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photo by Brian Waranauskas

A big grin never left Lil' Ed's face, showing his joy at performing, when Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials brought their version of loud Blues to a DC Blues Society audience on March 11.

Non-stop Blues ...and Smiles

Lil' Ed's infectious smile took over his face before he stepped onto the stage for his first set for a DCBS audience. As he started to play, that smile just kept getting bigger and kept on spreading. His bandmates, the Blues Imperials, grinned. And after the first few bars, the entire audience was smiling, too.

It was the contagious joy of the Blues.

Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials tore up the Silver Spring American Legion last month with a high energy show that reflected their decades-long love affair with the Blues. Feeding off the band's energy, Blues fans responded by dancin', swayin', movin' and groovin' to the music -- and smilin'.

Touring to promote their latest CD, *The Big Sound of Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials*, the band presented an impressive mix of traditional Chicago Blues and offerings from the new collection. If you weren't an Ed Head when you arrived, by show's end you'd joined Ed Head nation -- with a big smile on your face. Lil' Ed played blistering lead guitar, supported by Michael



photo by John Quinter

Sol Roots Trio opened the show for Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, and Sol later showed his guitar virtuosity when invited on stage with the headliners.

Area Blues Performers:

Show Your Stuff at Upcoming DCBS Events

DCBS always wants to showcase local Blues talent at its events. It's part of the organization's mission. And outstanding music makes for a rollickin' good time!

Several events are already on the calendar, and we're looking for musicians to be part of the action. If you're a member of a Blues band, duo or solo act or if you know of a Blues act who wants to perform and/or compete in any of these events, now's the time to get ready. All events will be held at the American Legion -- Cissel Saxon Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

▲ Saturday, July 14: Annual DCBS "Hotter-Than-July" Fish Fry and Blues Show

This event is a summertime highlight, featuring a big crowd, great food -- fresh fish fried onsite and lots of sides -- and hot, lively music. **DCBS showcases six or seven acts at this full-day event. Submit your act's information today! DCBS Jams Coordinator: Sam'i Nuriddin jams@dcblues.org**

▲ Saturday, Sept. 15: Annual Battle of the Bands Competition

The Battle of the Bands features some of the area's best musicians performing their best

Garrett on rhythm guitar, James "Pookie" Young on bass, and Kelly Littleton on drums. The foursome has been together for 30+ years, but their showmanship never appeared contrived or stale. This is a group of rock-solid, hard-hitting musicians who genuinely enjoys playing the Blues for their fans, night after night, gig after gig. The DCBS audience was quick and very vocal in its appreciation for their efforts.

Moving seamlessly from song to song, Lil' Ed's soulful vocals, slide work and string-bending guitar kept the band on its toes and the audience on the dance floor. From the latest CD, "Giving Up on Your Love" and "Green Light Groove" demonstrated the band's tightness and its

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The CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER is your publication and members are encouraged to submit articles, photos, and ideas for articles, reviews, cartoons and photography. Please submit material via email to newsletter@dcblues.org Blues listings for bands should be sent to calendar@dcblues.org

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Good Times Keep Rolling at DCBS Happy Hours

by Pete Salisbury

*“Let the good times roll, let the good times roll,
It don't matter if you're young or old,
All you got to do is get together and let the
good times roll.”*

Just like the words to that famous blues song, the good times keep on rolling at the DC Blues Society's 4th Friday Happy Hours. Hosted at American Legion Post 41, people young and old come out to enjoy the great music, to take to the dance floor and to take advantage of the affordable food and drinks.

The 4th Friday Happy Hours have been going on for a few years but in the last few months, we have seen a jam-packed room of happy people ready to let the good times roll and to get their weekend started.

If you missed the January Happy Hour, WHUT-TV from Howard University, ARTICO program filmed the event, which featured The Rogue Johnsen Trio with Lady D. The Rogue Johnsen Trio with Lady D were the winners of The DC Blues Society's most recent Battle of the Bands, and they represented DCBS in the 2018 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The program aired on WHUT in February and March, and it can be viewed at these links. This was very cool.

<https://youtu.be/dUUWJ3KnnhQ> DCBS segment link

<https://youtu.be/1sVgwZzdPN8> entire show link

Several groups have been coming to the Happy Hours to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with their friends and have even shared their cakes and cupcakes with everyone attending. Consider bringing your friends or dance group to celebrate a special occasion and party with the DCBS! Don't forget your dancing shoes.

