



Capital Blues Messenger

Celebrating the Blues in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia

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The Return of Live Blues!



photo by Anita Schlink
Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner displays his impressive guitar skills late last month at "Clarence Fest," held at Lamont's Nightclub, Indian Head, MD.



photo by Connie Warner
Blues fans of all ages are attracted to Wolf's new Blues Show and Sit-in Jams on Mondays at Lahinch Tavern in Potomac, MD.

photo courtesy of Jacques Chevalier
Below, from left: Pastor Brian from Westminster Blues Monday, WPFW-Radio personality Ida Campbell and Jacques Chevalier enjoy reconnecting with Blues friends and music at "Clarence Fest."



photo by Dawn Marie
Recent live music at The Camel in Richmond, VA included Bad Influence Band, shown above at their April 30 performance.

DCBS has BIG news!

4th Friday Blues Happy Hours return on Friday, July 23.
First Sunday Jams resume on Sunday, Sept. 5 (tentative).
Save the date for 2021 DC Blues Festival on Sunday, Oct. 10.
More plans are in the works, watch for announcements!

DC BLUES SOCIETY

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The DC Blues Society (DCBS) was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to keeping the Blues alive through outreach and education. Its mission is to celebrate, preserve, and promote the Blues as an original American art form. DCBS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that depends on grants, membership, contributions, and volunteers to operate. The DC Blues Society is a proud affiliate of the Blues Foundation.

DCBS is governed by its Board of Directors. Only DCBS Officers and designated board members are authorized to speak, represent and make commitments on behalf of the organization.



The CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER is published monthly (unless otherwise noted) and sent by email to members. Back issues are available at www.dcblues.org.

DCBS members are encouraged to submit articles, photos, cartoons, reviews and suggestions to the newsletter. Please submit material via email to newsletter@dcblues.org. Listings from bands and venues should be sent to calendar@dcblues.org. Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Articles should be submitted in MSWord; logos and graphics should be in vector format (.eps or .ai); and photos should be in color in high resolution .jpg format.

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- ▲ Discounted rates on advance tickets to DCBS events
- ▲ Friendship 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
- ▲ Eligibility to win free tickets to area Blues concerts and performances (e.g., City Winery, DC; The Soundry; The Hamilton and more)
- ▲ 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

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- Student: \$15 (include copy of student ID)
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- Family: \$45
- Corporate: \$200

* Special COVID-19 provision, sign up for 12 months and get 18 months (that's 6 months free!)

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- 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

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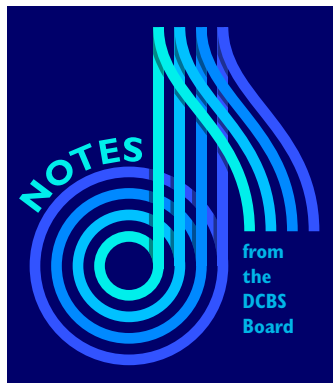
Becoming a DCBS member is quick and easy! Use the mail-in application on this page, sign up at the DCBS table at any DCBS event or apply online at www.dcblues.org

More Good News: Indoor Blues from DCBS

Hooray! We're getting back to normal in the near future, and we're getting closer to more live music presented indoors!

In the last issue, we reported the DC Blues Society (DCBS) was almost back, and this month we have more good news and info about upcoming events to share.

DCBS thanks everyone who has renewed their membership, become a new member or made a donation to help us get through these rough times. With your support, DCBS will be able to sponsor more events in the coming months.



The DCBS is happy to announce return of its popular **4th Friday Blues Happy Hours** to Silver Spring American Legion Post 41 on from 6:30–9:40 pm, Friday, July 23! The July Happy Hour features the Sol Roots Band. See page 4 for details. The Happy Hour on Aug. 27 highlights Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes, more info is on page 11.

Join the fun, we have lots to celebrate!

The **1st Sunday Blues Jam** is scheduled to return to Post 41 in the renovated upstairs Hall from 4–8 pm, Sept. 5. This is a tentative date, depending upon completion of the renovations, stay tuned for updates.

And that's not all! The DCBS is applying for a permit for a FREE outdoor concert in July (keep your fingers crossed on this one!). And mark Sunday, Oct. 10 on your calendar right now. We've just announced that's the date of the **2021 DC Blues Festival!**

Please continue to support your favorite bands who are presenting webcasts and starting to play more live shows. See the DCBS calendar on pages 10–11 for information that's crossed our desk. And please continue to support your favorite restaurants and clubs that have taken such a hit in the past year. We look forward to welcoming you back to DCBS events. Get your vaccine and help support the DCBS team and blues fans around the region.

