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## Biscuit Miller Performs at May 19 DCBS Show at the Surf Club Live



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Questions? E-mail: [ads@dcblues.org](mailto:ads@dcblues.org)

## President's Drum



Hello again D.C. Blues Society family. Let me start by following up on two canceled events we had planned. The first was the Festival Challenge, which was intended to give local talent a chance to perform at our yearly Festival at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. I'm usually bombarded with questions by area musicians, "Why can't I play at the Festival?" Well, when we have to choose between ten to fifteen bands and friends, the choice is not so easy. So we tried the Challenge idea again, bands had their chance to sign up, but the response from interested and available bands was so limited in number that we had to cancel. Now when you ask me, I have an answer. The second was a show we wanted to do with the great Trudy Lynn, but we will reschedule this one and try again.

### New Venue for the Blues

Some news for our members in the Southern Maryland, Fort Washington area. A new venue has opened for live music on Wednesday nights, 8 pm – 11 pm or so. Proud Mary Restaurant located at 13600 King Charles Terrace, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744 (301) 292-5521 will be hosting Nadine Rae & the Blues Allstars. She will alternate Wednesdays, with her next date being May 4 with Sol on guitar. Keep music alive in the Washington Metro area by getting out and supporting this artist and the venue.

### Another Bluesman Passes

With great sadness, we've seen the passing recently of some Blues greats, Pinetop Perkins, Big Jack Johnson, and most recently,

Ben Andrews, whom we claim as a local hero who performed in early DC Blues Society Festivals and was instrumental in the early stages of the formation of this Society. See more about Ben on p. 6.

### Be an Ambassador for the Blues

We often ask for volunteers from among our ranks to man stations at various events. We know that because of time constraints and other daily life hurdles, it's not always possible for you to volunteer. What you can and must do, is help keep this music alive and thriving. You can volunteer by inviting friends and family members to the Blues. On any given day, there are a number of Blues events happening. Take someone with you when you go hear music; introduce them to our website, [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org); tell them about Blues being played on WPFW 89.3 FM everyday at noon and every Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm, and on SiriusXM Radio station #70 (note new # for Bluesville) everyday 24 hours a day ([visit www.siriusxm.com](http://www.siriusxm.com)); and don't forget the Blues Jams and Open Mike Jams that are held at different venues, almost every day of the week. The DCBS First Sunday of the Month Jam at the Silver Spring American Legion Post 41 is free and one of the longest running Jams in the area. Right now, envision that picture of Uncle Sam pointing his finger at you and saying "The Blues Need You Now." Get out there and do your part.

Start your weekend early! **On Thursday, May 19, DCBS is sponsoring Biscuit Miller at the Surf Club Live in Hyattsville, MD.** See below for more information on this bluesman. Proceeds from this show will go toward financing the Annual DC Blues Festival.

I'll see you at the Show!  
*Sam'i*

*Photo of Sam'i by Jazs, taken at April 17 Kick Cancer Fundraiser*



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presents  
**Biscuit Miller**



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**Thursday May 19, 2011**  
**8:00 pm-12:00 am**  
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**[www.biscuitmiller.com](http://www.biscuitmiller.com)**

## Biscuit Miller – Serves Up a Flavorful Mix of Funk, Blues, and Old Style Rock-n-Roll Soul

On Thursday, May 19, the Surf Club Live in Hyattsville, MD will be piping hot with the sounds of Biscuit Miller and The Mix. This DCBS show is going to rock the house and you know you need to be there!

Dave "Biscuit" Miller was born on the south side of Chicago and got his nickname from his grandmother and from his habit of being underfoot in the kitchen. At the age of 11, he picked up a four-string electric bass at a friend's house and fell in love with it immediately. Many years later, he has developed a dedicated fan base and a career as an amazing bassist, soulful vocalist, and spirited bandleader. He learned from and played with Sonny Rogers, who won a Handy Award for Best New Artist. Biscuit then went on to play with Mojo Buford (formerly with Muddy Waters), Lady Blue (backup vocalist for Ike and Tina Turner), and for ten years Biscuit was the permanent bass player for Lonnie Baker Brooks (and in this role, played at President Clinton's inauguration), and for five years played with the Anthony Gomes Band. In 2000, he formed Biscuit Miller and the Mix, fulfilling his dream of fronting a band and promising to audiences to make it a party every time they play! Come to the Surf Club Live on May 19 and help that party evolve!

