

Tuesday Night Blues 2015

Owen Park, Eau Claire

All shows begin at 6:30

In case of inclement weather, Tuesday Night Blues is held at the House of Rock, 422 Water Street.

*August 4 will be held at Phoenix Park.

May 26 Armadillo Jump

ArmadilloJump.com

June 2 Code Blue w/ Catya & Sue

Catya.net

June 9 Tommy Bentz Band

TommyBentz.com

June 16 Mojo

MojoLemon.com

June 23 Annie Mack

AnnieMackBlues.com

June 30 The Swamp Kings

TheSwampKings.com

July 7 The Dave Rogers Band

DavesGuitar.com

July 14 Charlie Parr

CharlieParr.com

July 21 Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max

HowardLuedtke.com

July 28 The Kingsnakes

facebook.com/KingsnakesEC

August 4 Sparky & Friends

facebook.com/SparkyAndTheWipers

August 11 Deep Water Reunion

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August 18 The Whyte/Orfield Band

WhyteOrfieldBand.com

August 25 Nick Foytik Band

facebook.com/NickFoytik

Sept. 1 Left Wing Bourbon

LeftWingBourbon.com

'Huey "Piano" Smith and His Clowns', including "We Like Birdland", "Well I'll Be John Brown", and "Don't You Know Yockomo." (Later, in 1964, New Zealand artist Dinah Lee took her cover version of this last song to number 1 in both New Zealand & Australia.)

The Clowns' most famous single, released in 1958, was "Don't You Just Know It" b/w "High Blood Pressure." This hit number 9 on the Billboard Pop chart and number 4 on the Rhythm and Blues chart. It was their second million seller.

In 1959, Ace Records erased Huey Smith's vocal track from the now classic single Smith composed, arranged and performed entitled "Sea Cruise", and replaced it with a vocal track by white singer Frankie Ford. The tune was a huge hit for Ford.

Smith left Ace Records for Imperial Records, to record with Fats Domino's noted producer Dave Bartholomew, but the national hits did not follow. Instead, Ace Records again overdubbed new vocals by Gerri Hall, Billy Roosevelt and Johnny Williams on another one of Smith's unreleased tracks, to produce the last hit single credited to Huey "Piano" Smith, entitled "Pop-Eye".

In the years following, he made several comebacks, performing as 'Huey "Piano" Smith and His Clowns', 'The Hueys', 'The Pitter Pats', and as 'Shindig Smith and the Soul Shakers', but he has never attained his former degree of success.

In 2000, Smith was honored with a Pioneer Award by the Rhythm and Blues Foundation.

Tuesday Night Bluesletter

June 16, 2015 at Owen Park

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A Little About the Blues

Huey "Piano" Smith is an American rhythm and blues pianist whose sound was influential in the development of rock and roll. His piano playing incorporated the boogie styles of Pete Johnson, Meade Lux Lewis, and Albert Ammons; the jazz style of Jelly Roll Morton; and the piano playing of Fats Domino. Journalist Steve Huey also noted "At the peak of his game, Smith epitomized New Orleans R&B at its most infectious and rollicking, as showcased on his classic signature tune, 'Don't You Just Know It.'"

Smith was born in New Orleans' Central City, and was influenced by the innovative work of Professor Longhair. He became known for his shuffling right-handed break on the piano that influenced other Southern players.

Smith wrote his first song on the piano, "Robertson Street Boogie" (named after the street where he lived), when he was only eight years old, and performed the tune with a friend. They billed themselves as Slick and Dark. Smith attended McDowell High and Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. When Smith was fifteen he began working in clubs and recording records with his flamboyant partner, Eddie Jones, who rose to fame as Guitar Slim. When he was eighteen, in 1952, he signed a recording contract with Savoy Records, which released his first known single, "You Made Me Cry". In 1953 Smith recorded with Earl King.

In 1955, Smith turned 21, and became the piano player with Little Richard's first band for Specialty Records. The same year he also played piano on several studio sessions for other artists such as Lloyd Price. Two of the sessions resulted in hits for Earl King ("Those Lonely Lonely Nights"), and Smiley Lewis ("I Hear You Knocking").

In 1957, Smith formed 'Huey 'Piano' Smith and His Clowns' with Bobby Marchan, and signed a long term contract with former Specialty record producer, Johnny Vincent at Ace Records. They hit the Billboard charts with several singles in succession, including "Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu". The record was issued as "Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu Part 1" on the topside (a vocal) and "Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu Part 2", an instrumental, on the flip. The lyrics were written by John Vincent, and the record sold over one million copies, achieving gold disc status.

In 1958, Vin Records, released a popular single "Little Chickee Wah Wah" with Clowns singer Gerri Hall, under the billing of Huey and Jerry. Meanwhile, Ace Records released several more singles from

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Mojo was formed in the spring of 1999 by guitarist Josh Entzminger, bassist "Mojo" Terry Demars & Ken Hager. The group performed as a trio until the fall of 2003 when they welcomed famed keyboardist Will Chopper aboard as the fourth permanent member, maintaining a busy schedule of 2-4 shows per week from inception until October 2004; drummer Cory Dahl was recruited and this version lasted until the group disbanded New Year's Eve 2005. Will and Terry performed together with a couple projects until hooking up with drummer Jason "Big J" Introwitz in 2006, later reforming with Josh the current lineup of Mojo Lemon Blues Band until December 2014, when drummer "Suave" Dave Schrader joined the band and guitarist Mike Schlenker as the group's guitarist in March 2015 to resume a band name change and busier playing schedule. Grab yourself a cold drink and a chair, position yourself on the edge and hold on tight. Featured in fine establishments and questionable joints everywhere, the "new" MOJO will blues-rock your world. Mojo Lemon Blues Band has been voted "Best Blues Band in the Chippewa Valley" in Volume One Magazine's "Best of Valley" readers' poll from 2008-2014.



Mojo Blues Band Upcoming Schedule

June 20 Pizza Plus, Eau Claire
July 19 Jakes, Menomonie
August 1 Blues on the Chippewa, Durand
August 1 Cell Block Lounge, Durand
August 29 Pizza Plus, Eau Claire
September 5 Six String Saloon, Maiden Rock

MojoLemon.com

Next Week (June 23) Annie Mack

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