Are you looking for Blues Festivals to attend this summer? See pages 6–7 for our annual summary of Festivals within a one-day drive of the DC area.

Also, check out the Blues Festival Guide for more information at: www.BluesFestivalGuide.com. The DCBS will have copies of the Blues Festival Guide available at the Happy Hour shows and monthly jams. Donations are appreciated for providing these guides to our members and friends.

The Blues Foundation's **42nd Blues Music Awards** will be presented on Sunday, June 6. Details for accessing the livestream are at the left. Don't miss this outstanding show, several DCBS favorites are nominated for awards!

Finally, The Blues Foundation has just announced plans to hold an in-person International Blues Challenge, Jan. 18–22, 2022. With this news, DCBS will be reviewing options for holding its **Annual Battle of the Bands and Solo-Duo Championship**, with the winners eligible to participate in the 2022 IBC. Stay tuned for more info.

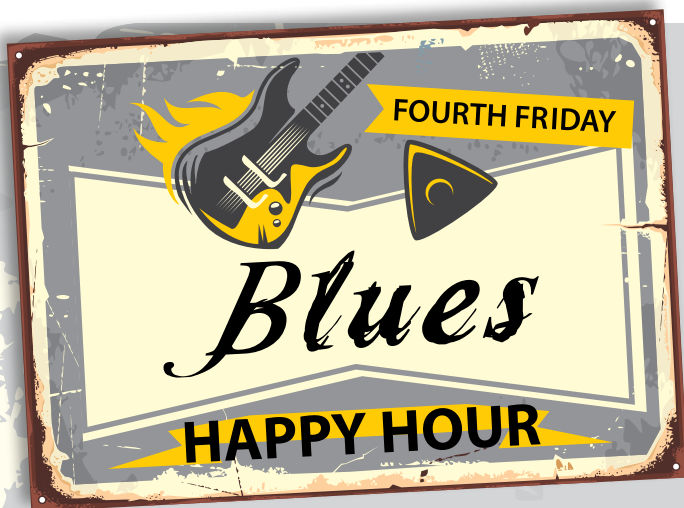
Thanks for your support!
Pete Salsbury
President, DC Blues Society
President@dcblues.org



The 42nd Blues Music Awards Ceremony will be a virtual event at 5pm, Sunday, June 6, bringing together Blues performers, industry representatives, and fans from all over the world to celebrate the best in Blues recordings and performances from the previous year. The BMAs are generally recognized as the highest honors given to Blues musicians and are awarded by vote of Blues Foundation members.

Enjoy performances by this year's nominees and other special guests. Before enjoying an exciting evening hosted by Big Llou and performances by Blues Music Award nominees and other special guests, revel in a special happy hour: Backstage with Art Tipaldi and Friends. Some of the friends stopping by the LRBC VIP Blues Lounge are Elvin Bishop, Thornetta Davis, Dion DiMucci, and Sugaray Rayford.

Two ticket options are available: \$20 — A livestream ticket includes: one (1) entry to the livestream event, and \$50 — VIP ticket includes: one (1) entry to the livestream event; one (1) entry to the exclusive pre-show VIP Blues Lounge livestream of Backstage with Art Tipaldi and Friends sponsored by The Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise; one (1) official 2021 Blues Music Award poster.



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FRIDAY, JULY 23

Music: 6:30–9:30 pm

Affordable Cash Bar + Food

**FREE ADMISSION ★ MUSIC
DANCIN' ★ DOOR PRIZES ★ FUN**

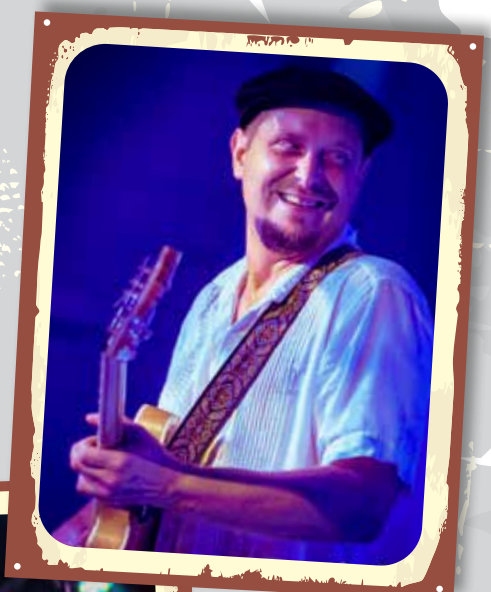


photo by Ari Strauss



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American Legion Post 41

905 Sligo Ave. ★ Silver Spring, MD 20910

Entrance on Fenton St., adjacent to public parking lot

FREE Parking AFTER 7 PM

www.dcblues.org ★ 240-876-8295



Dave Keller: You Get What You Give

reviewed by Ron Weinstock

Singer-guitarist-songwriter Dave Keller has put together a special new recording dedicated to raising funds toward enhancing racial justice and equity.