## Get Involved in Promoting the Next Generation of Blues Artists

The DC Blues Society is seeking volunteers to develop and implement plans for events that will support the Blues In The Schools (BITS) program. The mission of BITS is to perpetuate blues music education and performance in education outlets in the DC Metropolitan area. The DCBS BITS Program needs interested volunteers who can work as a committee to plan BITS fundraisers, events, and possibly a music scholarship program. Contact [president@dcblues.org](mailto:president@dcblues.org) to lend your support for this important effort.





New DCBS Co-sponsorship Policy

The DC Blues Society is often asked to co-sponsor events/performances of local bands. DCBS is pleased to lend this support, but also wants to ensure that co-sponsorship agreements benefit the Society in a tangible way. Hence, the DCBS Board of Directors agreed to establish the following new policy regarding DCBS co-sponsorship of events.

- Requests for co-sponsorship need to be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled event.
• Bands/venues will be expected to pay DCBS a fee of \$100 for co-sponsorship support. DCBS, in turn, will:
o advertise the event on the DCBS website;
o send e-blasts (e-mail notices) that promote the event to DCBS members and to the extensive DCBS electronic mailing list;
o publicize the event in the Capital Blues Messenger, the DCBS newsletter; and
o establish a PayPal link on the DCBS website for advance purchase of tickets to the event.
• Bands'/venues' responsibilities will include:
o noting the DCBS co-sponsorship on electronic and hardcopy fliers/postings for the event and on the band's/venue's website;
o allowing DCBS to have input on the event to ensure that it will be a well-planned show;
o offering an admission discount for DCBS members;
o providing the opportunity for DCBS to sell DCBS memberships, merchandise, and raffle tickets at the event if DCBS wishes to do so; and
o providing free admission for up to 4 DCBS volunteers if they will be present to staff a DCBS table and/or to sell DCBS raffle tickets.
• DCBS reserves the right not to enter into a proposed co-sponsorship agreement and will promptly notify any requester of this decision as soon as possible after that decision is made.

If you have any questions about the co-sponsorship policy or wish to propose a co-sponsorship arrangement, please write to president@dcblues.org.

Kick Cancer Fundraiser Was a SRO\* Success

On Sunday, April 17, McGinty's in Silver Spring was definitely THE PLACE TO BE, as the Kick Cancer Fundraiser drew a capacity crowd and provided outstanding entertainment with band after band performing through the afternoon and evening. Visit the Kick Cancer Fundraiser FACEBOOK page (access via www.dcblues.org) for view the many photos and videos taken of this event, and see a small sampling of photos on the next page. Here's an excerpt of a message from the organizers.

Thanks to ALL the attendees, musicians, crew, volunteers, helpers, MCs, organizers, sponsors, and promoters for making the Kick Cancer Fundraiser so special! With your help, we raised money for four cancer honorees while paying tribute to those we love and lost to cancer - Chris Kirsch, Bob Felesky, and Teri Gerson, and anyone you care for who is dealing with cancer.

Thanks to all the musicians! Bad Influence/Patty Reese Band with Andy Hamburger, Brian Simms, and Dave Chappell/Wicked Jezabel/JV and the Plate Steppers (including DCBS Jam Master & President Sam'i)/Mary Shaver Band with the Eva Cassidy musicians/The Night-hawks with Nadine Rae/Tribute to Bobby with White Loafer/Allstar Cameo Jam with special guests including Linwood Taylor, John Bell, Mike Wescott, Warner Williams, and everyone else who stepped in!

