



Inclusive - a newsletter for the Prairie Crossroads Blues Society

PCBS @ Champaign Blues Brews & BBQ Fest By Lorri Coey

Guess what PCBS is up to during the 2013 blues fest? We're expanding our presence and very excited about what we have on the slate.



We've been working with Fluid Events to bring local performers to the Family Stage both Friday night and Saturday afternoon. We start Friday with two groups from C4A, their Blues Camp participants and the ever-popular Bow-Dacious String Band. A harmonica workshop follows those performances hosted by local harp player Joe Asselin. We're providing harmonicas for anyone who wants to give that a try, so be sure to stop by with your kids or even on your own. Our last performer of the evening is Zack Fedor, a great young singer, guitar and harmonica player out of Springfield. With his youth band Zack recently took part in the Youth Showcase at the Blues Foundation's International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN.

We get started on Saturday with the kids from Wiley School, then another chance to pick up some harmonica skills, the Garden Hills Strummers and a drum workshop put on by Aaron "A-Train" Wilson. We're especially excited about this because we're continuing last year's make your own musical instrument at our tent in that area and we're hoping to have a bunch of kids (and kids-at-heart) banging away on their own creations with a little tutelage from A-Train.

June 2013

In addition to helping schedule performers for this stage and manning a tent in that area, we're going to have our usual tent in the main stage area. And we've got something new there as well. The guys at Rossville SoundWerx donated a 1 x 12 [professional series cabinet](#) (Celestion Vintage 30) for us to raffle off. While this isn't something the average blues fan might be able to use, it's something any musician would love to have. Raffle tickets are only \$5 and that's a great deal for a prize valued at more than \$400. We'll be picking the winner Saturday evening.

So this is the long way of saying we're doing a lot and we could use your help. Do you have an hour or two you could spare to help at one of our tents? We'd love to have you sign up on our volunteer page. It's a whole lot of fun and one the easiest ways to help preserve, promote and educate about the blues. You can sign up to volunteer at; www.doodle.com/th2gmy32xq9exz5k or send us email at pcbsweb@gmail.com

See you at the fest!

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society 3rd Birthday By Bob Paleczny

PCBS is celebrating its 3rd Birthday. Back on May 23 2010, 11 people held a formational meeting at Jupiter's at the Crossing in Champaign. They agreed to proceed with forming a Blues Society in the Champaign-Urbana area. The group decided the mission is to Preserve, Promote and Educate the Public about the Blues in East Central Illinois. You can read Sandy Hannum's article from our first *Inclusive* newsletter here; <http://tinyurl.com/lxkm6i8>

It's been an amazing three years. We soon became incorporated in the State of Illinois as a Not-for-Profit, and began having regular monthly meetings. In June of 2010 we participated in the Urbana Blues Brews & BBQ Fest and this year our participation in the Champaign Fest will be our 4th straight appearance. By December of 2010 our membership had grown and we became an affiliate of the Blues Foundation in Memphis, TN.

Two of our proudest efforts are in the Entertainment and Education areas. We've hosted a series of blues shows and brought Blues Music Award winners Johnny Rawls and Matt Hill to town as well as a host of other outstanding artists. Our Educational Committee has done a great job of securing grants and working with local artists and educators to offer workshops to area school children. We've offered a six week afterschool program at Wiley School in Urbana and an eight week afterschool program at Garden Hills School in Champaign. We also recently offered a series of harmonica workshops at area libraries.

Through our affiliation with the Blues Foundation we've been thrilled to send a couple Illinois based bands to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN. Our local IBC competition is a tremendous amount of fun and brings together an amazing array of talent with both established and new bands vying for the honor of competing at the International Challenge. We're so proud of sending two great bands, Hurricane Ruth and Jerry Lee & The Juju Kings to Memphis to represent us.

We couldn't do all this without the help of a lot of people. Of course our members are our lifeblood and have sustained us and supported us in our efforts to promote the blues. We also have an outstanding group of member bands, many who encouraged the Society to form and supported us with fundraisers right from the beginning. They constantly remind us how fortunate we are to have so many talented musicians in our local community. We've also had a lot of help from local venues, businesses and corporate sponsors. You'll see these folks highlighted monthly in our newsletter and we strongly suggest our members go out and support them.