Keller, whose mix of soul and blues has earned him acclaim, fans, and friends, is joined by Trudy Lynn, Joe Louis Walker, Annika Chambers, Johnny Rawls, Annie Mack, Dawn Tyler Watson, Brother Bob White, Carly Harvey, Toussaint St. Negritude, Katie Henry, Chad Hollister and others who donated their time and talent for this recording. Even before release, this recording raised more than \$2,000 from pre-orders, and “all of which will go directly to groups working for racial justice and equity.” The list of recipient groups includes the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Know Your Rights Camp, N’COBRA, and Jus’ Blues Foundation.

Separate from the fundraising aspect of this album; the performances are stunning. This starts with the opening duet between Keller and Annika Chambers, “One More Tear.” It’s a superb Memphis soul-styled song about two lovers who can’t get over each other. The production, the playing, and the singing are exceptional. It sets the tone and standard for this album.

More of the same is present in the duet with Carly Harvey, “The Thing We Do,” as the two celebrate their love. Steel guitar and harmonica support Toussaint St. Negritude on the spoken blues “I’m

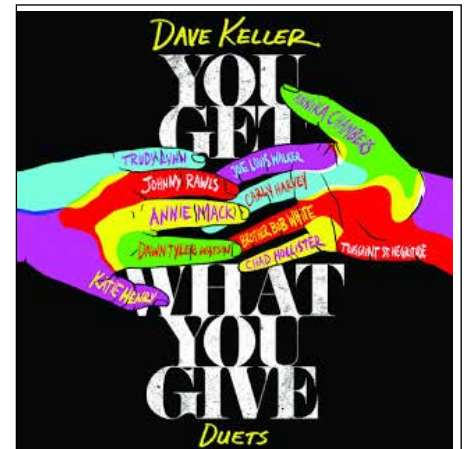
Ron is a long-time DCBS member and Editor of the DCBS newsletter for many years. The following review was posted to his blogspot, which is a semi-regular collection of observations, reviews and more about blues, jazz and other matters informed by the blues tradition. Visit his blogspot at <http://inablue mood.blogspot.com/>

Gonna Let It Shine,” about standing on the banks of tomorrow and pressing for a brighter tomorrow. This number concludes a remarkable recording, for each other. Another outstanding duet is the title track with Annie Mack with its country-soul flavor. There is an uplifting duet between Keller and Dawn

Tyler Watson, “God Is Love/ Love Is Everything.”

Among other inspired songs are “The Evil Men Do.” This song has a topical lyric about this land being haunted with bodies hanging on the tree and lying on the ground under a knee as Annika Chamber, Annie Mack, and Johnnie Rawls add their voices.

Ira Friedman adds a stark piano backing, with Tom Palance adding a haunting trumpet solo. Friedman’s spare piano also backs Keller’s sober vocal on “The Spark.” Brother Bob White sings and plays piano



on the classic gospel number “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” with Keller adding responsive guitar.

There are other equally stirring performances. These include those with Joe Louis Walker and Katie Henry. Also, Keller’s acoustic is one of the finest new recordings I have heard in 2020. *You Get What You Give* is not merely great music but raises money for a great cause.

Ron received his review copy of this CD from a publicist and posted this review to his blogspot on Dec. 29, 2020.

Shop at Amazon, Donate to DCBS

If you’ve been fighting pandemic boredom or confronting back-to-school or return-to-work activities by shopping at Amazon.com, **THANK YOU!** Members, families and friends have **seamlessly raised more**

than \$52 in the first quarter of 2021 for the DCBS by using this link to the Amazon Smile Foundation: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1517733> This link takes you directly to smile.amazon.com to support the DC Blues Society.



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the DC Blues Society.

You log on using your regular Amazon.com account information at the Amazon Smile site. There is no cost to charitable organizations like the DC Blues Society or to AmazonSmile customers. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to the DC Blues Society.

Please help spread the word about this great fundraising activity. Happy shopping and thanks for supporting the DC Blues Society.

2021 Local + Regional Music + Blues Festivals

Pre-Covid, each April issue of the DC Blues Society newsletter included a guide to local and regional blues festivals (April through December) within a one-day drive of the DC area. Obviously, the 2020 area blues festivals were all cancelled.

