis

**Cadillac Lounge** 1296 Queen St. West 416-536-7717

May-5 Scott McCord & the

Bonafide Truth with Donna Grantis

May-19 & Jun-2 Scott McCord &

the Bonafide Truth 9:30

**Dave's** 730 St. Clair Ave. West 416-657-3283

May-7 Blues Medicine 9:30

**Dominion on Queen** 500 Queen St. E. 416-368-6893

May-6 The Swingin' Blackjacks

9:30pm Start/\$5.00 Cover

May-14 Paul Reddick Band \$10.00 Cover

**Dora Keogh** 141 Danforth Avenue 416-778-1804

May-21 Paul Reddick

May-28 Root Magic

**Duffy's Tavern** 1238 Bloor west

May-1 Ken Yoshioka 9:30pm / No cover

May-8 Ken Yoshioka 9:30pm / No cover

May-15 Ken Yoshioka 9:30pm / No cover

May-29 Ken Yoshioka 9:30pm / No cover

**Feather's Pub** 962 Kingston Rd 416-694-0443

Jun-4 Root Magic 8pm

**Fogarty's** 3481 Lakeshore W.

Etobicoke 416-253 5500

Jun-4 Morgan Davis

**Gate 403** 403 Roncesvalles Avenue 416-588-2930

May-29 Cross Eyed Cat 9:00 pm - 12:00 am

**Gladstone Hotel** 1214 Queen Street West 416-531-4635

May-17 Brian's Blues Campfire

Jam 8pm, no cover All musicians welcome

May-20 Tim Bastmeyer duo with

James Thomson

**Grossman's Tavern** 379 Spadina Ave. 416-977-7000

May-4 Ernest Lee and Cotton

Traffic Rockin' Blues Jam-9pm start

May-11 Ernest Lee and Cotton

Traffic Rockin' Blues Jam-9pm start

Jun-10 The Swingin' Blackjacks



*Tracy K makes her way to Toronto from the top of blues highway 61 in remote northwest Ontario. She will be performing alongside "secret weapon of the north" Jamie 'Snakeman' Steinhoff. Their new CD, Canned Heat, provides laid back front porch blues to rollin' and rompin' rags, Steinhoff's masterful fingerstyle and slide guitar work is inspired by Piedmont and Delta styles, with the addition of banjo and his gritty bass vocals. Tracy K's skills shine with melody-rich harmonica in the acoustic tradition of the early blues harp masters and confident, seasoned vocals. They celebrate the launch of Canned Heat at Hugh's Room on May 16. Before Toronto there are CD Launch gigs in Sudbury (May 13) and Ottawa (May 14).*

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**Highway 61 Southern BBQ** 1620 Bayview 416-489 7427  
 May-4 Morgan Davis  
 May-6 Jon Knight, Tom Bona, Terry Wilkins Free - LIVE RECORDING  
 May-14 The 24th Street Wailers 8-11 No Cover  
 May-18 Root Magic 7 -10pm  
 May-28 Tim Bastmeyer duo with James Thomson  
 Jun-1 Morgan Davis  
 Jun-4 Jon Knight and The Soulstack Free- 8-11 PM  
 Every Fri Dylan Wickens 8pm  
 Every Mon Chris Chambers 8pm

**Hollywood On The Queensway**  
 1184 The Queensway 416-251-0288 Etobicoke  
 May-1 Big Band Orphus 16piece swing band \$10 cover  
 Every Wed Jay & Viv Latin Heat 9pm until 1am salsa and more

**Holy Rosary Parish Hall** 356 St Clair Ave.W 416-654-4589 or 647-669-4589  
 May-14 PreacherMan & The Dynamic Blues Band 8pm special guest Harpdog Brown Tickets \$25 @ Door

**Hugh's Room** 2261 Dundas St 416-531-6604  
 May-16 Tracy K CD Release - Blues Duo "Canned Heat"  
 Jun-11 Carlos del Junco CD Release