Come on out between 5–7PM to enjoy even lower happy hour drink prices! Bands start playing at 6:30PM and go until 9:30PM or later if the crowd keeps cheering for more!

The 4th Friday Happy Hour is at Silver Spring American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo

Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Entrance is on Fenton Street adjacent to the public parking lot and garage. There's free parking after 7PM; don't forget to bring quarters for the meters if you arrive before 7PM.

There is never a cover or admission fee, but we ask you to consider a donation that goes to the band. We always have a 50/50 raffle and some door prizes. We welcome gifts from local businesses and individuals who would like to donate a door prize.

We are very grateful to Quinter Design for donating gifts that will be given away at the March, April and May Happy Hours. Thanks to Quinter Design for all they do to support the DCBS! Please keep them in mind and contact www.QuinterDesign.com for any graphic design work you may need.

We are pleased to have such an incredible line up of bands scheduled to play. The schedule for the rest of 2018 is in the blue box. Mark your calendars to be sure to catch your favorite, the good times will be rolling when you come to the DCBS Happy Hour!

2018 Happy Hours

**Friday, April 27:
The Crossfire Band & Show**

**Friday, May 25:
Sol Roots Trio**

**Friday, June 22:
Bad Influence Band**

**Friday, July 27:
The Mojo Priests**

**Friday, Aug. 24:
Built 4 Comfort**

**Friday, Sept. 28:
DCBS Solo/Duo Competition**

**Friday, Oct. 26:
Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes**

**November and December:
No Happy Hours, Happy Holidays!**

Meet The Crossfire Band & Show

The 4th Friday Happy Hour on April 27 marks the inaugural DCBS performance by The Crossfire Band & Show. This DC-metro-based band plays all types of music—Blues, Motown, R&B, Rock & Roll, etc.—from 60's to recent. No matter the occasion, the band provides music that's full of fun, full of soul and full of feeling.

The Crossfire Band mainly performs in the DMV but also travels. The band sometimes features various artists to deliver music for both dancing and listening pleasures.

The Band members include:

Nikki Grant: Born in Japan, Nikki has had a music career for two decades; keyboardist and vocalist

Ed Scott: Born in Washington DC, Ed has



several years in the music industry; guitarist and vocalist

Ronald Ford: Born in Washington DC, Ronald also has several years in the music industry; drummer and vocalist

Cornelius Willis: Born in Washington DC, Cornelius also has several years in the music industry; bass guitarist and vocalist



photos by Pat Bransford

photo by John Quinter

Guitarist Michael Garrett and drummer Kelly Littleton have supported Lil' Ed with solid musicianship — and smiles — for 30+ years.

Vocalist Carly Harvey shared the stage with Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials for an encore.

A Memorable Evening of Blues, Fun and Smiles



photo by John Quinter

Lil' Ed's flashing shoes, one of his performance antics.

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reverence for traditional Chicago Blues.

Lil' Ed's face-filling grin never wavered throughout the evening, and he proved himself to be quite a mischief maker. Toward the end of the second set, he electrified the crowd by switching on the flashing red lights built into his shoes, belly-laughing at the audience's reactions.

The band's generosity was appreciated by the audience and musicians from

Sol Roots Trio, the opening act. Sol was invited to join the merriment on stage for a couple numbers, and he showed his chops with guitar solos that earned Lil' Ed's smile.

Vocalist and local favorite Carly Harvey brought her soulful "A" game to share the spotlight and a huge round of applause. Sol and Carly often appear as a duo, and they represented DCBS at the 2017 International Blues Challenge after winning the 2016 Solo/Duo Competition.

Opening numbers by Sol Roots Trio got the evening off to a rollicking start, presenting an eclectic and diverse selection reflecting the band's unique take on the Blues. As the crowd filtered in, the trio put folks on the right path to a highly enjoyable evening.

Once again, DCBS planned an evening of music that knocked it out of the park. For those who weren't there, you missed a joyfully good time. Continue to check the DCBS website to be sure you don't miss the next outstanding performance: www.dcblues.org

Non-stop Blues and non-stop smiles all night — quite a memorable show!