However, it's 2021 and with the Covid numbers going down and the vaccinated numbers going up, many festivals are now scheduled to happen — either live/in-person, virtual, or some combination of the two. The info here may not be a final list, but it's an attempt to capture some pretty exciting options for blues and music fans.

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

If you'd like to volunteer to write a review of a festival or take photos for the Capital Blues Messenger, please send an e-mail to newsletter@dcblues.org. Please share this festival listing with others. Help keep the Blues alive!

JUNE

Friday-Saturday,
June 4-5

Havre de Grace
Jazz and Blues

Fest

Three locations in Havre de Grace, MD
Lineup: Vanessa Collier, The Nighthawks, Jocelyn Christian Blues Band, Bond & Bentley, and others
Concerts on the "local" stage are free.
Tickets for concerts at the Wilburn Company "Headliners" Stage at Concord Point and at the State Theater at Havre de Grace are \$20-\$35 range.
www.HDGJazzBluesFest.org



Sunday June 6 at 7:30 pm

39th Annual Washington Folk Festival *

(register online to get the Zoom link)
Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD 20812
www.fsgw.org/WashingtonFolkFestival
While the in-person Festival will not happen in 2021 due to the pandemic, organizers plan to have the 40th WFF in 2022.

In the meantime, they say: "A Pandemic won't stop us from celebrating the very active cultures of our region! FSGW and GEPPAC will present a livestream concert and dance from Glen Echo.

A livecast of two simultaneous streams of entertainment from Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom and other park locations. One stream is a music stream with Phil Wiggins and The Chesapeake Sheiks Trio (with Matt Kelley and Ian Waters); plus a progressive bluegrass band; a bilingual Latin band and storytellers; and a second dance stream with a mix of English and contra dances and a

variety of balfolk dances. There will be no in-person audience or dancers, tune in from home for this special event. It's a free festival and donations are welcome.

www.fsgw.org/washingtonfolkkfestival/
FREE!

9th Annual St. Georges Blues Festival

originally scheduled for June 5-6, 2021 has been cancelled and rescheduled for June 4-5, 2022.

Fort Dupont Grounds
260 Old Elm Ave., Delaware City, DE 19706
www.diamondstateblues.com

Friday-Sunday,
June 11-13, 2021
31st Annual
Billtown Blues
Festival

Lycoming County
Fairgrounds
Hughesville, PA 17737
Lineup: Reverend Peyton and His Big Damn Band, Trudy Lynn, Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88's, Kat Riggins, Jason Ricci, Noah Wotherspoon, Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, JP Soars, Nate Myers Trio, and more
Tickets: Music only, or camping and music available, single day or 3-day
www.billtownblues.org or 570-584-4480



June 14-19, 2021
Silver Spring Virtual
Blues Week

See page 11 for the schedule of virtual events.
www.silverspringblues.com
FREE!

Friday, June 18
Mulberry Music
Festival: The
Blues


St. Mary's College of Maryland Townhouse
Green
St. Mary's City, MD 20686
Lineup: Josh Riley Band, Kelly Bell Band, The Nighthawks
It will also be simultaneously livestreamed on the College's website:
www.smcm.edu/mulberry
FREE



June 18-20, 2021
Columbia Pike
Blues Weekend

This year the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization presents multiple ways to celebrate the blues: three nights of streamed concerts "Live from the Rug Shop," a downloadable playlist to enjoy at home, and an afternoon of in-person performances!
Fillmore Shopping Center Parking Lot
2705 Columbia Pike
Arlington, VA 22204
Lineup: In-person on June 19: Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage#18, Cheik Hamala Diabate and Carly Harvey; streaming live from Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs every evening at 7:30 pm:
June 18: Stacy Brooks; June 19: Deletta Gillespie; June 20: Sol Roots
Tickets for live performances on June 19. Pay what you can, donations welcome.



 Listings with this designation include blues and other music genres.



www.collegeparkpike.org/bluesfest/
FREE

**A virtual event online during June
The National Capital Giant BBQ Battle and
Food and Music Virtual Experience**

Includes an online BBQ Band Battle — view the videos of 13 band entries and vote for the best! Three blues bands are competing — Bad Influence, Carly Harvey, and Bushmaster Gary Brown. Plus food cook-offs and other online activities
www.bbqdc.com
FREE

JULY

**Thursday-
Saturday, July
8-10, 2021
24th Annual
Briggs Farm
Blues Festival**



Briggs Farm, Nescopeck, PA 18635
Lineup: Ana Popovic, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Vanessa Collier, Shemekia Copeland, Mac Arnold & Plate Full 'O Blues, King Solomon Hicks, Victor Wainwright & The Train, and others
Tickets: Camping (includes music) \$150 for 3-day, \$115 for 2-day, General admission: 3 day \$110, 1 or 2 days \$30-\$85.
www.briggsfarm.com or 570-379-2003