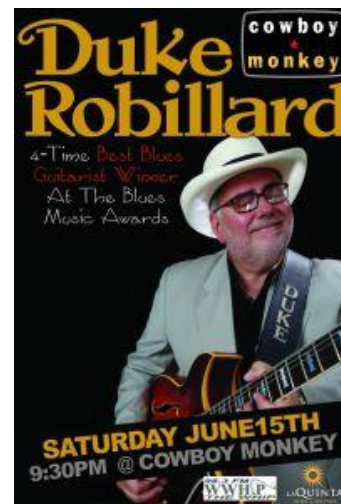
Most importantly it's been a chance for blues lovers to come together, meet and interact with other blues fans in the area. It's always rewarding to have people come up and tell us how much they enjoy an event or to continue the good work of educating the area youth. We thank everyone who's helped us get where we are and we look forward to many more years of success in the local community.

Duke Robillard Headed to the Cowboy Monkey

By Lorri Coey

Duke Robillard. That's one of those names that even new blues fans seem to recognize. And for good reason. He's won the Blues Music Award for Best Blues Guitarist four times. He was nominated for a Grammy in 2007, has played with The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Jimmy Witherspoon, Maria Muldaur, Pinetop Perkins to name a few and just finished touring with Bob Dylan.

Duke Robillard just may be one of the first crossover artists. According to his web site, <http://www.dukerobillard.com/>, he's been fascinated with how the blues, jazz and swing are linked since he started his first band in high school.



In 1967 he co-founded Roomful of Blues with Al Copley, concentrating on jump blues more than a decade before that genre regained popularity. Duke stayed with Roomful of Blues more than a dozen years and got the chance to accompany Big Joe Turner and Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson live and in the studio.

Next up was a bit of rockabilly, a couple of albums with the Legendary Blues Band and The Fabulous Thunderbirds.

His discography list on allmusic.com includes more than 30 albums. Bluesweb.com calls his 2013 release, *Independently Blue*, "undoubtedly one of Duke's finest albums." The musicians on this disc are Bruce Bears on piano and Hammond organ, Brad Hallen on bass, Mark Teixeira on drums, with a special guest Monster Mike Welch.

Duke's tour includes stops in only 13 cities at such legendary clubs as the Zoo Bar in Lincoln, Knuckleheads in Kansas City and Fitzgerald's in Chicago. How lucky we are to be on that list! Put this one on your calendar, June 15, Cowboy Monkey, 9:30 pm.

The Painkillers Uncorked By Sandy Hannum

On the evening of Thursday May 16 the lobby of Krannert Center for the Performing Arts was packed with delighted folks. The Painkillers performed in the "Uncorked" series, in which listeners sip wine while enjoying a music performance. Before this evening, some of Krannert regulars may not have thought they were Blues fans per se, but are now well on their way to becoming so.

This was not your typical Blues crowd. Although all ages were represented, it tended toward middle age and older. Most folks were happily sipping their wine, grooving in their own sedate way with big smiles on their faces. As the evening progressed, I did see a few pockets of overt dancing breaking out on the margins from time to time.



The Painkillers at Krannert Center

Photo courtesy of Jim Hannum

The Painkillers were David Adcock and the guys, without Carolyn. David noted that she really wanted to be there for this one, but was not well enough. The band really missed her. As Jack Brighton said, "She is the heart and soul of the band." Steve Errede recalled the last time she was going through treatments, and they had to do without her for about a year. "It was really hard," he said.

However, as you well know, there is plenty of talent to spare in this group. All the musicians are top notch and some can also sing!

The Painkillers performed several wonderful Blues standards, which was just exactly the right thing for this audience. When David Adcock sang Muddy Waters' "Kansas City" he altered the words somewhat, singing "...standing on the corner of 12th Street and Vine with Rich Cibelli." It was poignant for me to hear that one.

Jack Brighton also sang on a couple of songs, and has a great voice too. The Painkillers are David Adcock – harmonica and vocals, David Wilson – guitar, Jack Brighton – guitar and vocals, Steve Errede – bass, Michael Powers – percussion. David Adcock was careful to introduce all of them from time to time as they performed phenomenal solo riffs.

