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Join the Party Goin' On Right Here!

DCBS Celebrates 35th Anniversary at Special Event, May 1

by Pat Bransford

On Sunday, May 1, the DC Blues Society (DCBS) kicks off its 2022 celebration of 35 years in existence. That's a long time for an all-volunteer organization, and yet DCBS has not only achieved this milestone (and weathered the pandemic!) but is also geared up for another strong year with many events planned.

A year-long party starts at the **FREE** May 1 Celebration at Wunder Garten. Located at 1101 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002, it's in the NOMA area of DC, within easy walking distance of the NOMA/Gallaudet U Metro Station on the Red Line.

Donations are welcome at the event, but there is no entry fee to attend. The Celebration is scheduled for 1 to 7 pm, doors open at noon. Free parking is available in the lot next to the Wunder Garten, via L Street, NE.

The schedule and lineup for the Celebration appears at right, and you'll note that it



The 2022 Wammie Awards were presented in late March, honoring the top-caliber performers, composers, songwriters and music professionals in the DMV. Members bestowed the following honors to blues musicians.

Best Blues Artist/Group:

Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage #18

Best Blues Song:

Robbin Kapsalis & Vintage #18 – "From The Heart of One"



MAY 1 LINE-UP

1-2:10 pm Moonshine Society

2:30-3:40 pm Daryl Davis Band

3:50-5 pm

DC Blues Society Founders including Rick Franklin,
Neil Harpe, Mark Wenner and other surprise guests

5:30-7 pm

Joe Louis Walker

with special guest Linwood Taylor

includes local, national and international blues talent, including performances from some of the DCBS founders, to whom we owe so much for banding together in 1987 to form DCBS.



Joe Louis Walker brings his powerhouse guitar playing and singing to Wunder Garten to launch a year-long celebration of DCBS' 35th Anniversary.

The show begins with Moonshine Society, a young acclaimed band redefining the blues genre for a new generation. The band has performed with some very big names in the blues community. Their CD, Sweet Thing, was honored in 2020 by The Blues Foundation, winning the Best Self-Produced Blues CD. Locally in the DMV Washington, DC, the band and album have received Wammie awards for Best Blues Band and Best Blues Album and have repeatedly been named in Top Fan Favorite Lists in Washington, DC and Virginia. If you haven't seen this band perform live, be sure to come see for yourself why the band is making waves in the international blues scene, thrilling audiences at festivals with a fresh take on the classic American roots style.

Daryl Davis and his Band is up next. Daryl, an international recording artist, actor and leader of The Daryl Davis Band, is considered to be one of the greatest Blues & Boogie Woogie and Blues and Rock 'n' Roll continued page 5

DC BLUES SOCIETY

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www.dcblues.org

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 **radio@elliottgross.com.** 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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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
- ▲ 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; JV's;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)
- ☐ 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





Return this form with your check or credit card information to: DC Blues Society 5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW Suite #440 Washington, DC 20015-2052

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

Sunday MAY 1PM-7PM FREE admission











Wunder Garten at NoMa

1101 First St. NE Washington DC 20002 3 blocks from Red Line's NoMa-Gallaudet station on-street parking + parking lot adjacent to venue (free on Sundays) craft beers + food trucks no outside food or beverages

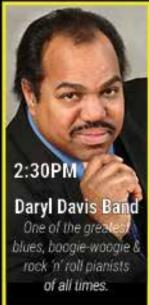
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DCBS Launches Year-long Celebration of 35th Anniversary

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pianists of all time, having played with The Legendary Blues Band (formerly the Muddy Waters band) and Chuck Berry. Born in the Electric Blues Capital of the world, Chicago, Daryl absorbed the influences of the South from musicians who traveled North to the Blues Mecca. Daryl, who resides in Maryland, is also a vocalist, guitarist, and composer, as well as a race relations expert. Daryl also has the distinction of having performed at the 1st Annual DC Blues Festival in August 1989!

Founders Rick Franklin, Neil Harpe, Mark Wenner and other surprise guests will perform. Rick and Neil also performed at the 1st Annual DC Blues Festival; and Mark Wenner, leader of The Nighthawks, is celebrating 50 years of The Nighthawks this year as well.

Rick Franklin proudly carries on the tradition of Piedmont Blues and Piedmont fingerpicking, and is a Blues musicologist. Neil Harpe has been Franklin's long-time musical partner and is a multi-talented musician, a guitarist, as well as a visual artist. Harpe also has the distinction of having drawn the design for the DC Blues Society's first t-shirt, and for the subsequent two shirts, including apparel for the 1st Annual Festival.

Headliner for the May 1 Celebration is **Joe Louis Walker with special guest Linwood Taylor.** Joe, originally from San Francisco, is a Blues Hall of Fame inductee and four-time winner of Blues Music Awards. One of most

celebrated and respected bluesmen working today, Joe celebrates a career that exceeds a half century and includes 26 albums. A true powerhouse guitar virtuoso, unique singer and prolific songwriter, he has toured extensively throughout his career, performed at the world's most renowned music festivals, and earned a legion of dedicated fans.