**Saturday/Sunday, July 31-Aug. 1, 2021
Pittsburgh Blues & Roots Festival**

Pittsburgh Shrine Center
1877 Shriners Way
Cheswick, PA 15204
Lineup: Billy Price Band, Joanna Connor, Anthony Gomes, Vanessa Collier Band with special guest Laura Chavez, and others
Tickets: Advance \$30/day, \$50/weekend. At gate if available: \$35/day only
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AUGUST

**Friday-Sunday, Aug. 13 -15, 2021
20th Annual Heritage Music BluesFest**

Heritage Port Amphitheater
Wheeling, WV 26003
Lineup: Carolyn Wonderland, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Coco Montoya, Jason Ricci, Walter Trout, JP Soars, Eric Bibb, and others
Tickets: Advance: \$90- 3 day, \$145-VIP
www.heritagemusicfest.com

**Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021
Tinner Hill Music Festival**

Cherry Hill Park
Falls Church, VA 22046
Lineup: BB King's Blues Band featuring Michael Lee of "The Voice", Bonerama, The Legendary Wailers featuring Julian "Junior" Marvin, Twin Brothers Band, Vintage #18, Rocknoceros, East of The River Steelband, and more TBA
Tickets: Early Bird (EB) General Admission \$25, EB VIP Tented Area (pairs only) \$35, EB Super VIP Pit \$60
www.tinnerhill.org

**Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021
Annual Hot August Music Festival**

Oregon Ridge State Park
13403 Beaver Dam Rd.
Cockeysville, MD 21030
Lineup includes: Christone "Kingfish" Ingram
Tickets: Advance: \$69 (extra early bird) to \$79 (last call), \$89 at gate
www.hotaugustmusicfestival.com
or 877-321-3378

SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021
Baltimore Blues
Society Alonzo's
Memorial Picnic**

Rosedale American Legion Hall
1311 Seling Avenue
Rosedale, MD 21237
Lineup and ticket info TBA



<http://www.mojoworkin.com>

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 4-5, 2021
28th Annual Capital Jazz Fest**

Merriweather Post Pavilion
10475 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044
Cool jazz and soul, talent lineup and ticket info TBA.
www.capitaljazz.com

**Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021
43rd Takoma Park Folk Festival**

Takoma Park Middle School
Takoma Park, MD 20910
Applications to perform will be accepted until July 1.
www.tpff.org or 301-589-0202
FREE!

OCTOBER

**Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021
Annual Takoma Park Street Festival**

Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912
Uncertain at this time if festival will be in-person or virtual. Musicians interested in performing should send promo material to music coordinator David Eisner at hometrad@hmtrad.com
[http://www.mainstreettakoma.org/
featured-events/takoma-park-festival/](http://www.mainstreettakoma.org/featured-events/takoma-park-festival/)
FREE!

**Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021
31th Annual DC Blues Festival**

Save the date! Watch for more info coming from DCBS!
www.dcb Blues.org
FREE!

**Oct. 15, 16, & 17, 2021
Lancaster Roots & Blues, A Festival of
Music and Art**

Lancaster, PA
This annual festival of music and blues is held indoors at multiple venues all located within three blocks of each other, 60+ different musical artists during the three-day festival. Blues artists include Lil' Ed, John Nemeth, Vanessa Collier, Shemekia Copeland, and others. www.LancasterRootsandBlues.com

Staying Creative and Sane During the Covid Shutdown

by Pete Salisbury

The DC Blues Society reached out to a number of local musicians and to ask them to briefly describe what they have been doing to keep creative and sane in the past year during the Covid shutdown. Here are some of their replies.

Now that the long shutdown is coming to an end, please plan to (safely) go out to your favorite clubs and restaurants and see the great local musicians playing in our area every week. It's been a tough time for everyone, and they all can use our support now more than ever.



John Shore Photography

Sol Roots during a livestream performance from *The Hamilton* in early 2021.

Sol Roots

“It has been an intense and crazy year to say the least. It's been really meaningful to keep in touch with members of the DC Blues Society and WPFW folks, via phone, text and email, and I'm thankful to those that were able to come out in person for the live indoor and outdoor performances we did. Also we were very grateful to have had feature articles about the band in Big City Blues Magazine, Jambase, and DC Music Review. We worked on quite a few recordings in 2020 that will hopefully be released this year. We have some indoor and outdoor events coming up, and look forward to seeing more of the DC Blues Society family sometime soon! One love.”