**Monarchs Pub - Delta Chelsea Hotel** 33 Gerrard Street West 416-595-1975  
 May-5 Jimmy Bowskill  
 May-12 Jon Knight and The Soulstack 9PM Start  
 May-19 TBS Anniversary Party w/ Jerome Godboo & Shrimp Daddy 9pm  
 May-26 Jack deKeyser Band  
 Jun-2 Kim Doolittle Band  
 Jun-9 The Chris Antonik Band  
 Jun-16 Robin Banks Band

**Reservoir Lounge** 52 Wellington Street East 416-955-0887  
 May-11 Cross Eyed Cat 7:00pm - 9:00

**Scruffy Murphys** 150 Eglinton Avenue East 416-484-6637  
 May-14 Jon Knight and The Soulstack Free

**Silver Dollar Room** 486 Spadina Ave 416-975-0909  
 May-28 Bill Bourne & String Bone 7:30PM with Michael Burton \$10cover  
 Jun-11 Root Magic 7:30-10:30 \$10.00

**Sound Academy** 11 Polson Street 416-461-3625  
 May-12 Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings

**The Rex Hotel** 194 Queen St W 416-598-2475  
 May-15 Doctor Nick with Bharath Rajakumar and Ben Casey 3:30 to 6:30pm)

**Upstairs@Aquila** 347 Keele St. 416-761-7474  
 May-13 Laura Hubert.  
 May-21 Ken Yoshioka Blues Band.  
 May-25 Julian Fauth  
 May-28 Jake Chisholm Band.  
 Every Sun Junction Jam w/ New Mynah Birds Every Sun Every Sunday Afternoon 3:30 to 7:30 pm

**Wise Guy's** 2301 Danforth Ave 416-690-8343  
 May-23 Johnny Cox & the Tone Devils Blues Butcher on harp  
 May-27 The Swingin' Blackjacks 9:30pm Start/No Cover  
 Jun-11 Johnny Cox & the Tone devils 9.30 start

**Woodbine Racetrack** 555 Rexdale Blvd.  
 May-7 Brian Blain 11am-2pm Kentucky Derby Celebration

## 905 & BEYOND

**Algonquin Theatre** 37 Main Street East 705-789-4975 Huntsville  
 May-11 The Jimmy Bowskill Band 8pm \$25

**Arnolds Oakville** 485 Morden Road 905-844-2613 Oakville  
 May-7 Martin Hayden w/Michael Keys Band 2:30 - 6:00 pm Matinee  
 May-14 Chuck Jackson w/Michael Keys Band 2:30 - 6:00 pm Matinee  
 May-20 Soulsetters 9:30PM start time  
 May-21 David Van Duzen 2:30 - 6:00 pm Matinee  
 May-28 Penny Skolski w/Michael Keys Band 2:30 - 6:00 pm Matinee

**Artword Concert Series** 15 Colbourne St. 905-385 1829 Hamilton  
 May-27 Morgan Davis 8pm

**Augusta House** 17 Augusta St. Hamilton  
 May-28 Andre & The J-Tones 10 p.m.

**Black Angus** 139 Queen St. E. 519-284 0666 St. Mary's  
 May-20 Michael Pickett 8PM \$40 Dinner & Concert  
 Jun-3 Morgan Davis



*Bharath Rajakumar, well known as one of the world's most dedicated disciples of Little Walter's style and music will make a rare Toronto appearance at Blue Midnight III, Tribute to Little Walter on Sunday, May 15th. The show will take place at Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. W. and will also feature Chicago Bluesharp master Billy Branch, Toronto's Doctor Nick and hosts Raoul & The Big Time. Tickets are available at [info@hughsroom.com](mailto:info@hughsroom.com) or 416-531-6604*

**Blues On The Rideau @ The Cove Inn** 2 Bedford St 888-COVE-INN Westport  
 May-20 Treasa Levasseur Band Dinner & Show Fundraiser / 7 to 11 pm / \$55 plus tax / Advance Reservations required  
 Jun-10 Raoul & The Big Time Dinner & Show Fundraiser / 7 to 11 pm / \$55 plus tax / Advance Reservations required

