

# A Little About the Blues

Is it really August 31st already? Hard to believe summer is almost over. Tonight we celebrate the finale of our 2nd season of Tuesday Night Blues On The River At Owen Park with the same group that played the inaugural concert in our inaugural season. Howard "Guitar" Luedtke and Blue Max featuring "Magic" Deb Klossner on bass. Seems fitting. These local legends are known all over the Midwest and Europe as well as among the blues community everywhere.

Talk about if it's Tuesday it must be raining, we had enough of that early this year. If it's Tuesday it must be steamy would have been just as accurate through most of July and August. What a summer! Thanks to The Grand Theater, we had a back up venue, that we actually used the first two weeks of the season, but this series is intended to be outside and that's where it truly belongs, and I think we all want it to be. It still great music, it's still free, and it's still Tuesday Night Blues when it moved inside, but it wasn't Owen Park! That is one of the main ingredients to a great Tuesday summer evening. At least I think so.

Besides it's not quite the same without our vendors. I want to thank these folks for their constant presence and support. Without our vendors we'd still have great performances, but the atmosphere would not be nearly as festive or tasty. We have something that is truly unique here. Thanks for coming week in and week out to 9 Degrees Ice Cream, Joel's Weenie Wagon (also the provider of the cotton candy machine), Famous Dave's, and new this year The Pay It Forward folks with popcorn & candy, Juanita's Earrings and Pam's Silver Sensations Jewelry. When we get these and some of the others with tables and booths it turns Tuesdays into a festival. To see it all come together every Tuesday is amazing!

Without the faithful, you, we wouldn't have any incentive to continue with this. It's a lot of work. The Tuesday Night Blues committee meets at a minimum of weekly from about October until the series commences the first Tuesday after Memorial Day. It's a part time job that is paid only in our satisfaction that you come and enjoy the product that is presented. This year we incorporated seven events sponsoring fundraising for other non-profits including The Veterans Center at Klein Hall, the Eau Claire County Humane Association, The Community Table, Feed My People, The Eau Claire Free Clinic, Big Brothers Big Sisters and United Cerebral Palsy. We know we asked a lot of you, but every penny counts. In this process we didn't ask much for ourselves, but we do appreciate any and all support that you have or will give.

Without our sponsors we could not put these "free" concerts on. These folks are the source for the cash that allow us to pay the bands, the sound production, the Parks & Rec Department and meet the requirements of the city so we can present these awesome concerts for your enjoyment. Patronize them if you can, or have needs that they might fill. They are all good people who enjoy working with good people. Be sure to mention you noticed they are sponsoring us.

When you see the bands that have played for us, let them know you saw them at Tuesday Night Blues and how much you enjoyed it. Mention to your favorite tavern & club s that you saw these groups here and how much you would enjoy seeing them at your favorite watering hole or event. These are some ways you can continue to support Tuesday Night Blues throughout the rest of the year.

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One of the most versatile band's around, Howard "Guitar" Luedtke & Blue Max is a Western Wisconsin rock blues band, that performs all over Wisconsin and Minnesota. Many who have seen Howard and Blue Max have become fans of Howard's talented slide guitar playing and the band's rockin' electric blues sound.

Howard Luedtke has been playing guitar since the arrival of the Beatles in 1964. After playing with several rock, country and blues bands, Howard formed the Blue Max band in 1982. Joining Howard since 1987 is his wife, Deb Klossner originally from New Ulm, Minnesota on bass, and several talented drummers from all over the region.

Howard and Blue Max have opened up for or played with some of the best in the blues world, including: Long John Baldrey, Sugar Blue, Lonnie Brooks, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, Debbie Davies, Tinsley Ellis, Jeff Healey, Jimmy Johnson, Kenny Neal, A.C. Reed, Eddie Shaw and the Wolfgang, James Solberg, Hubert Sumlin, Koko Taylor, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Joe Louis Walker and Howard's guitar idol, Johnny Winter.

## Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max Upcoming Schedule

- 9/3 Lake Sisseton Saloon, Fairmont, MN
- 9/4 Riverblast, New Ulm, MN
- 9/10 Glass Hat (Howard solo), Wausau
- 9/12 B&S Tavern (Howard & Jim Schuh), Cadott
- 9/17 Rattleznake Jakez, Irma
- 9/18 Billy Bob's, Tomahawk

Visit Howard & Blue Max online:  
[howardluedtke.com](http://howardluedtke.com)

## Next Week...

Join us again on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 as we launch our third season of Tuesday Night Blues. We'll have 14 weeks of entertainment in store for you between Memorial Day and Labor Day featuring familiar faces and hopefully some new ones as well. In the meantime, keep up to date with the happenings of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society at [cvblues.com](http://cvblues.com) and keep an eye on [tuesdaynightblues.com](http://tuesdaynightblues.com) as well.



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Owen Park, Eau Claire

Shows begin at 6:30 unless noted

In case of inclement weather, shows will be held just down the street at the Grand Theater, 102 West Grand Avenue.

**June 1 Left Wing Bourbon**

MySpace.com/LeftWingBourbon

**June 8 The Pumps**

ThePumpsBand.com

MySpace.com/ThePumpsBand

**June 15 The Blues Dogs**

MySpace.com/SteveMeyerAndTheBluesDogs

**June 22 Pete Neuman and the Real Deal**

PeteNeuman.com

**June 29 Code Blue with Catya & Sue**

Catya.net

**July 6 Mojo Lemon**

MojoLemon.com

MySpace.com/MojoLemonBluesBand

**July 13 Dave Lambert**

DaveLambertBand.com

**July 20 Deep Water Reunion**

MySpace.com/DWReunion

**July 27 The Nitecaps**

MySpace.com/TheNitecapsBand

**Aug 3 \*Young Blues Night with The Love Buzzards**

(show begins at 7:00pm)

LoveBuzzards.com

MySpace.com/LoveBuzzardsBluesBand

**Aug 10 South Farwell**

MySpace.com/FarwellOnline

Facebook.com/SouthFarwell

**Aug 17 Ellen Whyte w/ The Sue Orfield Band**

EllenWhyte.com / SueOrfield.com

**Aug 24 The Tommy Bentz Band**

MySpace.com/TommyBentzBand

**Aug 31 Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max**

HowardLuedtke.com

If you'd like to sponsor Tuesday Night Blues, just talk to one of the CV Blues members at the park.

(continued) We, the Tuesday Night Blues committee want to thank YOU, our fans and supporters for being here for us. YOU are our inspiration! If you didn't come on those hottest, coldest and wettest night after nights, we would not either. So Thank YOU, music fans for being here in these seats, buying ice cream, brats, barbecue, popcorn and the other offerings as well as enjoying the bands.

I want to personally thank Mary Dettmann (you too, Kevin) & Debbie Fischer for tending the Chippewa Valley Blues Society tent, selling t-shirts, shades, CD's and water, etc. Eric Johnson (TNB P&R Liaison & Insurance), John Berman (TNB Treasurer), Buck Barrickman and Mike Kelly for doing everything from erecting the booths, laying out the electricity, hanging banners and passing out Bluesletters, The Ken Fulgione family for doing the cotton candy. Without Danno & his DMI Sound group we wouldn't sound as good as we do, and all the myriad of other behind the scenes things Danno does on & for the TNB committee. Dan Callan for all the little things he does on the committee. Rob Edwards for his ever presence and the Bluesmobile. These are the folks who have brought you 29 performances of Tuesday Night Blues On The River At Owen Park!

See ya next year!

Mike Fischer

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