Dave Chappell

“I was fortunate to do a guitar series for Blues Alley at the National Press Club in DC during April. That was a cool project to do with Tommy Lepson, John Previti, Big Joe Maher, Bruce Swaim, Rick Whitehead, Steve Abshire, John Thomakos and Tim Ford. Tommy Lepson, myself, Pete Ragusa and Sonny Petrosky have been working on a new record as well, and it should be finished in July. I'm thrilled to be playing with telecaster Greats Jim Weider and GE Smith on July 31 at the Rams Head, Annapolis. And in conjunction with the Birchmere, I will be hosting the Danny Gatton birthday tribute this year, on Sept. 3. We are all excited about that!”



Dave Chappell during a recent performance at the Smokehouse Tavern, Annapolis.



Robbin Kapsalis and Vintage#18

“Robbin Kapsalis and Vintage#18 are putting the finishing touches on a new album for release this summer! The album includes eight originals, one written by Deb Ryder and three covers! Have a great week!”

Robbin Kapsalis and Vintage#18 during a recent live outdoor performance at the State Theatre.

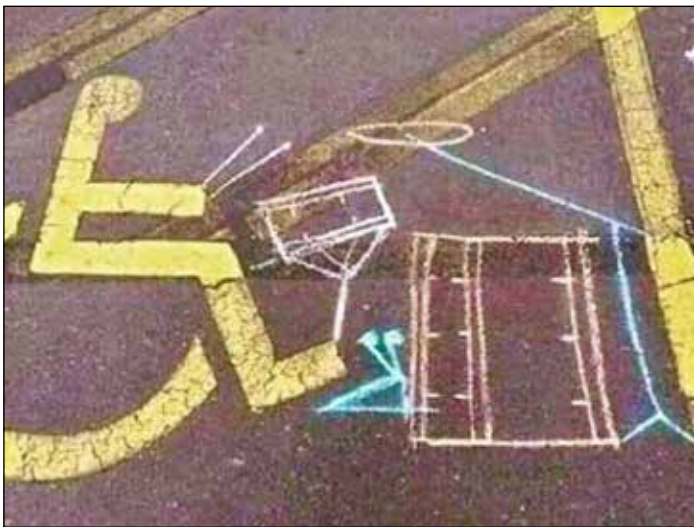
Mark Wenner

a founding member, DC Blues Society and leader of The (legendary) Nighthawks and the Blues Warriors

“Our first streaming efforts (during the pandemic) were an acoustic duo, then a trio from my phone in Dan Hovey's backyard. We did a number of livestream shows from Charlie Krupsaw's garage using Nick Ruggieri on drums while Mark Stutso healed a broken leg. When the weather got colder, we moved our set up into Paul Pisciotta's living room and kept a safe bubble and worked up an album's worth of material, worked it over and then some, and moved the bubble into Severn Studios and have almost finished a new Nighthawks album with David Earl engineering, co-producing and even playing guitar on an Eddie Taylor style track on a Jimmy Reed song.”



The Nighthawks (al fresco edition) took to the great outdoors to share their music during the unexpected COVID hiatus.



Last but not least is this longer tale from **Mark Stutso** of The Nighthawks and Blues Warriors.

“Dear ya’ll,

Our brother in the blues, Pete Salsbury, has a cool assignment for us players to tell what we did during the pandemic of 2020. Sort of like the old school days after summer vacation! For my report, I

wish I could tell ya’ll about my wild tales of sky diving, scuba diving, mountain climbing and hitchhiking across America, but... The pandemic shut The Nighthawks down around March 15, 2020. I came home, like everybody else with thoughts of, ‘now what?’

On April 25, I rolled over to Huntington, WV to visit my girlfriend for four days. Three days later, I took an awkward step in flip flops and damp grass which resulted in a broken lower right leg and both sides of my right ankle. So, after COVID tests and surgery, I spent almost six months on my back at Donna’s place in WV. I was well taken care of there, but I could not drive home, walk or PLAY A KICK DRUM PEDAL!

Many of the musicians of the DC area showed me much love and support. Ya’ll sent heartwarming messages, packages of reading material. The AFTER DARK FOUNDATION came through with monetary support. So, again, I thank you all, and to Donna Sparks and her family for the personal care they gave me. You ALL are loved!

So that’s my summer with the pandemic of 2020. This summer, I hope to be playing a lot and taking off all the dang weight I gained from the ‘20 summer of laying on my back with no exercise and having great country food served to me a couple times a day!!

Spread love, Mark Stutso



The National Capital Giant BBQ Battle and Food and Music Virtual Experience includes an online Battle of the BBQ Bands throughout the month of June.