NPR Music has called Joe "a legendary boundary-pushing icon of modern blues," and within the blues world, he is already being referred to as a living legend.

He will be joined by special guest Linwood Taylor, one of DC's leading blues guitarists, who also has touring credits throughout the US and European blues circuits. Linwood and Joe have played together for more than 25 years. DC Blues fans are in for a treat!

Expect some surprises plus some big shout outs during the Celebration to all who have supported DCBS throughout the years, whether they were DCBS officers, volunteers, performers at events or attendees. It takes a village to reach 35 years! Come out and help us celebrate.

A little bit about the Wunder Garten:

Inspired by the beer gardens of Germany, Wunder Garten opened in 2015 as a popup beer garden and quickly became a cornerstone of the North of Massachusetts (NoMa) neighborhood. A community gathering place, Wunder Garten has a carefully curated selection of German and craft beers and a well-regarded wine and liquor selection. A food truck will also be on hand for the May 1 event. Outside food and beverages are not permitted. The Annual DC Blues Festival has been held at the Wunder Garten for the past three years, and DCBS plans to do the same in the fall of 2022. While there is seating available at the Wunder Garten, please feel free to bring a lawn chair.





2022 Local + Regional Music + Blues Festivals

Make Your Plans Now! Festival Season is Back This Year in Full Bloom!

The DC Blues Society is excited about its plans to produce two festivals this year. The first, on May 1, is a celebration of DCBS reaching its 35th year (1987-2022!). A great lineup is scheduled for this free event. The second Festival is the 32nd Annual DC Blues Festival scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16. Both events will be held at the Wunder Garten, 1101 First St., NE, Washington, DC. The Wunder Garten will be selling their outstanding craft beer and other drink options, and a food truck will be onsite. Also, look for announcements of other DCBS outdoor events. DCBS hopes to be back with some dates for live performances at Fort Reno Park in DC.

Mark your calendars now for some of the great festivals included in this guide! Visit the individual festival websites to see the lineups for each festival. Some festivals are free; others have admission fees and offer early bird and/or advance ticket sales. Some festivals which are expected to be held in the fall have not yet announced their dates/ plans, so they are included in this guide as a reminder to look for more info as it becomes available. 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@dcblues. 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. By the way, at the present time, DCBS is in need of a volunteer(s) to coordinate and staff booths at festivals. If you are interested and/or want to learn more, contact volunteer@dcblues.org.

If you want to volunteer to provide a written review of a festival or photos for the DCBS newsletter, please send an e-mail to newsletter@dcblues.org. Please feel free to share this festival listing with others. Help keep the Blues alive!

MAY

Sunday, May 1 DC Blues Society 35th Anniversary Celebration

Lineup: Jenny Langer and The Moonshine Society, Daryl Davis Band, DCBlues Society



Founders, Joe Louis Walker with special guest Linwood Taylor Wunder Garten, 1101 First St., NE Washington, DC 20001 www.dcblues.org

www.dcblues.org

Saturday, May 14 Interstate Blues, Brews & BBQ

Washington County Ag Ed Center Boonsboro, MD 21713

Lineup: Jo' Blues, The VooDoo Blues, Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes, Bad Influence Band, MoJo Mothership

www.wiynn.com/interstatebluesfest Ticket options vary.

BLUES BREWS & BBQ

Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22

Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival

Sandy Point State Park Annapolis, MD Lineup:



Shepherd, Joss Stone, The Spinners, Samantha Fish, Bernard Allison, North Mississippi Allstars, Wayne Baker Brooks, Gabe Stillman and more

http://www.bayblues.org

Tickets:

Advance through 5/20: \$130 each day or \$180 for two-day parking; at gate: \$130 each day see ad on page 15

JUNE

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5 29th Annual Capital Jazz Fest

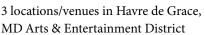
Two locations:

Merriweather Post Pavilion 10475 Little Patuxent Pkwy. Columbia, MD 21044 & Live! Casino & Hotel 7002 Arundel Mills Circle #7777 Hanover, MD 21076 Cool jazz & soul.

www.capitaljazz.com

Early bird tickets available through 5/6. Ticket prices vary by seating and show options.

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5 Havre de Grace Jazz & Blues Fest



Lineup: Shemekia Copeland, The Nighthawks,

Piedmont

Blūz, Kelly Bell Band, Billy Pierce Band, Swamp Dog

https://hdgjazzbluesfest.org

Ticket prices vary. Purchase tickets for specific shows/artists.

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Listings with this designation include blues and other music genres.