DCBS Events Present Performing Opportunities

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selections for one of the very best DCBS audiences. That's a lot of "bests" and they are all true! This is a prestigious, very popular event. Winner of this competition represents DCBS at the 2019 International Blues Competition in Memphis. In addition, the winner is paid to perform at the 2018 College Park Blues Festival on Saturday, Nov. 10 and at a 2018 DC Blues Festival, if scheduled. Competition is open to Blues artists from the DMV and includes a CD review and a 30-minute performance at the Battle of the Bands. For updates on entry requirements and eligibility criteria, visit www.dcblues.org

▲ Friday, Sept. 28: Annual Solo/Duo Competition

More traditional Blues is highlighted at this competition for solo performers and duos from the DMV. This event draws an enthusiastic, Blues-savvy audience who appreciates the high caliber of the performers. Like the Battle of the Bands, winner of this competition also represents DCBS at the IBC in Memphis and is a featured act at the 2018 College Park Blues Festival. For updates on entry requirements and eligibility criteria, visit www.dcblues.org

▲ 4th Friday DCBS Happy Hours:

Blues lovers like to unwind at these popular Happy Hours, held on the fourth Friday of each month from 5 to 10 p.m., music is on tap from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Bands for the remaining Happy Hours in 2018 have been booked, but we're looking ahead to 2019. For info, contact vp@dcblues.org

MARK WENNER'S BLUES WARRIORS



4/6 DRUM AND STRUM WARRENTON VA 8 PM

4/17 JVS FALLS CHURCH VA 8:30 PM

5/6 KENSINGTON CAR SHOW 11 AM

5/14 WESTMINSTER CHURCH 6 PM

5/15 JVS FALLS CHURCH VA 8:30 PM

6/10 TAKOMA PARK JAZZ FESTIVAL TBA

6/16 SILVER SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL TBA

6/19 JVS FALLS CHURCH VA 8:30 PM

7/7 HARD BARGAIN FARM ACCOKEEK MD 8 PM

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Guide to 2018 Local & Nearby Blues Festivals

It's again time to consider which blues festivals you might attend this year. From late Spring through early Fall, many blues and other music festivals are scheduled in the DMV and surrounding states. This annual guide is intended to help DC-area blues fans plan their weekends and trips to include some great festivals that support the Blues. Several festivals are also fundraisers for charities.

As of April 1, plans for the DCBS-sponsored 29th Annual DC Blues Festival are not yet firm. DCBS hopes to have an event on Labor Day or close to that holiday. The Carter Barron Amphitheatre, traditional site of the Annual Festival, is closed for the second year in a row for the National Park Service to address the stage's structural issues. DCBS is presently reviewing options for another venue for the Annual Festival and will announce further plans as soon as they have been determined.

Mark your calendars now for some of the great festivals included in this guide! Visit the individual festival websites to see what performers will be featured at each. Some festivals are free; others have admission fees and offer early bird and/or advance ticket sales.

If we've missed listing a blues festival, please let us know so we can share this information with DCBS members. Send this information to: newsletter@dcb Blues.org. The DCBS booth will be set up at some of these events, so watch your DCBS emails for volunteer needs and also for ticket giveaways/discounts.

If you'd like to see your name in print by writing a review or submitting photos for the CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER, please send an e-mail to newsletter@dcb Blues.org.

Please share this festival listing with others. Help keep the Blues alive!

MAY

▲ Saturday, May 5

Derby-Q BBQ, Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival

Old Town Square
Fairfax, VA 22030
<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/derby-q>
Tickets: \$10 general admission, tasting tickets \$25 or \$65

▲ Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20

Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival



Sandy Point State Park
Annapolis, MD 21409
www.bayblues.org
Advance tickets until May 18: \$75 one-day or \$150 both days

JUNE

▲ Friday-Sunday, June 1-2

23rd Annual Western Maryland Blues Fest

Downtown Hagerstown, City Central Lot
Hagerstown, MD 21741
www.blues-fest.org or 301-739-8577 ext. 116.
Tickets: Friday: **FREE** ▲ Saturday: \$30+ fee

▲ Friday-Sunday, June 1-3

26th Annual Capital Jazz Fest

Merriweather Post Pavilion
10475 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044
www.capitaljazz.com
Tickets: early bird tickets until April 27, prices vary by seating

▲ Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3

38th Annual Washington Folk Festival

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD 20812
www.fsgw.org **FREE**