Three blues bands are among the 13 bands competing in the Battle of the BBQ Bands — Bad Influence, Carly Harvey, and Bushmaster Gary Brown. View their videos and vote for the best. Blues fans: show them some love and throw an electronic vote their way. Voting is open through June 30.

The BBQ Battle also includes food cook-offs, recipes, prizes and other online activities. It’s great fun and all free of charge. www.bbqdc.com

Rock Star Red Tapping Party
Benefitting The Tinner Hill Music Festival*
Saturday, June 26, 2021 • Doors: 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM
No Admission
Settle Down Easy Brewing Company
2822 Fairfax Drive • Falls Church, VA 22042
Music: 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM



MOONSHINE SOCIETY

Bring friends, dancing shoes, chairs and get ready to party!

Tinner Hill Music Festival Tickets on sale
www.tinnerhill.org
<https://tinner-hill-festival-2021.eventbrite.com>

Let's Hope. Let's Love. Let's Dance.

*Proceeds benefit Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization

JUNE 2021 LIVE BLUES (see additional listings on page 9)

- 1 Patty Reese @ The Inn at Silo Falls, Brookeville
- 2 Matt Kelley's Swangbang @ Cat's Eye Pub, Baltimore ▲ Dean Rosenthal's 4 Piece Racket @ 49West, Annapolis
- 3 Blue Zoom Bombers @ Old Bowie Town Grill ▲ The Thrillbillys @ Jammin' Java ▲ Pete Kanaras & The Hi-Fliers @ Cat's Eye Pub
- 4 Vintage #18 @ Fridays at the Fountain, Crystal City Water Park, Arlington ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Flying Ace Farm, Lovettsville, VA ▲ The Power Trio @ Mark's Pub, Falls Church ▲ Johnny & The Headhunters @ Lahinch Tavern, Potomac ▲ Downwire Band @ Sligo Creek Golf Course
- 5 The Nighthawks @ Havre de Grace Jazz and Blues Fest ▲ Bad Influence Band @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Flying Ace Farm, Lovettsville, VA ▲ The Power Trio @ Mark's Pub, Falls Church ▲ Johnny & The Headhunters @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Matt Kelley and Ian Walters @ Bertha's, Baltimore ▲ The Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ House of Poolesville ▲ Roger Girke Band @ Cat's Eue Pub
- 6 **42nd Blues Music Awards Virtual Show** @ 5 pm ET (See page 3 for info on how to purchase tickets to view virtually) ▲ Linwood Taylor Band @ JV's ▲ The Honey Larks @ Old Bowie Town Grille
- 8 Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in with Matt Kelley @ Lahinch Tavern
- 9 Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
- 10 Cadillac Jump Blues Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, ▲ Sol Roots Band @ JV's ▲ Reggie Right Eye Duo @ Lahinch Tavern
- 11 **31st Annual Billstown Blues Festival** featuring Uptown Music, Collective Blues Group, Noah Wotherspoon, Kat Riggins with Gabe Stillman Band @ Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Monk's BBQ, Purcellville, VA ▲ Amy Helm @ The Hamilton ▲ Eric Scott Trio @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ The Nighthawks with Rev. Billy C. Wirtz @ Jammin' Java ▲ Bruce Ewan Blues @ Lahinch Tavern
- 12 **31st Annual Billstown Blues Festival** featuring Lower Case Blues Band, Reverend Billy C. Wirtz, Andy T with Alabama Mike, Trudy Lynn, Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band @ Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Streetcar 82 Brewing Company, Hyattsville ▲ Bad Influence Band @ The Spectrum, Gaithersburg ▲ The Thrillbillys @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Gabe Stillman with Kat Riggins @ Ram's Head Annapolis ▲ The Soul Crackers @ State Theatre ▲ Jonathan Sloane @ The Hamilton ▲ Julesapalooza featuring Bobby Thompson, Ron Holloway Band & others @ B Chord Brewing Co., Round Hill, VA ▲ Matt Kelley's Swangbang @ Cat's Eye Pub
- 13 The Allman Betts Band @ The Birchmere, Alexandria ▲ **31st Annual Billstown Blues Festival** featuring Clarence Spady, Jason Ricci, JP Soars, Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88's @ Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA ▲ The Nighthawks with Rev. Billy C. Wirtz @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Gabe Stillman with Kat Riggins @ JV's
- 14 **Silver Spring Virtual Blues Week June 14-19**
- 15 Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner @ Lahinch Tavern
- 16 Mike Zito @ Ram's Head, Annapolis ▲ Sookey Jump Band @ Lahinch Tavern
- 19 **Columbia Pike Blues Festival** with Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage#18, Cheick Hamala Diabate, Deletta Gillespie, Carly Harvey @ Fillmore Shopping Center parking lot at 2705 Columbia Pike ▲ The Nighthawks @ All-American Harley Davidson Antique Bike Show, Hughesville, MD ▲ New Legacy Blues @ JVs ▲ Memphis Lightning with Willie Barry @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Twin Brothers Band @ The Hamilton ▲ The Crimestoppers @ Craffhouse Reston
- 20 Still Standing with Linwood Taylor & Wave Milor @ JV's ▲ Patty Reese @ Village of Shirlington, Arlington ▲ Low Rent Quartet @ Old Town Bowie Grille ▲ Columbia Pike Blues Festival streaming live Sol Roots @ 7:30 pm ▲ Bad Influence @ Loew Vinyards, Mt. Airy, MD ▲ Patty Reese @ Village of Shirlington, Arlington
- 25 Patty Reese & Dave Chappell @ Harper's Choice Village Center, Columbia ▲ Moonshine Society @ Bethesda Streeterly
- 26 Still Standing with Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Rockstar Red Release Party & Tinner Hill Festival Fundraiser with Moonshine Society @ Settle Down Easy Brewing Company, Falls Church ▲ Ray Apollo Allen Band @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage #18 @ Blackwall Hitch Alexandria ▲ Mike Tash & Mary Shaver featuring Bob Mallardi @ Hershey's ▲ Kelly Bell Blues Band @ Redgate Park, Rockville
- 27 Built 4 Comfort @ Old Bowie Town Grille