It is such a pleasure to know that Blues is enjoyed in all kinds of venues in C-U – from schools, to bars, to Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

It may be time to renew
your membership in the PCBS!
Check the date on your membership card.
You can renew online using PayPal.

Looking Forward By Bob Paleczny

These are exciting times for Prairie Crossroads Blues Society and area blues fans. Coming up Friday and Saturday June 28 & 29 is the Champaign Blues Brews & BBQ Fest. This has rapidly become one of the best festivals in the Midwest with 10's of thousands of fans attending from more than 30 states. PCBS has collaborated with Fluid Events, the promoters of the fest, to be part of the F.E Moran Future Stars/ PCBS Blues In The Schools Stage. Students at both Wiley School and Garden Hills School, where PCBS has put on Blues In The Schools programs will be performing. Along with kids from C4A, it'll be a great opportunity for area youth to exhibit their musical skills to their family, friends and all the blues fans in attendance.



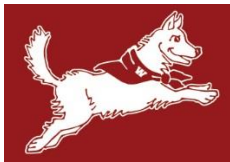
**F.E. Moran Future Stars/
PCBS Blues In The Schools Stage
Friday - 6/28/2013**

4:00 - C4A Blues Camp
4:30 - Bow-Dacious String Band
5:00 - Joe Asselin Harmonica Workshop
6:00 - Zack Fedor - till 7:30

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Saturday - 6/29/2013

12:00 - Wiley Blues Singers
12:30 - Harmonica Workshop
1:00 - Garden Hills Strummers
1:30 - Aaron Wilson Drums/Rhythm Workshop



We'll also have a tent in the main stage area and will be hanging out watching some of our blues favorites when they're performing on the other two stages. PCBS Member Band, the James Jones Trio will be performing at 5 on Friday. They'll be followed by PCBS 2012 local IBC winning band Jerry Lee & The Juju Kings at 7. Other highlights include Andrew "Jr. Boy" Jones, U. of I graduate Laurie Morvan and Hadden Sayers. Headliners on the main stage include Eric Sardinas, Popa Chubby and Walter Trout.

The official after party takes place at Memphis on Main both nights. On Saturday night, PCBS Member Band, The Mudwinders, will be playing their rockin' blues till the wee hours of the morning. You never know who might show up to sit in with them.

We can always use some help so if you plan to be attending the fest for an hour or two, check out our volunteer signup and be part of the fun;
www.doodle.com/th2gmy32xq9exz5k



While you're at the fest stop by our tent and get some raffle tickets for the awesome 1X12 speaker cabinet we have from Rossville SoundWerx. Tickets are only \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or % tickets for \$15 for a chance to win a quality piece of professional sound equipment. Check out all the specs on it here;
http://rossvillesoundwerx.com/products/sf112_1x12_speaker_cabinet Raffle tickets are available now so email us about a chance to pick some up before the fest.

There's plenty more exciting events happening as the outdoor fest season kicks into high gear. Happening the weekend of June 7, 8 and 9 is the prestigious Chicago Blues Fest including local favorites Donna Herula and Matthew Curry & The Fury. The following weekend, June 14 and 15 fests include both Blues on the Fox in Aurora, IL and the W.C Handy Blues & BBQ Fest in Henderson KY.

Locally on Friday June 14 you can catch the Candy Foster & Shades of Blues' annual benefit for the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. They'll be playing at Alto Vineyards as part of the Music Among the Vines Series. The next night Saturday June 15 is also a real treat as guitar great Duke Robillard will play a show at the Cowboy Monkey. And Tuesday June 18, Davina & The Vagabonds returns to Mike & Molly's.

Head out and see some of these outstanding blues during this fantastic month of performances.

Volunteer to be part of the fun
PCBS can use some help at the
Champaign Blues Brews & BBQ Fest,
Friday and Saturday June 28 & 29.

Sign up here;
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James Cotton
"Cotton Mouth Man"
Reviewed by Rich Cibelli

James Cotton's new release "Cotton Mouth Man" is packed full from top to bottom with plenty of great guest artists, but it's the sound of that harmonica played by Cotton that keeps me coming back for more.

Released on Alligator Records, "Cotton Mouth Man" is filled with 13 tracks and starts out with a bang. Joining Cotton on the title track is Joe Bonamassa, a great blues guitar slinger in his own right. There's also Tom Hambridge, a well-known name around music circles who plays drums and helps with background vocals. Hambridge is also the producer of the release.