Sponsors included: DCBS/KVA Productions/McGinty's/Atomic Music/College Park United Methodist Church/Lia Sophia/Blues Revue/DC101/Chef Macs/The State Theatre/District Chop House/Vito's Pizzeria/WMZQ/WPFW/Doug MacLeod/Hank's Tavern & Eats/Hard Times Cafe/Marathon Deli/New York Deli/Xentris

I wish I had pictures of EVERYONE including the great volunteers: Rebecca Frye, Cathy Gallahan, Diane Wheatley, Nancy Selby, Howard, Delores, Sylvia, Dorothy, Nancy O'Neill Allison, Rick Allison and many more! Thank you!!! (Post-note: Over \$7000 was raised and divided among the four recipients/causes.) \*SRO - Standing Room Only

Update on the Congressional Blues Festival

On May 2, the Congressional Blues Festival Team announced that the 6th Annual Congressional Blues Festival will be on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at the National Building Museum. Information on tickets and artists are not yet available. Watch for further information on www.facebook.com/congbluesfestival, at @CBFblues on Twitter, or on www.congressionalbluesfestival.org. Tickets typically sell out fast when they become available.

18th Tinner Hill Blues Festival - A Tribute to John Jackson

All Blues - All Weekend - All Over Town
June 10-12 in Falls Church, VA

Mix some great blues with a BBQ cook-off, beer by Mad Fox (a nationally-known brewer), and a healthy dose of local history, and you have a recipe for a great weekend. It's called The Tinner Hill Blues Festival, and it's a tribute to Blues legend John Jackson who made his home in our area.

Here's a summary of what you'll find:

- Friday, June 10: The State Theatre jumpstarts with Down Home Blues featuring Guitar Shorty, Bob Margolin and Daryl Davis. Information/tickets: www.thestatetheatre.com.
Saturday, June 11: Cherry Hill Park in downtown Falls Church is again the setting for the day-long concert at the bargain price of only \$10.00 (Noon - 8:00 pm). The theme is Ladies Singing the Blues and features Deanna Bogart, Gaye Adegbalola, Nadine Rae and Patty Reese. They graciously share the stage with a few Bluesmen like Tom Principato, Curtis Blues, Pluckerland Band, and Jr. Bynum and the Groove Masters. Other events include Choo Choo Charlie's harmonica workshop for kids and adults of all abilities, violin virtuoso Kristin Gomez with Kidz Pull Stringz, Kidz Bluez, a BBQ cook-off, blues workshops & discussions, a documentary on John Jackson, great food, vendors, and much much more in the park and around town! Information/tickets: www.tinnerhill.org
Sunday, June 12: Brunch at Bangkok Blues (11 am - 3 pm) with music provided by members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Bangkok Blues' regular blues jam is from 6 - 11 pm.
June 2 - 12: Back by popular demand is Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White, a moving theatrical production based on Falls Church's early civil rights history with original blues music at Creative Cauldron. Information/tickets: www.creativecauldron.org. Many of Falls Church's restaurants and bars will feature exceptional blues performers all weekend so check Tinner Hill's website for details.

And, remember: Tinner Hill Blues Festival means All Blues - All Weekend - All Over Town.



Bad Influence Band kicked Off the event.



David Batty took the mike, with Rick Allison in the background.



Patty Reese never disappoints!



Davi Anson Dross of Wicked Jezebel & Sharon Johnson shared the mike.



Clarence Turner, Mark Wenner, and Linwood Taylor.



The Nighthawks were there in full force.



Mary Shaver performed and later jammed.

**Some Photos from the April 17 Kick Cancer Fundraiser at McGinty's, Silver Spring, MD**

**An all afternoon/ evening blues bash. If you attended, performed, donated time or money for this event, a big Thank You goes your way!**

*Photos by Jane Dunie, except photo above center, by Editor*



Linwood Taylor and White Loafer and others pay tribute to Bobby Felesky.



Warner Williams & White Loafer jammed.



Elliot Gross, WPTV Programmer, emceed much of the event.



Nadine Rae, Flat Foot Sam, Jeff Baker, Jazs, and Mike Westcott—enjoying the show.



