



# Capital Blues Messenger

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

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## Saturday, Nov. 14 ▲ 8th Annual Free COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL Fundraiser for DCBS' Competitors at IBC

The College Park Blues Festival is the place to be for the best of the blues!

Mark your calendars, alert your friends and set out your dancing shoes for the **8th Annual College Park Blues Festival**. This free event is always a crowd-pleaser, and this year's line-up promises a good time and great music!

The event is held from 6 to 11:30 pm at Ritchie Coliseum in College Park, MD. See more information on the performers on page 7 and directions, parking info and a list of event sponsors on page 9. The Festival is also a fundraiser to send the winner of the DC Blues Society (DCBS) Battle of the Bands winner to Memphis in January 2016, to compete in the International Blues Challenge (IBC). The fundraising occurs through raffles, sales of DCBS merchandise and donations received at the Festival. Craft beer, wine, food and products from local vendors are also available.



*Patty Reese Band headlines the College Park Blues Festival on Saturday, Nov. 14. Winner of 16 WAMMIE awards, Patty dominates the stage and entertains the audience with her powerful and soulful performance.*

### Performance Schedule:

- 6 pm ▲ DC Mudd**  
*Winner of the DC Blues Society Battle of the Bands. It's Memphis or Bust!*
- 7 pm ▲ Ron Hicks Project**  
*Dance to a unique blend of Chicago and Southern Blues.*
- 8:30 pm ▲ Jesi Terrell & The Love Mechanic Band**  
*The sultry "Ms. Sweetheart of Soul" delivers funky soul blues.*
- 10 pm ▲ Patty Reese Band**  
*Roots blues brought to you by a 16-time winner of Washington Area Music Association awards (WAMMIES), including Album and Artist of the Year.*

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*photo by Pat Bransford*

*DCBS President Felix McClairen, far right, congratulates members of DC Mudd, winner of the 2015 Battle of the Bands. The newly formed group will compete in the band category of the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in January 2016.*

## Wins Battle of the Bands to Represent DCBS at IBC

*by Gayle Cinquegrani*

Two seasoned local blues musicians will be heading back to Memphis for the International Blues Challenge (IBC) after their new band, DC Mudd, won the DC Blues Society's Annual Battle of the Bands on Oct. 10.

Bass player David Jackson and guitarist David Oziel represented the DC Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in January after winning the DCBS Solo/Duo Competition last year. Now they'll return this January with DC Mudd to compete in the band category during the 2016 IBC. "It's very exciting," Oziel told the CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER. "This is only the third time we played as a band," Jackson added.

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The DC Blues Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to keeping the Blues alive through outreach and education. The DC Blues Society is a proud affiliate of the Blues Foundation.

The **CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER** is published monthly (unless otherwise noted) and sent by email or US mail to members. Past newsletters are available at [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org).



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# President's DRUM

## Battle of the Bands & Solo/Duo IBC Contest

Congratulations! As you probably know, DC Mudd was the winner of the DCBS Battle of the Bands and will represent the region at the International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis, Jan. 26-30, 2016. If you missed their winning performance at the Battle, you can make amends by attending the **FREE College Park Blues Festival** on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Ritchie Coliseum in College Park, MD.

On Friday, Nov. 6 at the Silver Spring American Legion, DCBS will host the **Solo/Duo Competition** to choose a winner to compete in that IBC category. Not too many years ago, this contest only attracted a few



entrants. However, this year there are five competitors. Along with the growing number of acts, an enthusiastic audience has been growing, too. I strongly suggest you don't miss the contest. Price is no barrier. It's free! We encourage donations to help defray travel expenses to Memphis for the winning act.

DC Mudd and the Solo/Duo winner would appreciate and be inspired by seeing some of you at the IBC in January. That competition attracts hundreds of bands from all over the country and internationally. It's one of the best and largest assemblies of performers you'll find anywhere in the country. And you'll enjoy the Blues ambiance of Beale St. in Memphis and the many attractions the city offers. You'll certainly want to visit the new Blues Hall of

Fame. Get IBC info at <http://www.blues.org/international-blues-challenge/>. Make your travel plans soon, as hotels fill up quickly.

## Additional IBC Nominees

DCBS was also pleased to nominate **Reggie Wayne Morris'** CD, *Don't Bring Me Daylight*, for the **Best Self-Produced CD category of the IBC**. Reggie is a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter who was raised on his grandparents' farm in Charlottesville, VA and then moved to Baltimore. He has been active in the region and toured nationally and internationally. He performed at the DCBS Aug. 8 Festival Fundraiser and his CD was reviewed in the July CBM.