Following up next after "Cotton Mouth Man," you'll hear that famous train whistle blowing in perfect combination with Greg Allman as he takes care of the vocal duties on "Midnight Train." Joining in the fun is Chuck Leavell (Allman Brothers, Sea Level, Rolling Stones) who fills in perfectly with his outstanding piano playing. On this tune it's a Wurlitzer.

"Mississippi Mud," a much slower tune, finds Keb Mo taking over the lead vocal. Special mention goes to Glenn Worf for his superb upright bass playing here as well. However, in my opinion it's Cotton the harp master who once again steals the show. His sound just brings everything together perfectly.

As mentioned earlier, Cotton is blessed to have such a great assembly of star performers joining him on his fifth release on the Alligator Records Label. This one in particular tells an amazing story of one of the greatest

blues men ever. For example, vocalist Darrell Nulisch, a longtime member of Cotton's touring band, sings about many of the blues standards Cotton helped to establish on "He Was There." There's also mention of several famous landmarks that Cotton visited during his more than six decades of performing. This is one great title.

Warren Haynes (Govt. Mule, Allman Brothers) also makes a guest appearance. His slide playing on "Something For Me," is right on target as are his vocals which match perfectly to this up-tempo tune. Cotton for his part fills in with more of his outstanding sound which is full of energy and excitement.

A few months ago I got to see Cotton perform as part of "Crossroads Two – Muddy and The Wolf." That night I walked away so impressed by the sounds this legendary blues man delivers. At age 77 and after losing much of ability to sing to throat cancer, Cotton has his harmonica do the talking for him. Moreover, when Cotton talks you best listen up.

Another special guest lending her talents on "Cotton Mouth Man," is Ruthie Foster. She showcases her vocals on "Wrapped Around My Heart." This nicely paced minor blues title allows Foster and Cotton the opportunity to play off each other's emotions. Guitarist Rob McNelly does a good job as well with his piercing solo work.

Changing paces once again, Cotton and band pick things up quite a bit with "Saint On Sunday." This nice catchy tune about a special woman will get you swinging along with the band and maybe even up on your feet. I know I felt the feeling of this good blues number all through my body as I listened.

"Hard Sometimes," the eighth title on the release has Cotton's good friend Delbert McClinton front and center on vocals. Never to be left out, Cotton will amaze you again with his ability to bend note after note on his favorite SEYDEL harp.

The rest of "Cotton Mouth Man," is filled with more outstanding arrangements and stands as a nice tribute to the hard work of all the performers who participated. However, it's "Bonnie Blue," the last song on this release which I think should get the most visibility. It is comprised of only two performers: Colin Linden on resonator guitar and the amazing James Cotton who takes his turn at vocals. In true style Cotton doesn't hold back as he tells much of his life story on this title. Set in a proud delta rhythm "Bonnie Blue," and the rest of "Cotton Mouth (Continued on next page)

Man" will hopefully leave you with the impression of a blues man who has dedicated his life to the thing he loves the most – The Blues!

James Cotton is truly remarkable as both a performer and human being. He has recorded countless titles, but this I believe is one of his best. I hope you enjoy listening to "Cotton Mouth Man." In my opinion it is one of the best new blues genre releases around.

Get your dancing shoes ready
By Lorri Coey

Have you ever wondered who those dancers are dipping and spinning at the local blues events? They're a great group of people who love the blues and love to dance. What a great combination.

If you'd like to learn more, find some willing dance partners or pick up a few tips, here's what they have going on this month.

1st Sundays at Emerald City

Sunday, June 2, 6-10 PM (beginner lesson 6-7)
Emerald City Lounge: 118 N First, Champaign
FREE

If you have friends you think should learn blues, this is the best event to bring them to. There's a beginner lesson, and it's free!

The Diva and The Dude

Friday, June 7, 6:30-9:30 PM
The Clark Bar: 207 W Clark, Champaign
FREE

Start your weekend off right with Diva and the Dude. (And -- if that's not enough dancing for you -- we can head over to Dublin O'Neil's afterwards to catch Killborn Alley Blues Band.)