### RIP Ben Andrews September 27, 1959 - April 13, 2011

The blues community was saddened to learn of the April 13 death of Ben Andrews, a Delta blues guitarist and singer who had a strong local fan base rooted in his regular performances at DC's Madam's Organ and the former Grog and Tankard, and a broader East Coast and international reputation established through his recordings as well as his performances at regular gigs, festivals, and on tours. News reports indicate that Ben, who was 51, was found near death in his Shepherdstown, WV home and died at a Martinsburg, WV hospital. West Virginia authorities have begun an investigation into his death, and autopsy results have been pending.

In a 9News Now article, Bill Duggan, Madam's Organ's owner, was quoted as follows: "Ben was just this amazing performer..Delta Blues is something that's not as well known to people, and Ben was both a performer and a teacher. He would spend the time. He talked it through and let people know the history of the music. He was just a gentle soul and was just an incredibly talented individual. He connected with people. People came to hear Ben, they would come week after week. They returned for many years. He played for me

for over 16 years and, every week, it seemed fresh. Every week, it seemed new because he was always adding something. He was never satisfied as a performer. He was always trying to push himself." Madam's Organ held a musical memorial/tribute in Ben's honor on April 30.

Terrence McArdle wrote a lengthy obituary for *The Washington Post* on Ben, citing that Ben had been a founding member of the DC Blues Society. He was born in Belgrade, Serbia, which was then part of Yugoslavia, to Serbian and Bosnian birth parents. As a baby, he was adopted by U.S. citizens (his adoptive father was a U.S. diplomat) and spent his childhood in Washington, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Poland. At the age of 11 or 12, he attended the Smithsonian's Folklife Festival on the Mall in Washington, DC, and heard Sonny Terry, Brownie McGhee, and Big Joe Williams, and was hooked on blues and folk music. While attending a Gainesville, FL college, he briefly played electric guitar in blues bands, including playing with Blind Robert Hunter, B.B. King's sax player. However, he returned to performing acoustic country blues styles, primarily as a soloist, in the early 1980s. He also returned to Washington, DC, via Chicago, after jamming with the blues masters there. A fan introduced him to a producer at Mapleshade Records, and on that label, Ben recorded two albums, *Preachin' the Blues* (1992) and *Harp, Steel and Guts* (2000), as part of the Blue Rider Trio, with Mark Wenner, harmonica player with the Nighthawks, and bassist Jeff Sarli. Later, both CDs were re-released under the double CD *Early Morning Blues*.

In addition to Ben's weekly DC performance sessions, he also steadily toured blues festivals and concerts up and down the East Coast. In 2000, he began touring England, Holland and Belgium with such success that he returned to England often (usually twice a year) where he played clubs and major blues, rock, and folk festivals like Bishopstock, Glastonbury, Chichester, Reading, and others.

While with Mapleshade, Ben also recorded *Ain't Playing The Game* with Al Lee. Soundstage's review of the album stated: "Al's warm and resonant acoustic Martin contrasts gorgeously with the bluesy hard-edged wail of Ben Andrews' blazing slide work on the National Steel." Ben also recorded three solo CDs, *Stones In My Path* (Railway Records 1999); *Journey*, which includes live recordings while performing in the UK (Powerhouse Records 2002), and *Gallows Pole* (Powerhouse Records 2004).

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Billtown Blues Festival**

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### RIP William Faulkner 1955 - April 26, 2011

Drummer William Faulkner of the Daddy Mack Blues Band, passed away in Orlando, FL, on Tuesday April 26, while on tour. Faulkner had been a part of the band for nearly a decade and recorded three CDs with Daddy Mack. He was also featured in the documentary film *Plain Man Blues*. The son of a Memphis minister, he also played drums in his church band. As the Daddy Mack Blues Band began touring more extensively Faulkner reluctantly gave up his Sunday church gig to meet the needs of the band's schedule. He was a vibrant blues drummer whose love of the music could be felt within every song that he played. The band had performed in Clarksdale, MS on April 16, at the Juke Joint Festival, and a few days later left Memphis for a two-week tour. Faulkner was admitted to an Orlando hospital on April 23, where he died of natural causes three days later. He was 56. *Obituary provided by Inside Sounds. Photo by Paul Chandler Moulton.*