EARLY JULY 2021 LIVE BLUES

- 2 Big Boy Little Band @ Lahinch Tavern & Grill
- 3 Bad Influence Band @ JV's, Falls Church ▲ Patty Reese @ Village of Shirlington, Arlington ▲ The Nighthawks @ State Theatre (outdoors)
- 4 Patty Reese @ Pentagon Row Plaza, Arlington Linwood Taylor @ JVs
- 5 The Danger Zone @ Rutherford Park, Fairfax

LIVE BLUES ALL WEEK

Mondays

starting May 3: Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam @ Lahinch Tavern and Grill, Potomac

Saturdays

ongoing: Virtual Jam Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation @ 4502 Hamilton St., Hyattsville

Sundays

starting Aug. 1, every other Sunday: Wolf's Sunday Blues and Sit-in Jam @ JV's, Falls Church

starting Sept. 5 (tentative), every first Sunday: DCBS First Sunday Blues Jam @ American Legion Post 41, Silver Spring

Guidelines to accommodate Covid-19 precautions may affect participation in Jams. Please check in advance with the venue and/or host to learn of any changes.

The Blues events listed on the preceding page are **LIVE** events. As we move from virtual to live events, several venues have enacted procedural changes for cleaning, seating and accepting payments to accommodate state and local guidelines for Covid-19 prevention. Events may be postponed or cancelled with little advance notice because of virus exposure or illness. Please check in advance to assure that events are taking place as scheduled.

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Musicians, promoters, and venues:

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by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. Events

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Silver Spring Town Center Inc. presents the VIRTUAL 12th Annual SILVER SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL WEEK
with our Host WPFW's "Don't Forget the Blues" Ida Campbell
Monday, June 14 – Saturday, June 19, 2021

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SILVER SPRING TOWN CENTER INC. SILVER SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL

Monday, June 14 — 8pm
Blues Through Poetry Open Mic hosted by Poet Brenda Bunting

Tuesday, June 15 — 8pm
Sweet Bitter Blues: Washington DC's Homemade Blues with authors Frank Mathews & Phil Wiggins who will perform

Wednesday, June 16 — 8pm
Blues Movie Night: Crossroads with post-film discussion hosted by Professor David Rothman of Montgomery College

Thursday, June 17 — 8pm-9:30pm
Silver Spring Blues Festival Week Comedy Show hosted by Chipp Jones with Haywood Turnipseed headlining & featuring Ritu Tirthani, Ed Smyth, Rachel Dunbar, Jon Yeager, Marcus Brown & Carmiya

Friday, June 18 — 8pm-9pm
The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Ensemble

Saturday, June 19 — 2pm-3pm
The Bobby Thompson Band

Saturday, June 19 — 4pm-5pm
Time for Change: In the Studio with Artist Winston Harris

SPARKLE: BABY BOOMERS, THE BLUES & BEYOND — Wednesday, June 9 — 2pm-3:30pm
A Special Blues Festival Week Pre-Show, Hosted by WPFW's "Don't Forget the Blues" Ida Campbell, featuring Bobby Rush, Millie Jackson, Mark Wenner & Jay Summerour
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