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Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5 Annual Washington Folk Festival

Glen Echo Park
Glen Echo, MD 20812
More than 450 performers on seven stages, the 39th festival celebrates the diverse American and international music styles found throughout the Washington area among the local and talented performers.

www.fsgw.org/ WashingtonFolkFestival FREE!

Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5 9th Annual St. Georges Blues Festival

Fort Dupont Grounds 260 Old Elm Ave. Delaware City, DE 19706 Lineup: Rick Estrin and The Nightcats, Popa Chubby, Joe Louis Walker, Toronzo Cannon, Jonathon Boogie Long, Bonerama and more

${\bf www.bluehorizon promotions.com}\ {\bf or}$

302-420-3058

Tickets: Advance \$85 both days or \$50 each day.

Friday-Sunday, June 10-12 32nd Annual Billtown Blues Festival

Lycoming County
Fairgrounds
Hughesville, PA 17737

Lineup: Billy Price, Lurie Bell, GA-20,

Cash Box Kings and more

www.billtownblues.org

or 570-584-4480

Tickets: Music Only, or Camping & Music available, single day or 3-day

Saturday, June 11 28th Tinner Hill Music Festival

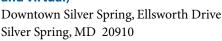
Cherry Hill Park
Falls Church, VA 22046
Lineup: Marcia Ball, Carly Harvey's Kiss
& Ride, Rebirth Brass Band, Dale and The
Zdubs and more

www.tinnerhill.org

Tickets: Advance: \$30 plus fee, student (12-21) \$10 plus fee, child (11 and under) free. VIP Advance \$59 see ad on page 8

CHLOCK SPRING TOWN CORNER INC.

Saturday, June 18 Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival — A Blues Block Party & SSBF Blues Week, June 8–18 (In person and virtual)



Lineup: TBA

www. silver spring blues. com

www.facebook.com/SSBluesFest

FREE!

Saturday, June 18 25th Anniversary Columbia Pike Blues Festival

Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike Arlington, VA 22204 Lineup: Shemekia Copeland, Robbin Kapsalis and Vintage #18, Shakin' Woods, Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark and more

www.columbia-pike.org/bluesfest FREE!

Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26 30th Annual Giant National Capital BBQ Battle*

2011 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, between 9th & 14th Streets

Washington, DC 20004 www.bbqdc.com

Tickets: TBA

JULY

Thursday-Saturday, July 7-9 25th Annual Briggs Farm Blues Festival

Briggs Farm, Nescopeck, PA 18635 www.briggsfarm.com

www.briggsfarm.con or 570-379-2003

Tickets: Advance: \$120 3-day, \$100 2-day, \$25

Thurs., \$50 Fri., \$55 Sat. Admission with



Pittsburgh Shrine Center 1877 Shriners Way (Russellton Rd) Cheswick, PA 15204

Lineup and ticket info: TBA

http://www.pghbluesrootsfest.com

AUGUST

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 12-14 21st Annual Heritage Music BluesFest

Heritage Port Amphitheater Wheeling, WV 26003

https://www.heritagemusicfest.com/

304-238-6064

Tickets: Advance: \$90 weekend pass, \$145 VIP, \$400 backstage VIP

Saturday, Aug. 20 Annual Hot August Music Festival

Oregon Ridge State Park 13401 Beaver Dam Rd.

Cockeysville, MD 21030 www.hotaugustmusicfestival.com

or 877-321-3378

Tickets: Advance: \$69 (extra early bird) to \$89 (last call); \$99-gate, VIP \$229

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SEPTEMBER

Date not yet announced Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival

Roosevelt Center, Centerway & Southway Greenbelt, MD 20770 www.GreenbeltBluesFestival.com FREE!

Sunday, Sept. 11 Takoma Park Folk Festival

Takoma Park Middle School Takoma Park, MD 20910 www.tpff.org or 301-589-0202 FREE!

Date not yet announced Annual Bluebird Blues Festival

Prince Georges Community College 301 Largo Rd., Largo, MD 20774 www.pgcc.edu FREE!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday, Oct. 2

Annual Takoma Park Street Festival
Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912
www.mainstreettakoma.org/
featured-events/takoma-parkfestival/
FREE!

Sunday, Oct. 16 Annual DC Blues Festival

Wunder Garten at NoMa 1101 First St., NE Washington, DC 20001 Lineup: TBA www.dcblues.org FREE!

Ticket Giveaways Are Back!

Watch your email blasts to win free tickets for Eli "Paperboy" Reed on May 6 at The Hamilton Live; The Nighthawks 50th Anniversary Party on May 20 at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club; and the Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival on May 21-22. Your DCBS membership must be in good standing!