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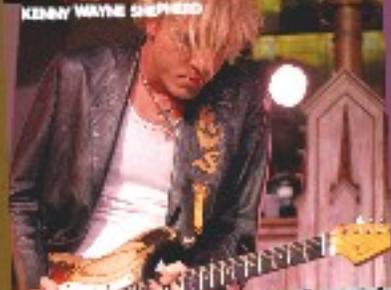
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<i>May</i>			
		28 <b>Bobby Parker</b> @ Madam's Organ; Hometown Holidays w/ Nighthawks, Patty Reese, & others @ Downtown Rockville	
1	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ	29 Slow Blues & Swing Dance with Jamie Lynch Band @ Glen Echo; Nighthawks @ National Harbor; Hometown Holidays w/ Kelly Bell Band & others @ Downtown Rockville	
2	Crawstickers @ Westminster Presbyterian Church	30 Jacques Johnson Band @ Westminster Presbyterian Church	
4	Nadine Rae & Allstars @ Proud Mary's	<i>Early June</i>	
5	Rick Franklin @ Riverdale Farmers' Market	2	<b>Western Maryland Blues Fest</b> @ Hagerstown; Big Boy Little Band Jam @ Zoo Bar; Anders Osborne @ Rams Head; Nighthawks @ Surf Club Live
6	Hungry for Music benefit with In Layman Terms & Mike Westcott Band @ Bangkok Blues; Doug Park & Lonewolves @ O'Shaughnessy's Pub; Over the Limit @ Zoo Bar; Duke Tumatoe @ Madam's Organ; Electrofied Blues Band @ Chef Mac's	3	<b>Western Maryland Blues Fest</b> @ Hagerstown; Bluefish Blues Fest Jam @ Hempten Hill BBQ (Hagerstown); Moondog Medicine Show @ Legends on the Square (Hagerstown); Over the Limit @ Zoo Bar; Eli Cook @ Madam's Organ; Anders Osborne @ Mason District Park (Annandale)
7	Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar; Old Man Brown @ Madam's Organ; Bad Influence @ Kentland's Day/Gaithersburg and @ Dogfish Head Alehouse (Falls Church); Moondog Medicine Show @ Landing; Ursula Ricks Project w/ Tony Fazio @ WEAA Live Broadcast Event; Daryl Davis & Jay Summerour @ Beale Street Grill; Moonshine Society @ Epicure Café; Mike Jr & Stone Cold Blues @ Chef Mac's; Bobby Lewis Blues Band @ Hershey's	4	<b>Western Maryland Blues Fest</b> @ Hagerstown; Bluefish Blues Fest Jam @ Hempten Hill BBQ; Doug Park & Lonewolves @ Paradiso; <b>Washington Folk Festival</b> @ Glen Echo Park; Big Daddy Stallings @ Barebones; Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar; Bad Influence @ Dogfish Head Alehouse (Falls Church)
8	B.T. Richardson @ Madam's Organ	5	<b>DCBS Jam</b> @ Silver Spring American Legion; <b>Western Maryland Blues Fest</b> @ Hagerstown; <b>Washington Folk Festival</b> @ Glen Echo Park; <b>Louisiana Swamp Romp</b> @ Wolf Trap; Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
9	David Cole & Main Street Blues @ Westminster Presbyterian	6	Joanne Shaw Taylor @ Blues Alley; Memphis Gold @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
11	Andy Poxon @ Madam's Organ; Bad Influence @ Dogfish Head Alehouse (Gaithersburg)	<i>Regular Blues Events</i>	
12	Rosie Ledet & the Zydeco Playboys @ Surf Club Live	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DCBS Blues Jam</b> @ Silver Spring American Legion (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday); NRBK Open/Mic Jam @ Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax, VA); Blues Jam w/Dogfather Blues Band @ The Whiskey; Blues Jam @ Bangkok Blues, Blues Jam @ Benny's Pub (every other Sunday)
13	Moondog Medicine Show @ Wind Down Fridays (Hagerstown); Sookey Jump @ Zoo Bar; Blues & Soul Dance Party @ Glen Echo; Nighthawks @ Bentz Street; Buckwheat Zydeco @ Montpelier Arts Center; Bad Influence @ Bullpen; Stacy Brooks @ My Place	<b>Monday</b>	Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church; Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays)