Davina and the Vagabonds

Tuesday, June 18th, 7-11 PM
Mike and Molly's: 105 N Market, Champaign
\$12

If you haven't heard Davina and her band, they are amazing, so don't miss an opportunity to dance to them! (They also play Wednesday night, the 19th, but bluesCENTRAL folks will be there on Tuesday.)

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We greatly appreciate our Corporate Sponsors for supporting the PCBS with their funds and their missions.

Memphis on Main regularly brings impressive Blues talent to Champaign.

Fluid Events brings the Champaign Blues, Brews, and BBQs festival to town in the summer, along with other Blues music events throughout the year.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts supports our Blues in the Schools program with both funding and expertise.

The Pawn Shop in Rantoul has long been a supporter of live blues shows in central Illinois.

Rossville Sound Werx in Rossville, IL manufactures speaker cabinets and hand wired point to point tube amplifiers. They support PCBS with equipment.

Samuel Music has generously supported our Blues in the Schools programs from the beginning with donated instruments.

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The next Prairie Crossroads Blues Society meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday June 12 at Louie's Dixie Kitchen & BBQ, 1104 N. Cunningham, Urbana. Join us for a short meeting, then stick around and enjoy some food and drinks together.

Inclusive, a newsletter of the PCBS, is always looking for new contributors and submissions of finished or unfinished content. Deadline for the next newsletter is June 26. Please submit articles, ideas, or comments to smhannum@gmail.com.

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Band Memberships

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers will be playing at the Summer Sounds in Danville on June 7, at Alto Vineyards in Champaign on August 10, and in Grand Forks, ND on August 24.

Black Magic Johnson will be playing this month at the Long Bridge Golf Course in Springfield on the 7th, at Robbies in Springfield on the 14th, and at On the Rox in Jacksonville on the 28th.

The Diva and The Dude are pretty darn spontaneous. They are often seen at the Clark Bar. The best way to keep up with them is to check their Facebook page often.

Full Throttle Band is one of our newer member bands. Check them out on Facebook.

Hurricane Ruth will be playing at the Illinois Country Club in Springfield on June 22, at Walker's Bluff Winery in Carterville on July 6, at Taste of Downtown Springfield on July 13, at the Chatham Sweet Corn Festival on July 20, and at the Merchant Street Music Fest in Kankakee on July 26.

The James Jones Trio has put out a CD. Check it out!

Jr. & The Blues Rockers is one of our newer member bands. They plan to have a website soon.

The Kilborn Alley Blues Band is back in Illinois and will be playing this month at the KnightRiders' MC Bash in Decatur on the 1st, at Victory Park in Urbana on the 5th, at D.R. Digger's in Champaign later on the 5th, at the Shady Nook Pub in Saybrook on the 6th, at Dublin O'Neil's in Champaign on the 7th, at KJ McKeon's in Morris on the 8th, and at Chill on the Hill in Mount Zion on the 13th – and that's just in the first two weeks.

Matthew Curry & The Fury is playing this month at the Chicago Blues Festival on the 8th, at the Castle Theatre in Bloomington on the 14th, and at the Six Strings Club in Bloomington on the 21st.

The Mudwinders will be playing this month at Fat City in Champaign on the 1st, at the Shady Nook Pub in Saybrook on the 8th, at Boondock's Bar & Grill in Gilman on the 22nd, and at Memphis on Main in Champaign on the 28th.

The Painkillers will be playing this month at Alto Vineyards in Champaign on the 1st, and at the Iron Post in Urbana on the 8th.

The Sugar Prophets will be playing at Alto Vineyards in Champaign on June 8, and again on July 20.

Susan Williams Band will be playing at Huber's in Champaign on the June 8, July 13, and August 3.

Timmy D & Blind Justice will be playing this month at Witt's Smokehouse & Deli in Effingham on the 14th, and at The Harley Barn in Effingham on the 28th.

Tombstone Bullet will be playing this month at the Walnut St. Winery in Rochester on the 13th, at Boone's Saloon in Springfield on the 15th, and at the Long Bridge Golf Course in Springfield on the 28th.

Mt. Bluesmore



Hey, Muddy! It's my favorite time of year.

Yeah, Wolf. It's Blues festival time.

You got that right. And one of the best is right here in Champaign!

