

**Cathy Reitz & 7 Swing** will have you dancing or just sitting back to listen and relax to their sound. Cathy Reitz on vocals, and a brassy 7piece swing band have what it takes to “be happy and put a little jazz in your heart”. The group has a blend of vocals and instruments with an expertise that delivers a full, rich musical experience.

“7Swing” was founded by musical duo Cathy and Jeff Reitz. Both come from a musical background. Leader, singer Cathy Reitz has devoted her career to the lifelong benefits of singing. Whether she is conducting choirs, teaching young musicians, performing in theater, or fronting “Cathy Reitz & 7Swing” and “the Cathy Reitz Trio”, she believes in the power of sharing music. She has performed across the Midwest in styles ranging from musical theater, classical to jazz.

Multi-instrumentalist, Jeff Reitz, owns Chippewa Valley Band Instrument Repair which helps support the music experience of students of all ages across western Wisconsin. He has played with bands and orchestras backing legends from Bob Hope and Red Skeleton to The Temptations, Johnny Mathis and Eau Claire’s own Water Street Big Band, the Mandarin Club Band and the Sue Orfield Band.

Cathy and Jeff formed “7Swing” with the intent to provide high quality blues and swing music for all occasions and ages. From upbeat large venues to small intimate settings, they have enjoyed making people happy while playing feel good music.

Members of “Cathy Reitz & 7Swing” are successful, active, established musicians from the Eau Claire area and together create a sound perfect for any event. Eight musicians, united in the knowledge that the greatest songs of all time, whether swing, jazz or pop, reach back to the blues. Their repertoire includes songs ranging from the bawdy fun of a 1920’s Speak Easy to a hip 2020’s jazz club including the Great American Songbook, Big Band Swing. Over 100 years of classics, from Bessie Smith to Etta James, Little Willie John and Maceo Parker.

Please peruse their Facebook page at [facebook.com/cathyreitzand7swing](https://facebook.com/cathyreitzand7swing) and their website at [cathyreitzmusic.com](https://cathyreitzmusic.com).

# Tuesday Night Blues 2022

All shows begin at 6:30

- May 31: 7 Swings The Blues
- June 7: Joyann Parker
- June 14: Paul Tweed Band
- June 21: Bridget Kelly Band
- June 28: Tommy Bentz Band
- July 5: Ross William Perry
- July 12: Jay Stulo Band
- July 19: Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max
- July 26: Whyte Orfield Band
- August 2: Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal
- August 9: Stefan Geisinger Band
- August 16: Avey Grouws Band
- August 23: Mark Cameron Band
- August 30: Mojo Lemon

Find out more about the bands and listen to samples at [TuesdayNightBlues.com](https://TuesdayNightBlues.com)



# Tuesday Night Bluesletter

May 31, 2022 at Owen Park  
**Cathy Reitz & 7 Swing**



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## A Little About the Blues

**M**ike Zito is one of the most lauded artists in the contemporary blues arena today and rightfully so, but for him, the thing that counts the most is maintaining his honesty, authenticity and integrity. Those are the qualities that have steered Zito's career since the beginning and continue to define every effort he's offered since.

"I have nothing to hide; it seems my honesty is what people relate to most," he once told Vintage Guitar magazine. "Anders (Osborne) told me early on, 'If you don't believe what you're singing, you'll never be a good singer.' I try not to write fluff; I try to make every word count."

Patience and perseverance have been Zito's stock and trade since the beginning. He began playing guitar at the age of five, and by the time he reached his late teens, he was already a fixture on the St. Louis music scene. "Pearl River," the title track of his 2009 album, won Song of the Year at the Blues Music Awards and marked his first collaboration with Cyril Neville, with whom he'd later work in the Royal Southern Brotherhood. 2011's Greyhound, was nominated for Best Rock Blues Album at that year's Blue Music Awards ceremony in Memphis. Two years later, released Gone to Texas, the story of how he gained his sobriety, offered an emotional homage to the state that left an indelible imprint on his entire life.

From 2010 to 2014, Zito also played an integral role in the Royal Southern Brotherhood. The group released two albums and a DVD, Songs from the Road – Live in Germany, winner of the year's Blues Music Award for Best DVD. He also made his mark producing albums for Samantha Fish, Albert Castiglia, Ally Venable, Jeremiah Johnson, Jimmy Carpenter, and many others.

Mike's latest CD, Resurrection, won Blues Rock Album of the Year at the 2022 Blues Music Awards in May! Don't miss Mike Zito's performance on June 18th at the Northwoods Blues Festival in Chippewa Falls!!

<https://www.mikezito.com/>

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### Next Week (June 7, 2022) Joyann Parker

"**Joyann Parker** is the best Twin Cities female singer you've never heard. Imagine a sober Janis Joplin. And that's a good thing. Imagine a taller Shemekia Copeland without the my-dad-was-a-blues-star pedigree. And that's a really good thing. There's pain in Parker's heart - and in just about every song she writes and sings. And, onstage, the grimace on her face, the clenched fists and the ache in her roar let her listeners know that she knows hurt... Whatever she plays, Parker owns it." - Jon Bream/Minneapolis Star-Tribune

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**Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 2:30 pm**  
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**9:30 PM** **10:00 PM**

**7:30 PM** **8:30 PM**

**5:30 PM** **6:30 PM**

**3:30 PM** **4:30 PM** **2:30 PM**

**John Primer** **Chris Beard** **Harrison Street** **Mike Zito** **JP Soars and The Red Hots** **Damon Fowler** **Victor Wainwright & The Train** **Mike Zito and Friends Blues Jam** **Blues Rock Album Award Winner 2022**

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