The DC Blues Society invites you to set your sites on

FOURTH FRIDAY BLUES HAPPY HOUR





FREE ADMISSION

Live Music: 6:30–9:30 pm • Dancin' Affordable Cash Bar + Food

American Legion Post 41

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www.DCBLUES.ORG . 202-617-2625

2022 Blues Hall of Fame Inductees

PERFORMERS:

Lucille Bogan recorded some of the most memorable blues songs of the pre-World War II era, including some that were



landmarks in blues and some that continue to sensationalize her reputation after her death. The predominant association now made with Bogan is the lewdness

of two unexpurgated songs she recorded in 1935 that were not intended for public release. A significant artist in the blues market of the 1920s and 1930s, Bogan is a favorite among blues collectors and historians for the depth of her talent and recorded repertoire.

Little Willie John

The meteoric rise and tragic fall of William Edward "Little Willie" John is one of the most dramatic chapters in rhythm & blues history. A "singer's

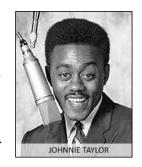


singer" in the words of some, John was a pioneer of soul music, a rock 'n' roll star, and a blues and ballad vocalist extraordinaire who burst on the national scene as a teenager with the hit "All Around the World" in 1955. James Brown, a friend and rival, recorded an album, *Thinking About Little Willie John and a Few Nice Things*, and was one of many who have sung his praises and recorded his songs over the years. John was elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996.

Johnnie Taylor

Johnnie Taylor liked to emphasize that he could sing more than blues, as he amply

proved when performing gospel and soul, but among African-American audiences, he reigned as the top headliner of his era at blues events. Famed for his 1976 hit "Disco



Lady," Taylor's career took an upturn when he signed with Stax Records in Memphis. The company touted his 1968 hit "Who's Makin' Love" as "the fastest-selling single in the history of Stax Records." Later in life, he recorded and toured as the top star of the "chitlin' circuit." His "Last Two Dollars," "Still Called the Blues," and "Wall to Wall" were among the favorites of blues followers..

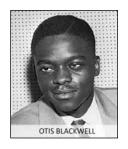
INDIVIDUAL: Business— Production - Media or Academic

Mary Katherine Aldin

Few people have done as much behind the scenes to support blues and folk music over the past 60 years as Mary Katherine Aldin. Aldin klaunched the first in a series of radio shows, and she is still broadcasting on KPFK's Roots Music & Beyond following long tenures on Preaching the Blues and ALIVE AND PICKIN'. Her notes to The Chess Box by Muddy Waters were nominated for a GRAMMY®. Her writings include chapters in Nothing But the Blues and served as associate editor of LIVING BLUES magazine and U.S. editor of the British periodical Blues & Rhythm: The Gospel Truth, in addition to publishing BLUES MAGAZINES: A SELECTIVE INDEX. A co-founder of the Southern California Blues Society, Aldin served as a festival emcee and organized fundraising benefits.

Otis Blackwell

Otis Blackwell was a struggling blues singer in New York City when he struck gold on a different path—writing songs for others to sing. Blackwell submit a demo of his song



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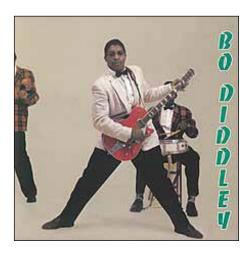


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"Don't Be Cruel," and Elvis—singing it much like Blackwell—made it into a No. 1 single in 1956. Many others were to follow, including "All Shook Up," "Paralyzed", and "Return To Sender" for Elvis, "Breathless" and "Great Balls of Fire" for Jerry Lee Lewis. Blackwell also wrote songs under his stepfather's name, most notably the Little Willie John/Peggy Lee hit "Fever." His catalog at Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI, the music rights organization that collects royalties for songwriters and publishers), numbers over 400 songs and he claimed to have written over 1000.

CLASSIC OF BLUES RECORDING - ALBUM



Bo Diddley – Bo Diddley (Chess/ Checker, 1958)

Bo Diddley was the stage name of Ellas McDaniel and the title of both his debut single and this, his first LP, which compiled 12 sides from the groundbreaking singles on Chess Records' Checker subsidiary that made him a one-of-a-kind rock 'n' roll icon. Along with the "Bo Diddley beat" rockers are blues (including the original version of "I'm a Man") and brash and boastful novelties from the fertile Diddley mind. The 1955-58 sessions represented on the LP feature Bo with a cast of stellar Chicago bluesmen including Willie Dixon, Jody Williams and Billy Boy Arnold.

CLASSIC OF BLUES RECORDING - SINGLE OR ALBUM TRACK

"Eyesight to the Blind" – Sonny Boy Williamson No. 2 (Trumpet, 1951)

Rock fans may recognize "Eyesight to the Blind" as the only song from The Who's rock opera Tommy that was not written by the band. This paean to a woman who could bring eyesight to the blind and heal the deaf and dumb came from Sonny Boy Williamson, who recorded it as an evocative blues piece for the Trumpet label in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1951. It was, in fact, the first record released by the master harmonica player and singer. Accompanying him on the session were guitarists Elmore James and Joe Willie Wilkins, pianist Willie Love, and drummer Joe Dyson.