▲ Friday-Sunday, June 8-10

25th Tinner Hill Blues Festival — A Tribute to John Jackson

Cherry Hill Park and Other Venues
Falls Church, VA 22046
www.tinnerhill.org
See ad on p. 9.
Tickets: general admission: \$20 in advance/\$25 at gate; VIP: \$30/\$35

▲ Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10

7th Annual St. Georges Blues Festival

Fort Dupont Parade Grounds (NEW LOCATION)
260 Old Elm Ave., Delaware City, DE 19706
www.diamondstateblues.com or 302-836-8202
Buy tickets at www.bluehorizonpromotions.com.
Tickets: \$65 both days by June 8 or \$35 Saturday and \$40 Sunday



▲ Sunday, June 10

29th Annual Billtown Blues Festival

Lycoming County Fairgrounds
Hughesville, PA 17737
www.billtownblues.org or 570-584-4480
Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$40 at the gate

▲ Saturday, June 16

10th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival — A Blues Block Party & SSBF Blues Week, June 10-15

Downtown Silver Spring
on Ellsworth Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20910
www.silverspringblues.com
www.facebook.com/SSBluesFest **FREE**



▲ Saturday, June 16

23rd Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival

Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike
Arlington, VA 22204
www.columbia-pike.org/bluesfest/ **FREE**

▲ Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24

26th Annual Giant National Capital BBQ Battle

2011 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004
www.bbqdc.com
Tickets: \$15 per day, children 12 and under: free



2018 Local & Nearby Blues Festivals

JULY

▲ Thursday-Sunday, July 5-8

21st Annual Briggs Farm Blues Festival

Briggs Farm, Nescopeck, PA 18635

www.briggsfarm.com or 570-379-2003

Tickets: \$28-1 day (Fri/Sat), \$46-2 day, \$69-3 da,

\$23-Sun.; Camping \$1209-4 day, \$95-3 day.

▲ Saturday, July 14

DCBS Hotter Than July Fish Fry 'n' Blues

Silver Spring American Legion

BANDS! SIGN UP NOW!

See www.dcblues.org



Ticket info pending

Contribute to the fun and success of this event by volunteering! Contact Volunter Coordinator Dorothy Hines at volunteer@dcblues.org.

▲ Saturday, July 21

5th Annual Roadhouse BluesFest

Jonathan's Landing Public Golf

1309 Ponderosa Dr.

Magnolia, DE 19962

www.CentralDelawareBlues.Com/our-festival

Tickets: Advance by July 1: \$25 CDBS members, \$30 non-members; After July 1, \$30/\$35

▲ Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22

Pittsburgh Blues & Roots Festival

Syria Shrine Center

1877 Shriners Way

Cheswick, PA 15204

Tickets: in advance: \$20 for 1 day, \$35 for 2 days;

\$26 per day at the gate 1 day

www.facebook.com/PGHBluesAndRootsFest

AUGUST

▲ Friday-Sunday, Aug. 10-12


18th Annual Heritage Music BluesFest

Heritage Port Amphitheater

Wheeling, WV 26003

www.heritagemusicefest.com or 304-238-6064

Tickets: Advance: \$90-3 day, \$135-VIP

 Listings with this designation include blues and other music genres

▲ Saturday, Aug. 18

26th Annual Hot August Music Festival

Oregon Ridge State Park

13401 Beaver Dam Rd.

Cockeysville, MD 21030

www.

hotaugustmusicfestival.com

or 877-321-3378

Tickets: in advance:

from \$58 (extra early

bird) to \$73 (last call); \$85 at the gate



SEPTEMBER

▲ Sunday, Sept. 2

Baltimore Blues Society Alonzo's Memorial Picnic

Rosedale American Legion Hall

1311 Seling Avenue

Rosedale, MD 21237

<http://www.mojoworkin.com> or

410-744-2291



Ticket info pending.

▲ Saturday, Sept. 15

16th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival

Roosevelt Center, Centerway & Southway

Greenbelt, MD 20770

www.GreenbeltBluesFestival.com

FREE

▲ Sunday, Sept. 16

41st Takoma Park Folk Festival

Takoma Park Middle School

Takoma Park, MD 20910

www.tpff.org or 301-589-0202

FREE

OCTOBER

▲ Sunday, Oct. 7

37th Annual Takoma Park Street Festival

Carroll Avenue.