## Alex Oatman was nominated as the DCBS entry in the Youth Showcase category of the IBC.

Alex is a 16-year-old junior at Stephen Decatur HS in Ocean City, MD. He got his first real drum kit at age 5 and his first real guitar at 7, and aspires to a music career. He won his high school talent show and Battle of the Bands, performed at venues in the Ocean City and Berlin, MD area, and even accompanied Maryland's (then)

Gov. Martin O'Malley, when he made a surprise appearance to play guitar and sing at an OC venue.

## Upcoming Events

Elsewhere in these pages, you'll learn more about a number of fun-filled events that you should put on your calendar now. They include:

### College Park Blues Festival

Saturday, Nov. 14, see page 1

### 1st Sunday Open Mic Jam

Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, see page 12

### New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party

Thursday, Dec. 31, see below

This event promises to be your best option for electrifying entertainment, great food and a friendly atmosphere, all at an outrageously low cost. If you can beat this deal, DCBS will pay for the other event. (That's how sure I am that DCBS offers the best way to bring in the New Year.) Don't dither, get tickets now at [www.dcb Blues.org](http://www.dcb Blues.org) or call 301-322-4808

NOTE: There will be **no DCBS Happy Hours in November and December** because of the holidays.

Blues Always,  
Felix

**DC Blues Society's  
New Year's Eve  
Dinner Dance Party**  
Thursday, December 31, 2015 • 7:00 PM - 12:30 AM

**FULL  
POWER  
BLUES**

Special guest: Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner

**American Legion Post 41**  
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Entrance at 8110 Fenton Street • Ample Parking • Metro Accessible

*It's the best party in the DMV!*

DJ: Dr. S.O. Feelgood  
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Purchase tickets on-line & save!  
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**Caldonia's Crossroad Radio**  
Playing Blues, Roots, Soul & Jazz  
Listen Every Friday, 4 - 6 pm, US Eastern Time  
DC Blues Society Internet Radio Show w/ DJ Cadillac Chris

## DCBS Internet Radio Show Continues on Caldonia's Crossroad Radio!

The DC Blues Society continues to have a weekly internet radio show on Caldonia's Crossroad Radio, <http://www.caldoniacrossroad.com/>. Tune in every Friday from 4 to 6 pm. and hear great blues by volunteer DJ Cadillac Chris (aka Chris DeProperty). If you know Chris from WPFW 89.3 FM (where she currently hosts the Thursday noon show, Don't Forget the Blues), then you know she always has a great compilation of blues music for your listening pleasure.

Check out Caldonia Crossroad Radio – 24/7 365 days a year, playing blues, roots, soul and jazz. If you tune in to listen to Cadillac Chris, also try the Chat option to let her know you're a listener! And, help spread the word — "Like" Caldonia's Crossroads on Facebook.

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◆ **SPECIAL EVENT** ◆  
**SOLO/DUO COMPETITION**

The winner  
will represent DCBS  
in this category at the  
2016 International Blues Challenge  
Contestants: TBA

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015**

**DOORS 5:00**

**MUSIC 5:30 - 9:00 PM**

**American Legion Post 41**

**905 Sligo Avenue ◆ Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**Entrance on Fenton Street**

**adjacent to public parking lot**

**NOTE: Free parking AFTER 7:00 PM**

**No Cover**

**Affordable Cash Bar & Food**



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*Cooking with Gas kicked off the annual DCBS Battle of the Bands with a rollicking set that featured a wide variety of blues and original compositions.*



*Moondog Medicine Show displayed depth beyond their fancy vests and black hats when lead singer Lana Spence turned her powerful voice to cover blues classics.*

## Traditional, Soulful, High Energy Blues at Battle of Bands

*from page 1*

As soon as DC Mudd took the stage, it was clear the band was tight even though it's only a few months old. The band chose its name to honor legendary bluesman Muddy Waters and focused on traditional blues songs like the mournful "Go Back to Mother Earth" and "Cut You Loose."

In addition to former duo winners Jackson and Oziel, the band comprises Adam Oppenheim on guitar, Howard Moss on harmonica, and Phil Schaeffer on drums.