"Farther Up the Road" – Bobby "Blue" Bland (Duke, 1957)

Though famed for soft, romantic blues ballads, Bobby "Blue" Bland could wail hard-hitting blues, too, as he did in 1957 with the Bill Harvey Orchestra on "Farther Up the Road." Guitarist Pat Hare's menacing fills and sizzling solo push the intensity even higher. The song was copyrighted by Joe Medwick Veasey and Duke Records owner Don D. Robey as "Further On Up the Road," which is the way Bland sings it.

"Good Rocking Tonight" – Roy Brown (DeLuxe, 1947)

"Good Rocking Tonight" is a contender for the title of first rock 'n' roll record.

DeLuxe Records released the version by blues shouter Roy Brown and Bob Ogden's Orchestra as a single, but it was a cover version by Wynonie Harris on the King label that went to No. 1 on the R&B charts in 1948. Brown was still able to make it part of his trademark jump blues sound and generated more sales with lively followups such as "Rockin' at Midnight." Elvis Presley's 1954 Sun version introduced new listeners to the song, which has been since recorded by many blues, R&B and rock singers.

"Rock Me Baby" – B.B. King (Kent, c. 1964)

Many blues have been recorded on the "rock me" theme, but B.B. King's 1964 single climbed the charts and solidified the song as a standard in the blues canon. King dropped his customary trio and orchestra for this version, and only a trio played on this staunch, straight-ahead blues. It was one of his biggest hits on the BILLBOARD pop charts. Documentation of sessions was scanty, without verifying the recording date, but it was released in 1964 while King was under contract to ABC Records. Blues lore speculates that "Rock Me Baby" may have been the product of "midnight sessions" King recorded under the ABC radar.

"Rollin' and Tumblin" – Baby Face Leroy Trio (Parkway, 1950)

Few records can match the raw exuberance of the Baby Face Leroy Trio's two-part "Rollin' and Tumblin" on Parkway, a small Chicago label. Muddy Waters and Little Walter join singer-drummer Leroy Foster on this rambunctious 1950 rendition of an old Hambone Willie Newbern tune. Part 2 has no verses at all—just a mélange of the trio's moans, hums and yelps. When Little Walter's fame later rocketed as a solo artist, the Herald label reissued Part 2 of the Parkway single as a Little Walter record, "Rollin' Blues."

CLASSIC OF BLUES LITERATURE

RED RIVER BLUES: THE BLUES TRADITION IN THE SOUTHEAST, by Bruce Bastin (University of Illinois Press, 1986)

RED RIVER BLUES was hailed as the definitive study of traditional blues from the Southeastern states when it was published in 1986. Bastin covered seminal recording artists who emerged from the area, as well as many who never recorded and were known only to local audiences.

APRIL 2022 LIVE BLUES

Tommy Castro and The Painkillers 30th Anniversary Tour featuring Deanna Bogart @ Rams Head OnStage, Annapolis ▲ Hard

Swimmin' Fish @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt ▲ Blueheart Revival (Texas Blues night) and The Cravin' Dogs @ Hill Country BBQ, DC

▲ The Thrillbillys @ Hershey's Restaurant

The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Death Ridge Brewery, Jeffersonton, VA A The Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ The Rockville Elks Lodge A Buddy Guy and Christone "Kingfish" Ingram @ Capital One Hall, McLean A Bad Influence Band @ Lahinch Tavern A José Ramirez Project @ The Hamilton Live A Karl Stoll and The Danger Zone @ The Hamilton Loft A The Gayle Harrod Band @ Little Market Café, Ellicott City A Ron Holloway Band @ Gambrill Mt. Food Company, Frederick A The Thrillbillys @ Old Bowie Town Grille A Moxie Blues Band @ 7 Locks Brewery, Rockville Ursula Ricks and Friends @ Admiral's Cup, Fells Point Patty Reese @ Anchor Bar, Frederick A Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria

DCBS First Sunday Blues Jam @ American Legion Post 41 ▲ Mike Zito and Albert Castiglia (Blood Brothers Tour) @ Pearl Street Warehouse, DC ▲ Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ JVs Restaurant ▲ The Oella River Band @ Little Market Café, Ellicott City ▲ Patty Reese @ The Manor at Silo Falls Brunch, Brookeville ▲ Patty Reese @ TJ's Roadhouse, Frederick ▲ Fair Dinkum @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria ▲ Stacy Brooks Band @ Madam's Organ, DC ▲ Sol Roots @ JoJo Restaurant, DC