Takoma Park, MD 20912

<http://www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/takoma-park-festival/>

or 240-535-0187

FREE

NOVEMBER

▲ Saturday, Nov. 10

11th Annual College Park Blues Festival

Ritchie Coliseum, University of MD

College Park, MD 20740

www.dcblues.org

<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeParkBluesFest/>

FREE

Bands! Enter the DCBS Solo/Duo Competition (Sept. 28) or the Battle of the Bands (Sept. 15) for a chance to perform at the College Park Festival Blues Festival! Details at www.dcblues.org.

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April 14-15, 2018

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by Pete Salisbury

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Congrats! Ticket Winners

Congratulations to **Henry Tate** and **Ed Crowley**, winners of tickets to enjoy the Billy Price Band with Johnny Rawls at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club on April 6.

You could be the next winner of a DCBS Ticket Giveaway. Watch your DCBS Eblasts and visit www.dcb Blues.org and Members Only page to enter to win tickets to selected Festivals and Blues shows, and to obtain available discounts.

Priority for ticket giveaways goes to DCBS members, be sure to keep your membership current. Be sure to open and read those Eblasts so you don't miss any great opportunities.

Become a DCBS Member

Members are key to the livelihood of the DCBS. Members' dues play an important part in helping DCBS fulfill its mission to promote the Blues and the Musicians who keep the music alive, exciting and accessible. Members receive many benefits for their nominal DCBS investment:

- ▲ Discounted rates on advance tickets to DCBS events
- ▲ Comraderie of fellow Blues enthusiasts at DCBS's many events
- ▲ Monthly editions of THE CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER sent by email
- ▲ Priority notices of the latest scheduled area Blues concerts, events and news sent by email
- ▲ Chances to win free tickets to area Blues concerts and performances
- ▲ Discounts from area clubs and merchants when you present your DCBS membership card; see the list of participating businesses on page 11
- ▲ Opportunities to "get close to the action and the music" by volunteering at DCBS events
- ▲ Taking a supporting role in DCBS's Blues in the Community program, an outreach effort to educate and encourage the rich heritage of Blues music

Becoming a DCBS member is quick and easy:

- ▲ Use the mail-in application on this page
- ▲ Apply online at www.dcb Blues.org
- ▲ Sign up at a the DCBS booth at a DCBS event

Join or Renew Today!

Date _____ New Renewal

Name _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

If family, list name(s) _____

Annual Dues

- Student: \$15 (include copy of student ID)
- Individual: \$35 per year \$60 two years
- Family: \$45
- Corporate: \$200

Volunteer

- Update Website
- Work shift at a show (DCBS table, door, etc.)
- Promote shows (Distribute fliers, handbills, etc.)
- Raise funds
- Write reviews or take photos for monthly newsletter

Contributions (not dues) are tax deductible. Please allow up to 6 weeks for processing. DCBS accepts



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Washington, DC 20013

Meet new DCBS Board Member: Adam Oppenheim

Late one night when he was about 14, Adam Oppenheim heard B.B. King's *Live at the Cook County Jail* played in its entirety on WPFW. It was his Blues epiphany.

When back in DC for breaks during college, Adam got deeper into the local blues scene, catching regular shows at Twist n' Shout and performances of most of the DCBS founders. Adam attended multiple Archie Edwards gigs at Food for Thought and frequented the weekly Grog n' Tankard performances of country blues picker Ben Andrews, who was often joined by folks like Mark Wenner, Eleanor Ellis, Flora Molton, Rick Franklin and Neal Harpe.

During those years, Adam also served as music director of his college radio station, WMHB, and hosted a weekly blues and roots radio program. If you were driving I-95 in Central Maine during the late 1980s and happened to hear Cephas & Wiggins or The Nighthawks on the radio, you likely were tuned into Adam's radio program.

Nearly a decade ago, after mostly woodshedding on guitar over many years, and encouraged by his now wife Nancy, Adam expanded his guitar playing. He began participating in the weekly Piedmont Blues jams hosted by the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, as well as the DCBS jams, where he got more deeply involved as a local blues musician and formed friendships with many of the folks he plays with today.

Adam plays lead guitar with DC Mudd and in that role was thrilled to enjoy one of the most wonderful experiences of his life—representing the DCBS in Memphis at the 2016 IBC and performing at the 2016 DC Blues Festival.