**Moondog Medicine Show**, a Western Maryland band with a blues rock sound, ranked second in the competition. Moondog's lead singer, Lana Spence, has a huge voice, and she put her saucy vocal power to good use covering Etta James and Denise LaSalle, including a convincing version of "Your Husband Is Cheating on Us." Spence was backed by drummer Danny Tait and guitarist Joel Newman and bass player Keith Sylvester, who were decked out in fancy vests and black hats.

**Shakedown**, which came in third place, also featured a powerful female vocalist. Vocalist Gayle Weaver Harrod, guitarists Bill Grimes and Scott Reda, bass player Kevin Armstrong, and drummer Sean Watkins presented several blues classics, including "Hoochie Coochie Man," "Little By Little," and "Five Long Years."

**Cooking With Gas** opened the night with its signature upbeat style punctuated with harmonica and humor from frontman "Takoma Dave" Rothman. The band, which also features Roy Brooks on guitar, Jim "Cookie" Cooke on bass, and Nelson Garcia on drums, played various forms of blues, ranging from the soulful "Lonely Avenue"



*Above: Vocalist Gayle Weaver Harrod led Shakedown's set of blues classics, including "Hoochie Coochie Man."*

*At right: A combination of rock and blues by Twelve Bars on Monday resulted in a crowded dance floor.*

*photos by Pat Bransford*



to their ironically dramatic version of "How Come My Dog Don't Bark When You Come Around?" Cooking With Gas also presented three original songs, including the whimsical "I Like My Women Like I Like My Coffee."

The fifth band to compete was **Twelve Bars on Monday**. Consisting of guitarist Vince Vigliotti,

Chris Berry on bass and Larry Hale on drums, Twelve Bars on Monday presented a largely rocklike sound with a slightly bluesy flavor. They performed an original and a B.B. King song, but the audience at the Wheaton American Legion flocked to the dance floor when Berry let loose with "I'm Torn Down." They also did "The House Is A-Rocking" and "Messing With The Kid."

Each band played a 40-minute set, giving the audience a good taste of each. WPFW radio

personality Dr. Nick emceed the show, and Dr. Feelgood worked the sound board. The bands were judged on the basis of their blues content (weight of 4), vocals (weight of 3), instrumental talent (weight of 3), originality (weight of 2), and stage presence (weight of 2).

There were five judges: Darren Johnson, lead singer and guitarist for the Mojo Priests, who won the band competition last year; Bret Littlehales, singer and harmonica player for the Big Boy Little band, which won the competition in 2009; Joe "E-Flat" Thomas, a saxophonist who plays with Big Daddy Stallings (whose band competed in the 2008 IBC as the DCBS entry); Lady Myrrh

(Muriel Cauthen), a singer/songwriter who does programming for WPFW (89.3 FM); and Bill Hennessey, a DCBS member and dance enthusiast.

As the winner, DC Mudd will represent the DC Blues Society at the 32nd International Blues Challenge, to be held January 26 through 30 in Memphis.

## Method to My Madness

Tommy Castro  
& The Painkillers

by Ron Weinstock

There might be a *Method To My Madness*, the new Alligator album by Tommy Castro & The Painkillers. Castro is a fairly reliable artist who brings his husky, slightly gravelly vocals and rocking guitar to a disc with ten originals and a couple of choice covers. The Painkillers, which includes Michael Emerson on keyboards, Randy McDonald on bass, and Bowen Brown on drums, with Ari Rios also on percussion, is a pretty well-oiled



machine. There are no surprises on this unlike his last album, *The Devil You Know*, which had a few hard rock tracks that fell flat to these ears.

Castro writes clever songs with an ability to generate a lyrical hook. Certainly the opening “Common Ground,” with its call for us

to stand together on common ground, band together before we all fall down, displays this. The title track is a catchy rocker where he tells this lady that he is blinded with desire for her and there is a method to his pursuit of her. It is followed by a ballad where he sings about having “Died and Gone To Heaven,” when he is with the one he loves. The rocker “Got a Lot,” has a rocking groove and one could easily imagine this being done by a zydeco band.

As good as these songs may be, the wonderfully paced shuffle “Two Hearts” and a cover of the Muscle Shoals soul classic

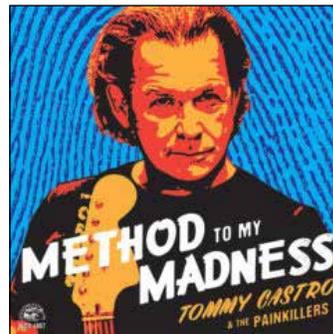
“I’m Qualified” stand out as exceptional (the latter perhaps having Castro’s finest vocal here).