- José Ramirez Project @ Westminster Church, DC ▲ The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ The Barns at Hamilton Station, Hamilton, VA ▲ Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Walter Trout and Tommy Castro and The Painkillers 30th Anniversary Tour featuring Deanna Bogart @ The Birchmere ▲ Monday Night Roots 'n Rock Open Mic @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Mike Zito and Albert Castiglia (Blood Brothers Tour) @ Rams Head OnStage, Annapolis A Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern A Timmy Shelley Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point A Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Alwxandria
- Karl Stoll and The Danger Zone @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Tab Benoit's Whiskey Bayou Revue with Lightnin' Malcolm @ The Birchmere ▲ José Ramirez Project @ JV's, Restaurant ▲ Dave Chappell and Friends @ 49 West, Annapolis ▲ Matt Kelley's Swangbang @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria ▲ Porecasi Slade Experience @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt
- The Moonshine Society (duo) @ Settle Down Easy, Falls Church A Reggie King Sears @ JV's Restaurant A Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt, MD A The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Ursula Ricks @ Guilford Hall Brewery, Baltimore Richard Green @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Mike Kelly and Friends @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Palisades Hub Cap Centre, DC Sonny Landreth with Jamie McLean Band @ The Hamilton Live Big Boy Little Band @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt Gabe Stillman Band @ Old Bowie Town Grille Kelly Bell Band @ Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Festival, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium Sol Roots @ Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel Cut Brothers @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
 - The Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ Asian House Of Poolesville ▲ Billy Thompson @ John Kirby Jazz and Blues Festival, Winchester, VA ▲ Linwood Taylor and Still Standing @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ James Farmer Multicultural Center, Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg ▲ Blues Dance @ CherryDale Fire Dept. Dance Hall, Arlington ▲ Kelly Bell Band @ Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Festival, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium ▲ Patty Reese @ Bear Brick Oven Pizza, Silver Spring ▲ Lower Case Blues Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Moonshine Society @ PerchFest, The Perch, Tysons Corner ▲ Right Eye Trio playing the Blues Brunch @ El Golfo Restaurant, Silver Spring ▲ Women in Blues with Mary Shaver, Robbin Kapsalis and Gayle Harrod, hosted by Bad Influence @ JV's Restaurant, ▲ Fast Eddie and The Slow Pokes @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt ▲ Linwood Taylor Band @ JV's Restaurant ▲ Tab Benoit with Whiskey Bayou Revue @ Rams Head OnStage, Annapolis ▲ Patty Reese @ TJ's Roadhouse, Frederick ▲ One Blue Night @ Lone Oak Brewery, Olney ▲ Steve Kraemer and The Bluesicians (early show), Big Ben (late show) @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Bobby Thompson @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria ▲ Stacy Brooks Band @ Madam's Organ, DC
- Shirletta Settles and Friends @ Westminster Church, DC Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Big Boy Little and Matt Kelley @ Lahinch Tavern Tab Benoit with Whiskey Bayou Revue @ Rams Head OnStage, Annapolis Monday Night Roots 'n Rock Open Mic @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Atomic Funk @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point A Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Mike Westcott @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Dave Chappell and Friends @ 49 West, Annapolis ▲ Reggie Sears @ Hank Dietle's Tavern ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria

APRIL 2022 LIVE BLUES (from previous page)