14	Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Chef Mac's; Doug Parks & Lonewolves @ Bluemont Vineyards; Over the Limit @ Blue Dog Saloon; Memphis Gold, Jay Summerour & Eric Selby @ Poolesville Springfest; Rick Franklin, Jay Summerour & Eric Selby @ Beale Street Grill; Lex Gray & Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ; Smoking Polecats @ Zoo Bar; Buckwheat Zydeco @ Arts/Harmony Hill Regional Center	<b>Tuesday</b>	Old Man Brown @ Madam's Organ (alternating Tuesdays)
15	Big Daddy Stallings @ Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival	<b>Wednesday</b>	Wolf's Hot Rods & Old Gas Blues Jam @ Beach Cove (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays); Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Blues Jam @ Pickled Herring (North East, MD)
16	Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Westminster Presbyterian Church	<b>Thursday</b>	Patrick Alban or Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ; Open Mic w/Fast Eddie @ Spanky's Shenanigans; Big Boy Little Band Blues Jam @ Zoo Bar; Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo; Stacy Brooks Open Mic @ Lamont's beg. 5/12
18	Nadine Rae & Allstars @ Proud Mary's	<b>Friday</b>	Glen Moomau & Blue Flames @ Bertha's; Wolf's Blues Jam @ Fat Boys (2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Café; Brian Gross Trio @ Café Ole
19	<b>Biscuit Miller sponsored by DCBS</b> @ Surf Club;	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acoustic Blues Jam</b> @ Archie's Barbershop; John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe; Brian Gross & Steve Levine @ Sala Thai, Bethesda (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday)
20	<b>Charlie West Blues Fest</b> @ Haddad Riverfront Park; Over the Limit @ Stan & Joe's; Deb Callahan @ Madam's Organ; Phil Wiggins & Rick Franklin @ Montpelier Arts Center	<b>Attention dancers:</b> See DCBS homepage for link to dance-friendly venues. To subscribe to a weekly e-mail newsletter "So Many Choices" with dance-specific information, often with a blues twist, send an e-mail to DCBS member and Blues fan Robin: <a href="mailto:hc1829@aol.com">hc1829@aol.com</a>	
21	<b>Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival</b> @ Sandy Point Park; <b>Charlie West Blues Fest</b> @ Haddad Riverfront Park; Big Boy Little Band @ Bare Bones; Bobby Lewis Band @ Morgan's Pub; Big Daddy Stallings @ Wine in the Woods/Columbia, MD; <b>Beale Street Grill Outside Blues Festival</b> w/ Rick Franklin, Mike Westcott Band, Jay Summerour, Daryl Davis, & Eric Selby @ Beale Street Grill (12 pm); Jay Summerour & Friends @ Beale Street (8 pm); Motor City Josh @ Madam's Organ; Rick Franklin & Delta Blues Boys @ Cassatt's Café; Bad Influence @ Dogfish Head (Gaithersburg)	<b>Bolded</b> items are picks by calendar editor, Mike Wolk, and include DCBS, BBS, and other events. <b>Musicians, promoters, and venues: Send listings to <a href="mailto:calendar@dcblues.org">calendar@dcblues.org</a> by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication.</b> Events listed are based on the best information possible. DCBS cannot be held liable for errors in schedules, places or performances listed. It is recommended that you contact the venues to verify the event. See the DCBS website, <a href="http://www.dcblues.org">www.dcblues.org</a> , for additional music links and information.	
22	<b>Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival</b> @ Sandy Point Park		
23	Deanna Bogart @ Westminster Presbyterian Church		
26	Scott Ramming & the Crawstickers, Moonshine Society, and Andy Poxon @ Surf Club Live		
27	Blues & Soul Dance Party @ Glen Echo		