EVENTS

Jun 1 – Muddy’s Blues & BBQ – Veterans’ Memorial Park – Bettendorf, IA – 11:30 am

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – KnightRiders’ MC Bash – Decatur Conference Center – Decatur, IL – 5 pm

The Mudwinders – Steve Hardin Memorial Benefit at Fat City – Champaign – 7 pm

The Painkillers – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Rockin’ Johnny Band – The Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 8:30 pm

The Delta Kings – The Homer Soda Fest – Homer, IL – 9 pm

Jun 5 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Victory Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D. R. Digger’s – Juke Joint Show – Champaign – 9 pm

Jun 6 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam – Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Shady Nook – Saybrook, IL – 7 pm

Ori Naftaly – Kankakee Valley Boat Club – Kankakee, IL – 7 pm

Jun 7 – Black Magic Johnson – Long Bridge Golf Course – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Summer Sounds – Danville, IL – 6 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Dublin O’Neil’s – Champaign – 9 pm

Jun 8 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – Chicago Blues Festival – Chicago – 2 pm

W.C. Handy Blues & BBQ Fest – Henderson, KY – 11 am

The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Susan Williams – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm

The Mudwinders – Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 8:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – KJ McKeon’s – Morris, IL – 9 pm

Jun 12 – W.C. Handy Blues & BBQ Fest – Henderson, KY – 6 pm

Jun 13 – W.C. Handy Blues & BBQ Fest – Henderson, KY – 5 pm

Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam – Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – City of Mount Zion, Chill on the Hill – Mount Zion, IL – 7 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Walnut St. Winery – Rochester, IL – 7 pm

Jun 14 – W.C. Handy Blues & BBQ Fest – Henderson, KY – 3 pm

Black Magic Johnson – Robbies – Springfield, IL – 5:30 pm

Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Benefit – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 6 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – CD Release Party – Castle Theatre – Bloomington, IL – 7 pm

Blues on the Fox Fest – Aurora, IL – 7 pm

Timmy D & Blind Justice – Witt’s Smokehouse & Deli – Effingham, IL – 9 pm

Jun 15 – W.C. Handy Blues Fest – Henderson, KY – noon (w/Super Chikan, Bill “Howl-N-Madd” Perry)

Blues on the Fox Fest – Aurora, IL – 3 pm (w/Tommy Castro, Robert Randolph and Buddy Guy)

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Gahanna Creekside Blues & Jazz Fest – Gahanna, OH – 7 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Boone’s Saloon – Springfield, IL – 7 pm

Duke Robillard – Cowboy Monkey – Champaign – 9:30 pm

Jun 16 – The Surreal Deal – The Rose Bowl – Urbana – 8:30 pm

Jun 19 – Laurie Morvan Band – Goodfellas – Pekin, IL – 7 pm

Jun 20 – The Kinsey Report – Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm

Jun 21 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – Six Strings Club – Bloomington, IL – 9:30 pm

Jun 22 – Field of Blues Festival – Riverhawks Stadium – Rockford, IL – 12 pm

Keith & Kathy Harden – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Illinois Country Club – Springfield, IL – 8:30 pm

The Mudwinders – Boondocks Bar & Grill – Gilman, IL – 8:30 pm

Jun 23 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues – Lincoln Park – Danville, IL – 11 am

Jun 25 – Laurie Morvan Band – Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen’s Club – Bourbonnais, IL – 7 pm

Jun 27 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam – Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Jun 28 – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ's Festival –

Downtown Champaign – 4:00 pm

Timmy D & Blind Justice – The Harley Barn –

Effingham, IL – 6 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Long Bridge Golf Course –

Springfield, IL – 6:30 pm

Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys –

Goodfellas – Pekin, IL – 7:30 pm

Black Magic Johnson – On the Rox – Jacksonville, IL –
8 pm

The Mudwinders – Memphis on Main – Champaign –
10 pm

Jun 29 – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ's –

Downtown Champaign – 12:00 pm

**Jun 30 – The Surreal Deal – The Rose Bowl – Urbana
– 8:30 pm**

**Jul 1 – Black Magic Johnson – Blue Monday @ The
Alamo – Springfield, IL – 8 pm**

**Jul 3 – Black Magic Johnson – Illini Country Club –
Springfield, IL – 6 pm**

The Blues Deacons – Prairie Park – Urbana –
6:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger's – Juke Joint
Show – Champaign – 9 pm