A D.C. native who has also lived in Colorado and Maine, Adam has recently joined the DCBS Board of Directors. He is a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine and has a law degree from American University, Washington College of Law. Adam worked for several years as an attorney in corporate practice and civil litigation, before joining a local restaurant management company as a business executive, counsel

and part-owner.

After the sale of the company last year, Adam has put up his shingle as a business consultant. Adam looks forward to volunteering his experiences and skills to help the DCBS continue its mission and carry on the local D.C. blues traditions of its founders.

JUNE 8 - 10, 2018

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FRIDAY, JUNE 8

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9

ALL DAY BLUES CONCERT

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After Party at **JV's Restaurant**

(Band TBA - Admission at door)

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10

CONCERT & CONVERSATION

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for
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Brew
& BBQ

plus Bushmaster Blues featuring Gary Brown, DC Mudd, Bobby Thompson, Daryl Davis, Common Ground, Sudden Impact, area choirs and bands, and more (subject to change)

Information/schedule: **WWW.TINNERHILL.ORG**



APRIL 2018 BLUES

- 1 **DCBS 1st Sunday Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ ▲ The Colliders @ JVs
- 2 Charlie Owen & Pocket Change @ Westminster Church
- 4 Karl Stoll & Danger Zone @ Nick's Nightclub
- 5 Slam Allen @ JVs ▲ Sol Roots @ Union Stage
- Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers** @ Amp by Strathmore ▲ Bad Influence @ Hamilton Loft ▲ **Billy Price Band with Johnny Rawls** @ Bethesda
- 6 Blues & Jazz **DCBS Ticket Giveaway** ▲ Ursula Ricks Project @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Little Bit A Blues @ Hershey's ▲ The Nighthawks @ Drum & Strum
▲ Richmond Blues Boys @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ Patty Reese, Holly Montgomery, Kennedy Wrights @ Outta The Way Cafe
- 7 Moxie Blues Band @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Sky Stage, Frederick ▲ Karl Stoll & Danger Zone @ Hamilton Loft ▲ The
Crimestoppers @ Outta The Way Cafe ▲ The Nighthawks @ Colmar Manor American Legion ▲ Vintage#18 @ Blackwall Hitch Annapolis ▲
Harmonica Workshop with Andrew Ali @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ Bad Influence @ Ice House Cafe ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Warrener's Tavern ▲ The
Mojo Priests @ Ugly Mug ▲ Skyla Burrell @ Madam's Organ
- 8 Dwight "Black Cat" Carrier & The Zydeco Ro Doggs @ Pearl Street Warehouse ▲ Billy Price Band with Johnny Rawls @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲
Bobby Thompson Revelator Hill @ JVs
- 9 Memphis Gold Blues Band @ Westminster Church
- 10 Matt Kelley & Swang Bang @ JVs ▲ Clusterfunk @ Madam's Organ
- 11 Full Power Blues @ Blue Sunday Bar & Grill
- 12 Still Standing with Linwood Taylor @ Babe's Boys Tavern
- 13 Built 4 Comfort @ Barley & Hops ▲ Cadillac Jump Blues Band @ Holiday House ▲ **Tommy Castro & The Painkillers** @ Rams Head Annapolis
▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ The Blue Side Tavern ▲ Patty Reese @ Silver at Cathedral Commons ▲ The Nighthawks, Bob Margolin @ Black Rock
Performing Arts Center ▲ Biscuit Miller & the Mix @ Madam's Organ
- 14 **Tommy Castro & The Painkillers** @ Pearl Street Warehouse ▲ Bad Influence @ Viniculture Wine Bar & Cafe ▲ Still Standing w/ Linwood Taylor @
Bucket's ▲ The Crimestoppers @ Clyde's Mark Center ▲ Biscuit Miller & the Mix @ Madam's Organ ▲ Jonny Grave @ Roofers Union
- 15 Steve Jacobs Going Away Party @ JVs ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Daniels Restaurant
- 16 Swampdog Blues! @ Westminster Church
- 17 Mark Wenner & Blues Warriors @ JVs ▲ Clusterfunk @ Madam's Organ
- 18 **Janiva Magness** @ Rams Head Annapolis
- 19 Johnny & The Headhunters @ Hamilton Loft
- 20 Cadillac Jump Blues Band @ Szechuan Inn ▲ Carly Harvey @ Pinky & Pepe's Grape Escape ▲ Big Boy Little @ Lahinch ▲ Patty Reese @ Silver at
Cathedral Commons ▲ Lex Grey & The Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ
- Baltimore Blues Society presents Nick Moss Band featuring Dennis Gruenling, John Primer** @ Rosedale American Legion ▲ Built 4 Comfort @
Outta The Way Cafe ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Dave Chappell Band @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ The Crimestoppers @ Growler's
▲ Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone @ Lost Rhino Brewing, Ashburn ▲ Vintage#18 @ Blackwall Hitch Alexandria ▲ The Nighthawks @ Union Stage ▲ Lex
Grey & The Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ
- 21
- 22 Stacy Brooks Down Home Blues @ Madam's Organ
- 23 Shirleta Settles & Friends @ Westminster Church
- 24 Sol Roots @ JVs ▲ Clusterfunk @ Madam's Organ
- 25 An Evening with Acoustic Blues Women, featuring Gina De Simone & Pat Quinn, Sheryl Sears, Oma Pearl, Donna Fletcher, Eleanor Ellis, Nina Casey,
Martha Capone & Pearl Bailes, a concert to benefit 10th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival @ El Golfo Restaurant
- 27 **DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hour with Crossfire Band** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Cadillac Jump Blues Band @ Bertha's ▲ Jonny Rawls @
Madam's Organ
- 28 Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Bad Influence @ Clyde's Chevy Chase ▲ The Crimestoppers @ Celtic House Irish Pub ▲ The
Nighthawks @ Glen Echo ▲ Maurice John Vaughn @ Madam's Organ
- 29 Raging Immortals @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Memphis Gold All Star Show @ JVs ▲ Big Boy Little @ Acadiana (Brunch) ▲ The B.T. Richardson Band @
Madam's Organ
- 30 David Cole & Main Street Blues @ Westminster Church