## RIP Lacy Gibson 1936 - April 11, 2011

Famed Chicago blues guitarist and vocalist Lacy Gibson died on April 11, 2011 as a result of a heart attack. Gibson, known for his sophisticated, jazz-influenced guitar style and robust vocals, recorded three albums under his own name and appeared on scores of recordings. His rich, flashy guitar style was featured in dozens of bands, including those of Son Seals, Otis Rush, Willie Dixon, Jimmy Reed, Sun Ra and many others. Born in Salisbury, NC, Gibson headed to Chicago with his family in 1949. He gravitated to the city's blues scene, where he met Willie Dixon, Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Sunnyland Slim and Muddy Waters, learning directly from the masters. By the mid-1960s, Gibson was an in-demand session player for local labels, including Chess, where he worked with Buddy Guy and sang "My Love Is Real" with Buddy on guitar. He cut two 45s for the tiny Repetto label in 1968, one of which also features Guy on guitar. His first LP, *Wishing Ring*, was released on his brother-in-law Sun Ra's El Saturn label in 1971. Gibson's opening numbers as a member of Son Seals' band so impressed Alligator Records president Bruce Iglauer that he recruited Gibson to cut four stand-out tracks for the label's Grammy Award-nominated *Living Chicago Blues* series, released in 1980. During the 80s and 90s, Gibson performed locally around Chicago, with his own band and other times backing Billy Boy Arnold and Big Time Sarah. With his wife, Gibson also ran Ann's Love Nest, a club on Chicago's west side. He continued to perform as his health allowed and appeared at the 2004 Chicago Blues Festival. *Obituary and photo provided by Alligator Records*



## DCBS Spring/Summer/Fall 2011 Events

- Biscuit Miller at Surf Club Live (see p. 3) Thursday, May 19, 8 pm to 12 am.** 4711 Kenilworth Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20781
  - 3rd Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival (see p. 12) Saturday, June 18 2 pm to ...** FREE!!  
Downtown Silver Spring - Ellsworth Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
  - Super Min-Fest at Langdon Park Saturday, June 25** FREE!!  
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  - 7th Annual DCBS Fish Fry 'n' Blues 'n' Bike Contest Saturday, July 16** Bands/performers/location to be announced.  
Bands sign up by writing to [jams@dcblues.org](mailto:jams@dcblues.org)
  - 23rd Annual DC Blues Festival (see p. 12) Saturday, Sept. 3** FREE!!  
Carter Barron Amphitheatre, Washington, DC
  - DCBS Battle of the Bands Saturday, Oct. 16, 2011**  
Bands see [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org) for criteria and signup process.
  - 4th Annual College Park Blues Festival Saturday, Nov. 12** FREE!!  
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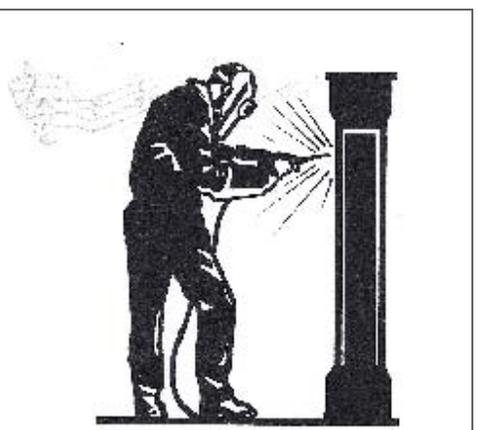


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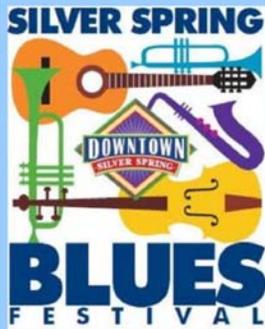
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