- The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Rams Head OnStage, Annapolis ▲ Liz Springer Trio (early show), The Grandsons (late show) @ Hank Dietle's Tavern ▲ The Natty Brohs @ The Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Mike Kelly and Friends @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria ▲ InToneNation @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt
- Reggie Right Eye and the Missing Pieces @ Hell's Bottom VFW Post 350, Takoma Park A Burt The Dirt @ Hank Dietle's Tavern A Bad Influence Band @ Hershey's Restaurant A The Racket @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point A Linwood Taylor @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Dave Chappell and Friends @ Blues Alley Jazz Society's Guitar Symposium Street Fest, Georgetown A The Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ Dominic's, Monrovia A Ashleigh Chevalier Band @ Hamilton Loft, DC A Karl Stoll (solo) @ Skipper's Pier, Deale A Nate Myers and The Aces (early show), Wild Rice (late show) @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point A Shakin' Woods @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Matt Kelley @ JVs Restaurant A Charlie Owen and Pocket Change @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point s Stacy Brooks Band @ Madam's Organ, DC
- Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Westminster Church, DC ▲ Monday Night Roots 'n Rock Open Mic @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Automatic Slim and His Sensational Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Alwxandria
- Dave Chappell and Friends @ 49 West, Annapolis ▲ Candyman and The Baltimore Show @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Sol Roots Band @ JV's Restaurant Mama Moon and The Rumpshakers @ Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar, Crofton Patty Reese @ Anchor Bar, Frederick Goin' Goin' Gone @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Mike Kelly and Friends @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- DC Blues Society 4th Friday Happy Hour with Low Rent Quartet @ American Legion Post 41 ▲ The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Jammin' Java, Vienna ▲ Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Hard Swimmin' Fish @ The Hamilton Loft ▲ Patty Reese @ The Barns at Wolf Trap ▲ Sol Roots Band @ The Bullpen, DC ▲ The Bob Baker Band @ Hershey's Restaurant ▲ Sonny Petrosky @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria ▲ Greg Meyer Project @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt
 - The Power Trio @ Blue Valley Vineyard, Delaplane, VA ▲ The Nighthawks CD release and 50th Anniversary Party @ Gloria's Listening Room, Warrenton, VA ▲ Roomful of Blues @ Jammin' Java, Vienna ▲ Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials @ Baltimore Blues Society, Rosedale American Legion Hall, Rosedale, MD ▲ Ursula Ricks Project@ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Dave Chappell and Josh Christina @ Bowman Restaurant, Parkville, MD ▲ Patty Reese @ The Barns at Wolf Trap ▲ Fast Eddie and The Slow Pokes @ Crimson Whiskey Bar, DC ▲ 40 Dollar Fine @ Hershey's Restaurant ▲ Wild Anacostias @ American Legion Post 108, Cheverly, MD
- Sol Roots Band @ JoJo Restaurant, DC Timmy Shelley Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point Fat Chance @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria Stacy Brooks Band @ Madam's Organ, DC
- Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Matt Kelley @ Lahinch Tavern A Monday Night Roots 'n Rock Open Mic @ Hank Dietle's Tavern A Eddie Jones and the Young Bucks @ Westminster Church, DC
- Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern ▲ Fleet Street Blues Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Paul Thorn @ Barns of Wolf Trap A Dave Chappell and Friends @ 49 West, Annapolis A Bill Baker and The Diviners @ Hank Dietle's Tavern A Fred Moss' Funk Band @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point A Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- Linwood Taylor and Mike Westcott and Still Standing @ Lahinch Tavern A Reggie Right Eye and the Missing Pieces @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt A The Thrillbillys @ Hank Dietle's Tavern Big Ben @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point Mike Kelly and Friends @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria
- New Blue Soul @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt A The Danger Zone @ The Hamilton Loft A Moxie Blues Band @ Windridge Vineyards, Darnestown, MD DoubleCrossed Band @ Hershey's Restaurant A Matt Kelley and Seth Kibel (early show), Rubén Montoya Band (late show) @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point Reggie Right Eye Duo @ American Legion Post 108, Cheverly, MD
- The Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ Ramshead Shore House, Stevensville, MD ▲ Patty Reese @ Wayward Bar and Kitchen at the Avenue, White Marsh, MD ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Dave Chappell @ Musician Protection Program, Westlawn Inn, North Beach, MD ▲ Dave and Earle @ Cat's Eye Pub, Fells Point ▲ Sol Roots @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria

Performers, Venues: Let us know about your upcoming shows and events! Deadline is the 20th of the month preceding publication. Send to radio@elliottgross.com and robynq@quinterdesign.com

MAY 2022 LIVE BLUES

- DCBS 35th Anniversary Concert featuring Joe Louis Walker with Linwood Taylor; DCBS founders Rick Franklin, Neil Harpe, Mark Wenner and other surprise guests; The Daryl Davis Band; and Moonshine Society @ Wunder Garten, NW DC, see ad on page 3 A Billy Thompson trio with Jay Summerour and Eric Selby @ The Pumphouse at Croydon Park, Rockville A Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Matt Kelley @ JV's Restaurant A Kelly Bell Band @Towsontown Spring Fest, Towson
- Mama Moon and The Rumpshakers @ Westminster Church, SW, DC A Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam w Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tayern
- 3 Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- 4 Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes @ Darkhorse Tavern, Annapolis
- Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt ▲ The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band @ Rams Head On Stage, Annapolis ▲ Sol Roots @ Cinco de Mayo Party, The Bullpen, DC
- Eli Paperboy Reed @ The Hamilton Live **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Hard Swimmin' Fish @ Monk's BBQ, Purcellville, VA ▲ Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes @ Colvin Run Dance Hall, Great Falls ▲ Moonshine Society @ The Hamilton Loft
- New Blue Soul @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes @ Hamilton Loft ▲ 49¢ Dress @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt ▲ Jay Summerhour and Friends @ Hershey's Restaurant, Gaithersburg ▲ Sol Roots @ Plaza Party, Villages at Leesburg, Leesburg
- 8 DCBS (One Week Late, But Still Great!) First Sunday Jam @ American Legion Post 41, Silver Spring, see ad on page 4
- 9 Clarence Turner @ Westminster Church, SW, DC ▲ Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Matt Kelley @ Lahinch Tavern
- 10 Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Linwood Taylor with Still Standing @ Babes' Boys' Tavern, Waldorf ▲ Kurt Elling featuring Charlie Hunter @ The Hamilton Live ▲ Sol Roots @ JV's Restaurant ▲ Bill Starks (early show), The Grandsons (late show) @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Hard Swimmin' Fish @ Sunset Hills Vineyards, Purcellville ▲ Built For Comfort @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt ▲ King Teddy @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Interstate Blues Festival, featuring Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes, Bad Influence Band, The VooDoo Blues and more @

