

Tuesday Night Blues 2013

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 7 will be held at Phoenix Park.

- May 28 **Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max**
HowardLuedtke.com
- June 4 **Revolver**
RevolverBand.net
- June 11 **Bryan Lee**
BrailleBluesDaddy.com
- June 18 **Tommy Bentz Band**
TommyBentz.com
- June 25 **Code Blue with Catya & Sue**
Catya.net
- July 2 **Left Wing Bourbon**
LeftWingBourbon.com
- July 9 **Charlie Parr**
CharlieParr.com
- July 16 **Deep Water Reunion**
MySpace.com/DWReunion
- July 23 **Steve Meyer with the True Heat Band**
(featuring Ben Harder)
- July 30 **Ross William Perry**
RossWilliamPerry.com
- Aug 6 **The Sue Orfield Band featuring Ellen Whyte**
SueOrfield.com or WhyteOrfieldBand.com
- Aug 13 **Dave Lambert & the Motivators**
BluesMotivators.com
- Aug 20 **Rhythm Posse**
facebook.com/RhythmPosse
- Aug 27 **Mojo Lemon**
MojoLemon.com

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Hamilton Loomis - The Whyte/Orfield Band - Howard "Guitar" Luedtke & Blue Max - Left Wing Bourbon - Biscuit Miller - Rev Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys - Mojo Lemon - Deepwater Reunion - Altered Five - Revolver - Lamont Cranston Band w/Bruce McCabe - Davina & The Vagabonds - Alex Wilson - Steve Meyer w/ True Heat - Aaron Williams & the HooDoo and more!



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A Little About the Blues

Robert Lee "R. L." Burnside (11/23/1926 – 9/1/2005) lived much of his life in and around Holly Springs, Mississippi. He played music for much of his life, but did not receive much attention until the early 1990s. In the latter '90s, Burnside repeatedly recorded with Jon Spencer, garnering crossover appeal and introducing his music to a new fan-base within the underground garage rock scene. One commentator noted that Burnside, along with Big Jack Johnson, Paul "Wine" Jones, Roosevelt "Booba" Barnes and James "Super Chikan" Johnson, were "present-day exponents of an edgier, electrified version of the raw, uncut Delta blues sound."

He spent most of his life in North Mississippi, working as a sharecropper and a commercial fisherman, as well as playing guitar in juke joints and bars. First inspired by the 1948 John Lee Hooker single, "Boogie Chillen". Burnside learned music largely from Mississippi Fred McDowell, who lived nearby in an adjoining county. He also cited his cousin-in-law, Muddy Waters, as an influence. Burnside grew tired of sharecropping and moved to Chicago in 1944. He found jobs at metal and glass factories, had the company of Muddy Waters and married Alice Mae in 1949, but things did not turn out as he had hoped. Within the span of one year his father, two brothers, and uncle were all murdered in the city, a tragedy that Burnside would later draw upon in his work, "Hard Time Killing Floor" and "R.L.'s Story", and in his 2000 album, *Wish I Was In Heaven Sitting Down*. His earliest recordings were made in the late 1960s and released on Arhoolie Records including an album of acoustic material, and little else was released before Hill Country Blues, in the early 1980s. Recorded between 1980 and 1984 an album of singles followed, released High Water record label in Memphis, Tennessee.

In the 1990s, he appeared in the film *Deep Blues* and began recording for the label Fat Possum Records, a label dedicated to recording aging North Mississippi bluesmen such as Burnside and Junior Kimbrough. Burnside remained with Fat Possum, and usually performed with drummer Cedric Burnside, his grandson, and with his friend Kenny Brown, with whom he began playing in 1971 and claimed as his "adopted son." Burnside's 1996 album *A Ass Pocket of Whiskey* gained critical acclaim. After the death of Kimbrough and the burning of Kimbrough's juke joint in Chulahoma, Mississippi, Burnside quit recording studio material for Fat Possum, though he did continue to tour. After a heart attack in 2001, Burnside's doctor advised him to stop drinking; Burnside did, but he reported that change left him unable to play.

Members of his large extended family continue to play blues in the Holly Springs area: grandson Cedric Burnside tours with Kenny Brown and most recently with Steve 'Lightnin' Malcolm as part of the 'Juke Joint Duo', while his son Duwayne Burnside has played guitar with the North Mississippi Allstars (Polaris; Hill Country Revue with R. L. Burnside). Youngest son Garry Burnside used to play bass guitar with Junior Kimbrough and in 2006 released an album with Cedric. In 2004, the Burnside sons opened Burnside Blues Cafe, located 30 miles southeast of Memphis at the intersection of U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7 in Holly Springs. Burnside had been in declining health since heart surgery in 1999. He died in Memphis, Tennessee on September 1, 2005 at the age of 78.

Deep Water Blues Reunion features David "Big Pipes" Gee, a singer/songwriter who started his career at the age of 5 singing with his uncles, members of the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra. His vocals are delivered from his soul, and his performance from his heart. A true bluesman, entertainer and musician. David entertains the fans with his "signature" of handing out Deep Water Reunion monogrammed sunglasses, which combined with his vocal talent, brought the house down at the Fargo Blues Festival.

Tommy "SkinTite" Swearingen is a veteran of multiple, legendary bands throughout the Midwest including the Grammy winning, WC Handy nominated James Solberg Band, Grammy & Handy Award winning Luther Allison Band and Grammy winning Will Jennings Band, who penned smash hits for Joe Cocker, Barry Manilow, Dobie Gray and Celine Dion. Tom spent several years with Howard "Guitar" Luedtke, Jay Stuly & the Mighty Aces, Mickey Larson, Big Time David's Blues Show and Revue and is a founding member of Robert "One Man" Johnson and the Last Fair Deal Blues Band.

Jerry "Fever" Henry and his mighty guitar have been touring the Midwest for several years with his own Rockin Texas Blues band, The Jerry Henry Band. Jerry is truly one of the most creative guitarists of our time, and puts a whole new meaning to "electric guitar."

Rick "Rock Solid" Clark, bass player of choice for the award winning James Solberg Band, shared his bass style with Coco Montoya. He also recorded with David Gee and Boilerhouse, recorded a European chart topping CD "Playing with Fire." Rick also received some musical influence sharing a recording studio with Warren Zevon, while playing with the Tongue Band.

Larry "Third Degree" Byrne has appeared on numerous stages throughout the years. Larry is a staple of the James Solberg Band and the pair also played together with Luther Allison in the 70's and 80's. Larry's list of musical accomplishments is massive and could fill page after page. His constant feel for the flow of each tune make Ol' Lar the heart and soul of any band.

Bob Corbit is a road hardened pro who, after surviving a 6 month tour with Ike and Tina Turner, focused his talent with Frank Zappa's drummer Jimmie Carl Black. Bob has shared the stage with performers like Ben Sidran and W C Clark. When not entertaining audiences with Deep Water Reunion, Bob vows audiences with his own group, The Bob Corbit Trio.

Sue Orfield has been playing the tenor saxophone for close to 30 years. She was voted "best horn" by the Washington Blues Society in 1999, and from 2001-2004. Sue shared the stage over the years with Jo Dee Messina, the Indigo Girls, Bo Diddley, Ann Wilson of Heart, Dizzy Gillespie, Clark Terry, and Bobby McFerrin just to name a few.

Next Week (July 17) Steve Meyer w/ True Heat

After over 40-plus years of playing blues in bars, these guys have it down. Dues have been paid again and again. Joining Steve is Ben Harder on bass & vocals, Dan Dick on drums & vocals and Johnathan Earle on guitar who comprise the "True Heat Band."



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