EARLY MAY 2018

- 2 Jonny Grave @ Pearl Street Warehouse
- 4 Patty Reese @ Hershey's ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Brunswick Eagles Aerie ▲ Still Standing with Linwood Taylor @ Ruddy Duck
- 5 Built 4 Comfort @ Hershey's ▲ Bad Influence @ Frederick Owls Club ▲ **The California Honeydrops, Charlie Hunter** @ Hamilton ▲ Derby-Q BBQ,
Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival with Moonshine Society, Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark, Marshall Artz @ Old Town Square, Fairfax
- 6 **DCBS 1st Sunday Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Ruben Morena Zydeco Dance Party @ Pearl Street Warehouse ▲ Bad Influence @ Jews,
Brews and Blues Event, Tikvat Israel Congregation ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ ▲ The Nighthawks @ Kensington Car Show

BLUES ALL WEEK

Regular Blues Events

The Regular Blues Calendar, below, is provided each month to convey information on recurring blues jams/performance/dances. The Regular Blues Calendar is in addition to the monthly calendar prepared by DCBS.

1st Sunday DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ **3rd Sunday DCBS Acoustic Blues Jam is cancelled for the fall 2017** ▲ 1st Sunday Ukulele Jam @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ Sol Roots Band with Carly Harvey @ JoJo Restaurant ▲ Most Sundays Along for the Ride @ 219

SU

Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church ▲ Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's ▲ Capital Blues Ensemble @ 219 Basin St. Lounge (alternates Mondays with Moonshine Society)

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Clusterfunk @ Madam's Organ ▲ Hell's Bottom Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350

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Wolf's Blues Jam with Linwood Taylor or Big Boy Little @ Blair's Londontowne Pub ▲ Jesse Shifflet Open Mic @ Station Ale House, North East, MD (frequency varies) ▲ Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Patty Reese @ Ayse Meze Lounge, Frederick

TH

Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ ▲ Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo ▲ Learning to Fly Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350 ▲ Acoustic Open Mic @ Archie's Barbershop (1st Thursdays)

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DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hour @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Glen Moomau & Juke Drivers @ Bertha's ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

SA

Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

Bolded items on calendars of upcoming events are picks by calendar editor and include DCBS, BBS and other events.

Musicians, promoters, and venues:

Send calendar listings to

calendar@dcblues.org

by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. Events listed are based on the best information possible.

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April 27, 2018
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