 Washington County Ag Ed Center, Boonsboro, MD ▲ Kelly Bell Band @ Sun Scape Live Fest, Catonsville, MD ▲ Sol Roots @ The Private Office, DC ▲ Little Red and The Renegades @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- 15 Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ JVs Restaurant ▲ Bad Dawgs @ JVs Restaurant
- 16 Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tavern
- 17 Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- 18 Connor Filicko and Old Soul Blues with Matt Kelley and Wolf Crescenze @ Lahinch Tavern
- 19 Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt
- The Nighthawks 50th Anniversary Party with Daryl Davis @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY ▲ Hard Swimmin' Fish @ Big Cork Vineyards, Rohrersville, MD ▲ Bad Influence @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Robbin Kapsalis and Vintage #18 featuring Sol Roots @ Pearl Street Warehouse, SW, DC
- Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY with Joss Stone, Danielle Nicole, Bernard Allison, Gabe Stillman and All-Star band with Patty Reese, Daryl Davis, Mark Wenner, Dave Chappell, Tommy Lepson and more @ Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, see ad on page 15 ▲ Bad Influence @ The Wine in the Woods Festival, Columbia ▲ Linwood Taylor with Still Standing @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Built For Comfort @ Hershey's Restaurant, Gaithersburg ▲ Kelly Bell Band @ Tally Ho Theatre, Leesburg
- **Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival** with Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, Samantha Fish, North Mississippi Allstars, Altered Five Blues Band, Ally Venable, Wayne Baker Brooks and more @ Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, *see ad on page 15* ▲ Kelly Bell Band @ The Wine in the Woods Festival, Columbia ▲ The Lucky Losers @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Matt Kelley @ Lahinch Tavern ▲ Larry McCray @ Rams Head On Stage, Annapolis ▲ Mark Wenner's Blues Warriors @ JV's Restaurant

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- 24 Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- Bill Baker Band (early show), The Thrillbillys (late show) @ Hank Dietle's Tavern
- DCBS Fourth Friday Blues Happy Hour with Karl Stoll and The Danger Zone @ American Legion Post 41, Silver Spring,
- see ad on page 9 ▲ The Nighthawks @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes @ Open Late Concert Series, Middleburg, VA ▲ Mary Shaver, Michael Tash and Dean Dalton @ Horseshoe Curve, Bluemont, VA ▲ Dave Chappell Band @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt
- New Blue Soul @ Barking Mad Café, Gaithersburg ▲ Hard Swimmin' Fish @ Smoketown Creekside, Frederick ▲ Karl Stoll and The Danger Zone @ New Deal Café, Greenbelt ▲ Sol Roots @ Songwriter Series, DC
- The Nighthawks @ Rockville Hometown Holidays, Redgate Park ▲ Sol Roots @JoJo's Restaurant, DC
- Bad Influence @ Viva Vienna, Vienna Wolf's Blues Show and Sit-in Jam with Linwood Taylor @ Lahinch Tavern Sol Roots @ Westminster Church, SW DC
- 31 Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern



REGULAR EVENTS—BLUES ALL WEEK

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

Accommodations for Covid-19 may affect participation. Please check in advance with the venue and/or host to learn of any changes.

Sundays

every first Sunday: **DCBS First Sunday Blues Jam May Jam is MAY 8** @ American Legion Post 41 Wolf's First and Third Sunday Blues and Sit-in Jam @ JV's, Falls Church Sol Roots Band @ JoJo Bar, Washington, DC Stacy Brooks and B.T. Richardson @ Madam's Organ, Washington, DC every Sunday Blues Jam hosted by Ed Mele @ Ballston Local, Arlington

Mondays

Wolf's Every Monday Blues Show and Sit-in Jam @ Lahinch Tavern, Potomac ▲ Monday Night Roots 'n Rock Open Mic @ Hank Dietle's Tavern

Tuesdays

Dan Hovey Happy Hour @ Hank Dietle's Tavern ▲ Patty Reese @ The Manor at Silo Falls, Brookeville ▲ Cookin' with Gas Blues Jam @ Hell's Bottom, Takoma Park VFW 350 ▲ Open Mic Night @ New Deal Café ▲ Holly Montgomery @ 219 Restaurant, Old Town Alexandria

Wednesdays

(except Second Wednesday) Dave Chappell Band @ 49 West Coffeehouse, Annapolis ▲ Bill Pappas Project @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria s Open Mic @ Madam's Organ, DC

Thursdays

Mike Kelley, Matt Kelley Andy Hamburger and Sam Goodall @ 219 Restaurant, Alexandria

Fridays

every fourth Friday: DCBS 4th Friday Blues Happy Hour @ American Legion Post 41, Silver Spring

Saturdays

Acoustic Jam Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation @ 4502 Hamilton St., Hyattsville

Upcoming Gig? Let the DCBS Know!

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