**Bruce Blues Society** 519-486 8619 Kincardine  
 May-21 Morgan Davis Afternoon

**CAW Hall** 124 Bunting Ave 905-682-2776 St. Catharines  
 May-14 Jerome Godboo 8pm  
 Bluesaganza for Autism w/Chuck Jackson and Robin Banks

**Cheryl's Country Cookhouse** 550 Ontario St. S. 289-878-5002 Milton  
 May-1 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Danny Marks  
 May-8 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Paul Reddick  
 May-15 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Dylan Wickens  
 May-22 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Ginger St. James  
 May-29 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Jon Knight  
 Jun-5 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters 4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Robin Banks

**Cinnamon Jim's** 401 Turnberry St. 519-887 8011 Brussels  
 May-20 Morgan Davis

**Fionn McCools** 75 Fourth Ave. 905-940 3083 Orangeville  
 May-26 Morgan Davis

**Gordon Best Theatre** 216 Hunter Street 705-742-9425 Peterborough  
 Jun-3 Larry McCray and His Blues Band 8:00/\$25

**Greyfriars Pub** 231 Oak Park Blvd. 905-257-3620 Oakville  
 May-5 Steve Strongman No Cover  
 May-19 Steve Strongman No Cover  
 Jun-2 Steve Strongman No Cover  
 Jun-9 Steve Strongman No Cover

**King Henry's Arms** 65 Brock Street 905-852-5588 Uxbridge  
 May-5 George Oliver 9pm Cover \$5  
 May-7 The Boogie Men 9pm Cover \$10  
 May-8 Morgan Davis Guesting with Howard Ross Band

**Lake Affect** 1 Port Street E. 905-274-8223 Port Credit  
 May-20 Robin Banks 9 pm, no cover

**Legion Hall** 55 King West 905-372-2210 Cobourg  
 May-14 Smokin' Joe Kubek and B'nois King 8:00pm/backed Stevie Ray and all the Kings

**Liquid Lounge** 159 Sydenham St. 519-756-3939 Brantford  
 May-7 Bill Durst with Joel Guenther Saturday Matinee 3 to 6pm  
 May-14 Terry Edmunds and special guest Saturday Matinee 3 to 6pm  
 May-21 Johnny Max with Dylan Wickens Saturday Matinee 3 to 6pm  
 May-28 Al Lerman with Lance Anderson Saturday Matinee 3 to 6pm

**London Music Club** 470 Colborne St. 519-640 6996 London  
 May-25 Morgan Davis with Teddy Leonard

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**Louisiana** 1 Steeles Ave E. 905-454-4460  
Brampton  
May-28 Robin Banks 7:30

**Market Hall** 160 Charlotte Street 705-749-1146  
Peterborough  
May-13 The Jimmy Bowskill Band 8pm \$25

**Moonshine Cafe** 137 Kerr St. 905-844-2655  
Oakville  
May-28 Michael Pickett 9PM \$10

**Music Hall** 185 Queens Avenue 519-432-1107  
London  
Jun-3 Magic Slim & The Teardrops wsg Kenny  
"blues Boss" Wayne - 7:00 p.m. - \$30