**Jul 6 – Hurricane Ruth – Walker's Bluff Winery –
Carterville, IL – 8 pm**

**Jul 11 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte's Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm**
Victor Wainwright – Venue TBA – 7 pm

**Jul 12 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – Gino's – Danville,
IL – 8:30 pm**

The Blues Deacons – BJ's Pump – Hoopston, IL – 9
pm

**Jul 13 – Hurricane Ruth – Taste of Downtown –
Springfield, IL – 12 pm**

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Telluride Festival –
Telluride, CO – 3 pm

The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Walnut St. Winery – Rochester,
IL – 7 pm

The Blues Deacons – Alto Vineyards – Champaign –
7:30 pm

Susan Williams – Huber's – Champaign – 8 pm

The Mudwinders – Wizzy's Bar – Farmer City, IL –
8:30 pm

**Jul 14 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – The Ride
Festival – Telluride, CO – 7 pm**

**Jul 17 – The Painkillers – King Park – Urbana –
5:30 pm**

**Jul 18 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte's Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm**
Selwyn Birchwood Band – Blues in Central Park –
Decatur, IL – 7 pm

**Jul 20 – Black Magic Johnson – Old Capitol Farmers
Market – Springfield, IL – 10 am**

Hurricane Ruth – Chatham Sweet Corn Festival –
Chatham, IL – 5 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Alto Vineyards – Champaign –
7:30 pm

Benny Jenkins Bloodlines Blues – Mallow Run Winery
– Bargersville, IN – 8 pm

The Mudwinders – Roadrunner Lodge – Monticello,
IL – 8:30 pm

**Jul 25 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte's Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm**
Albert Castiglia w/ Donna Herula – Longbranch
Restaurant – L'Erable, IL – 7 pm

Black Magic Johnson – Fat Jack's – Bloomington, IL –
6 pm

**Jul 26 – Hurricane Ruth – Merchant Street Music
Fest – Kankakee, IL – 6 pm**

Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues – Castle Finn Winery –
Marshall, IL – 7:30 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Merchant Street Music
Fest – Kankakee, IL – 7:30 pm

**Jul 27 – Black Magic Johnson – Fat Jack's –
Bloomington, IL – 6 pm**

Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Alto Vineyards
– Champaign – 7:30 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Six Strings Club
(Bloomington Pub Crawl) – Bloomington, IL – 10 pm

**Jul 29 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues – Shaw's Crab
House – Chicago, IL – 7 pm**

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Aug 1 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Aug 3 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – Decatur Days
Celebration – Decatur, IL – 4 pm

Susan Williams Band – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm

Aug 4 – Black Magic Johnson – Hill Prairie Winery –
Oakford, IL – 2 pm

Aug 7 – The Surreal Deal – Meadowbrook Park –
Urbana – 6:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger’s – Juke Joint
Show – Champaign – 9 pm

Aug 8 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Aug 10 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues – Bunker Hill
Run Festival – Danville, IL – 2 pm

The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Alto Vineyards –
Champaign – 7:30 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Shady Nook – Saybrook,
IL – 8:30 pm

Aug 15 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm
Rick Estrin & The Nightcats – Blues in Central Park –
Decatur, IL – 7 pm

Aug 22 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Aug 23 – Tombstone Bullet – Old Capitol Blues &
BBQ – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Black Magic Johnson – Old Capitol Blues & BBQ –
Springfield, IL – 8 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Peoria Contemporary
Arts Festival – Peoria, IL – 9:30 pm

Aug 24 – Byron Crossroads Blues Festival – 2nd &
Union Streets – Byron, IL – 12 pm

The Blues Deacons – Alto Vineyards – Champaign –
7:30 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Blues on the Red –
Grand Forks, ND – 8 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Sangamon River Music
Festival – Mahomet IL – 9:30 pm

Aug 29 – Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues Jam –
Charlotte’s Tea Room Courtyard – Danville, IL – 5 pm

Aug 30 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – Gino’s – Danville,
IL – 8:30 pm

Aug 31 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – The Outpost –
Armington, IL – 9 pm

Timmy D & Blind Justice – Bentley’s – Champaign –
9 pm

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