

A Little About the Blues

Welcome to the third season of Tuesday Night Blues at Owen Park!

In 2009 we were not looking this far ahead, but we made it anyway, thanks to all of you who come out to listen to the great talent we have around here. So far we have produced 29 concerts on the Tuesdays between Memorial and Labor Days. While we have only had a single rain out (knock on wood) so far, even at that one, Deepwater Reunion got most of the way through two tunes before the hail made us quit. Last year we had a back up venue in The Grand Little Theatre that we had to utilize three times through the season. This year we're hoping all our efforts have ensured that rain is outlawed on Tuesday nights.

Most of us have a pretty good idea where the origin of the blues lay. Some of you may know what a Sookey Jump was. If not, here's a brief. A sookey jump was essentially a party, enjoyed by the groups of slaves and later, workers and sharecroppers in the south, on the one day a week or month they might have respite from their labors. Usually held on a Saturday night or Sunday afternoon, they would gather in a remote place, often in the woods, and play music, dance, eat, and enjoy themselves away from watchful eyes. While we don't labor under the same duress as they did 150-200 years ago, Tuesday Night Blues gives us a similar release and break from our workweek. At least we hope it does that for you. It does for the writer. By the time Tuesday night is over it's already "hump" day and the weekend is getting closer. TNB seems to break up the week enough that the weekends seem to arrive a lot faster. That makes the weeks seem that much shorter.

This year's lineup is stacked with talent and great bands, a few of them new to our series, but that have been making names for themselves throughout the Wisconsin region. Included are the bands voted numbers 1, 2 & 3 in Volume One's "Best Of" polls. The Best Blues Band, three years running, Mojo Lemon. The pride of Durand, WI, Left Wing Bourbon, and Augusta's own Howard Luedtke & Blue Max. That's a winning lineup all by itself, but we have lots more to help break up the workweek and make it seem that much shorter.

Returning to this year's lineup are the Jonestones led by the venerable David Jones, Sue Orfield will be performing again with her band, as well as with Catya & Code Blue. The Love Buzzards will be back again as well as Pete Newman & The Real Deal. Those old blues dogs The Steve Meyer Band are back. Deepwater Reunion will grace our stage once again and Sparky (of Wipers fame) will be bringing his Friends to entertain on the summer stage this year. Two completely new groups to us will be the Jayson Collins Group, with a very polished, jazzy variety of blues, and Ross William Perry with his band. There is not a Tuesday night that isn't well worth the trip to Owen Park. Tonight's band Lucas K & The Coolhand Saints opened at Lust For Blues 3 and closed up our Young Blues Night in 2010 and had the crowd dancing in the aisles. (continued on back)

Lucas K And The Coolhand Saints is a talented five piece group specializing in creating good times. Mixing up a stew of blues, funk, rock and reggae with a little jazz to spice it up, they'll surprise you with their spin on some old tunes and light you up with their originals. Led by Luke Fischer on guitar and vocals as well as an understated presence, his original tunes are influenced by such diverse artists as Tom Waits and Marvin Gaye. Luke currently plays in several other collaborations as well as The Saints, including Looking Glass Down, Boxcar Sojourn, Sue Orfield's Acoustihoo, and with Catya as Catya & Luke Fischer. Olaf Lind makes a fiddle and mandolin talk like nothing you ever heard before, an experience you need to have in your life. Olaf has appeared with The Front Porch and a few other groups including Orfield's Acoustihoo and recently released an album with several other talented locals known as The Eggplant Heroes. If you haven't heard it or them you should check them out. Brian Trullinger slaps a bass line that'll make you sway and move your hips. Brian has the chops that will make you spill your drink while trying to keep up with that toe tapping, Ben Stroinsky joined the band with the accordion he grew up with in his arms. This is his first venture into blues and rock, but has transitioned into a very fine keyboard player and backup vocals. He will surprise you and pull that accordion out and rock your socks off! Josh Hanson keeps it tickin' like a Timex. He has been a local staple in many bands on a variety of instruments, including bass, keyboards and guitars. He has taken to the roll as the keeper of the beat like it's a mission, and provides that solid foundation to this eclectic group of musicians.

The Coolhand Saints appear regularly at The Sheeley House in Chippewa Falls and the Bottle & Barrel in Eau Claire. They recently played to a rousing crowd at The Firehouse and The House Of Rock and last year opened up the Blues Society's Lust For Blues 3 at the Metropolis Hotel & Resort. Watch for them, they will be rockin' around town a lot.

Lucas K & the Cool Hand Saints Upcoming Schedule

- June 25th Tomahawk Room in Chippewa Falls
- June 3rd (Luke) Boxcar Sojourn at the Bottle and Barrel in Eau Claire
- June 4th (Luke & Olaf) Acoustihoo (w/Sue Orfield) at Obsession Chocolates in Eau Claire
- June 11th (Luke) Looking Glass Down at Morning's Corner in Bloomer
- June 12th (Luke & Olaf) Duffy's Quartet in Rice Lake

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Next Week...

Davey J and the Jones Tones are a veteran band of four musicians, all with a distinctive style and personality that blends into a powerful whole. As bandleader, Davey J's approach to the blues is all about the shuffle, a style and tempo pioneered in acoustic Delta blues and electric Chicago blues. With the creative collaboration of a now-established core of musicians - Catya, Duffy Duyfhuizen, and John LeBrun, Davey J and the Jones Tones remain a fixture in Western Wisconsin blues scenes, and their sound continues to grow.

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Owen Park, Eau Claire

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- May 31 Lucas K & the Cool Hand Saints**
facebook.com/lucasandthesaints
- June 7 The Jonestones**
AMBlues.com
- June 14 Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max**
HowardLuedtke.com
- June 21 Left Wing Bourbon**
LeftWingBourbon.yolasite.com
- June 28 Sparky & Friends**
Facebook.com/SparkyAndTheWipers
- July 5 Jayson Collins Group**
- July 12 Code Blue with Catya & Sue**
Catya.net
- July 19 The Steve Meyer Band**
MySpace.com/SteveMeyerAndTheBluesDogs
- July 26 Deep Water Reunion**
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- Aug 2 *Pete Neuman and the Real Deal**
PeteNeuman.com
- Aug 9 The Love Buzzards**
LoveBuzzards.com
- Aug 16 The Sue Orfield Band**
SueOrfield.com
- Aug 23 Ross William Perry**
http://www.rosswilliamperry.com/
- Aug 30 Mojo Lemon**
MojoLemon.com

We're glad you made it out tonight and hope you all can make it back for the rest of the summer. If you aren't aware yet, check out our new website at ChippewaValleyBlues.com or TuesdayNightBlues.com. We have put a lot of information up there as well as links to the bands, coming events in the region and even some videos. If you haven't joined the Blues society yet or need to renew your membership please stop by the CVBS tent to the right of the stage and get it done. We need your support to continue to provide these fine concerts. Speaking of that, we are still in need of sponsors for Tuesday Night Blues for this year. If you would like to sponsor please ask to speak to a committee member (they are usually the ones passing out the Bluesletters), or if you know someone who should be a sponsor let us know who to talk to. The economy has hit us all, especially some of our more generous sponsors and we really want to be able to continue to provide free concerts from Memorial to Labor Day. We think it is a great enhancement to the quality of life in the Chippewa Valley, and we figure you feel the same way.

Thanks, again for being here. Enjoy the season! As a friend of mine often says, "Blues to ya!"

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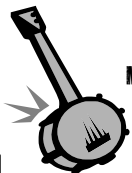
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