**Oasis** 31 King St. 905-372 6634 Cobourg  
May-11 Morgan Davis

**O'Reilly's** 43 Gore St. E. 613-267 7994 Perth  
May-12 Morgan Davis

**Orleans** 17380 Yonge St. 905 836-5299  
Newmarket  
May-28 Crossroads Blues Band 9pm

**Perth Studio Theatre** 63 Gore Street East  
613-485-6434 Perth  
May-12 Smokin' Joe Kubek and B'nois King  
8:00 pm

**Peters Players** 830 Muskoka Rd South 705-  
687-2117 Gravenhurst  
May-7 Shakura S'Aida 8pm

**Regent Theatre** 224 Main Street 877-411-4761  
Picton  
May-13 Smokin' Joe Kubek and B'nois King  
8:00pm

**Roc'n Docs** 105 Lakeshore Rd. East 905-891-  
1754 Mississauga  
May-6 Jerome Godboo 10pm

**Rowan Moon Bistro** 109 Garafraxa St. 226-  
432 3017 Durham  
May-30 Morgan Davis with Mark Mariash

**Simcoe Blues & Jazz** 926 Simcoe St 905-435-  
1111 Oshawa  
May-6 Johnny Cox & the Tone Devils 9.30 start  
May-7 Li'l Blues Pill 9 pm  
Jun-4 Bill Bourne & String Bone with Phillip  
Brown 9PM \$10cover

**Stonewall's Gastro-Pub** 339 York Blvd. 905-  
577-0808 Hamilton  
May-1 Jerome Godboo 4pm  
May-8 Jerome Godboo 4pm

**The Beach Sports Bar** 290 Glendale Avenue  
905-680-0625 St. Catharines  
May-8 Danny B w/Kenny B Band 4:00 - 7:00  
pm  
May-15 Douglas Roy w/Kenny B Band 4:00 -  
7:00 pm  
May-22 Finley/Anderson w/Kenny B Band 4:00  
- 7:00 pm  
May-29 Penny Skolski w/Kenny B Band 4:00 -  
7:00 pm

**The Black Angus of St. Marys** 139 Queen St.  
E. 519-284-0666 St. Marys  
May-20 Michael Pickett 8PM \$40 Dinner &  
Concert

**The Cafe** 106 Ottawa 705-386-0977 South  
River  
May-14 Tracy K CD release - Blues Duo  
"Canned Heat"

**The Duck** 244 Ontario St. 905-687-9505 St.  
Catharines  
May-7 The Mighty Duck Blues Band Special  
Guest: Morgan Davis 2:30-6:30pm  
May-14 The Mighty Duck Blues Band Special

Guest: Terry Blerish 2:30-6:30pm  
May-21 The Mighty Duck Blues Band Special  
Guest: David Rotundo 2:30-6:30pm  
May-28 The Mighty Duck Blues Band Special  
Guest: Jack de Keyzer 2:30

**The Edge Lounge** 250 Bayly St. West 905-  
426-9692 Ajax  
May-28 Jerome Godboo Band 10pm w/  
Shawn Kellerman, Alec Fraser, Al Cross

**The Grey Goat** 74 Main Street S 905-895-  
7902 Newmarket  
May-7 Tim Bastmeyer duo with James  
Thomson 21:30:00  
May-14 Tim Bastmeyer duo with James  
Thomson

**The Huron Club** 94 Pine St. 705-293-6677  
Collingwood  
May-20 Chris Antonik & Josh Williams -  
Acoustic Duo 9pm

**The Lavigne** 10521 Hwy 64 705-594-2301  
North Bay (Lavigne)  
Jun-11 The Chris Antonik Band 9pm, \$10  
Cover

**The Niagara** 4683 crysler ave 905-354-7474  
Niagara Falls  
Every Sun Rich and the Poor Boys 3pm -  
6pm

**The Old Winery Restaurant** 2228 Niagara  
Stone Road 905-468-8900 Niagara-on-the-  
Lake  
May-7 Jon Knight with the Niagara Rhythm  
Section 9.30 pm  
May-14 Debbie Fleming with the Niagara  
Rhythm Section 9.30 pm  
May-20 Root Magic  
May-21 Bruce Longman with the Niagara  
Rhythm Section 9.30 pm  
May-28 Lance Anderson with the Niagara  
Rhythm Section 9.30 pm  
Jun-4 Shrimp Daddy with the Niagara Rhythm  
Section 9.30 pm

**The Pour House** 1115 Fennell Ave. E. 905-  
389-6602 Hamilton  
May-14 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters  
4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Dylan Wickens  
May-21 Shrimp Daddy & The Sharpshooters  
4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Ginger St. James  
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4:00 - 8:00/Special Guest Shawn Kellerman

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