Also strong is “Lose Lose,” a slow blues that Castro co-wrote with Joe Louis Walker, with a nice lyric and terrific guitar.

*Method To My Madness* closes with a rendition

of B.B. King’s “Bad Luck.” Castro toured with King years ago and this solid cover, done in tribute, closes a very appealing recording.

*This review by long-time DCBS member and supporter Ron Weinstock was also posted to his blog, <http://inablue mood.blogspot.com>.*



## DCBS Needs You... to Volunteer!

The DC Blues Society is an all-volunteer organization. Get involved today! Volunteers can help at single events or take on ongoing support roles — many different opportunities exist. Please consider the following needs and contact Volunteer Coordinator, Margo Hope, at [volunteer@dcblues.org](mailto:volunteer@dcblues.org).

**Volunteers are needed to help set up, staff merchandise and publicity tables and other tasks at:**

**8th ANNUAL COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL** — Saturday, Nov. 14

**DCBS NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER DANCE** — Thursday, Dec. 31

**Volunteer to lead the 4th Sunday Acoustic Jam each month.**

Jam is held 11am to 2pm, every 4th Sunday, at the Mansion on O St., 2020 O St. NW, Washington, DC 20036. A new Jam Master is needed immediately to continue this event.

**Assist in the production of the monthly DCBS newsletter or the redesign of the DCBS website.**

Work with the editor to plan each monthly newsletter issue, write articles and/or task others, edit articles, etc.  
Help plan and execute plans for the redesign of the DCBS website.

**Apply to become a member of the DCBS Board.**

Board member elections are held annually in Nov/Dec. Each Board member typically also has an assigned area/function that he/she leads. Candidates for the vacant Secretary position are especially needed.

## Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces 2nd Annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards

The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces the Second Annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards. The judged competition seeks the best, up-and-coming, area songwriters.

The contest will award one talented songwriter a Grand Prize of \$10,000. The award also includes a young songwriter category for which an aspiring songwriter who is younger than 18 will have the chance to win \$2,500. Entries must be received by Friday, Nov. 6.

Permanent, fulltime residents of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia are eligible to apply. Applicants submit three original songs, each must have lyrics and have a maximum length of 4:30 minutes. Instrumental compositions are not accepted. All genres are accepted. A jury will select the finalists who will each perform two of their original songs for a live audience on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.bethesda.org/bethesda/bernard-ebb-songwriting-awards>



Saturday, Nov. 14 ▲ 8th Annual Free  
**COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL**  
**LINE-UP OF PERFORMERS**

*A Great Mix of Blues Styles and Some of the Best Local Talent You Can Find*

**DC Mudd**, the winner of the 2015 DCBS Battle of the Bands, is actually a recently formed band that first evolved this summer, when Jackson and Oziel, the DCBS 2014 Solo/Duo Competition winner, put the group together to fill an opening band slot at an event. (see page 1) The band went on to perform at several events and had so much fun they threw their hat into the Battle of the Bands competition and won! The name, DC Mudd, was chosen to reflect the band's respect for the body of work of blues legend Muddy Waters. The band includes David Jackson (bass, vocals), David Oziel (guitar, vocals), Adam Oppenheim (guitar), Howard Moss (harmonica), and Phil Schaeffer (drums).

[www.facebook.com/DCMuddBluesBand](http://www.facebook.com/DCMuddBluesBand)

**Ron Hicks Project** is a band viewed as one of the best Blues/Jazz bands in the Metro area. The varied vocal talents from several members of the band give it a distinctive and aggressive



song flavor. The band's sounds show the influences of Ronnie Brooks, Nelson Adelard Band, Albert Collins, and Buddy Guy. Dr. Ron C. Hicks is

music director, songwriter, plays guitar, and provides lead vocals. Other members include Herbie Wheatley (sax/flute/vocals/congas), James Anderson (drums), Rob Rutherford Farris (bass), Glen Alexander (guitar/vocals), and John O (sax). The Ron Hicks Project music is spiced in the south, cooked in Chicago and served in the DMV. [www.facebook.com/Ron-Hicks-Project](http://www.facebook.com/Ron-Hicks-Project)

**Jesi Terrell and The Love Mechanic Band**

includes the rising songstress, Jesi, who was born and raised in the city of Chicago, where her love of music began from singing in the church choir. Today, she is a contemporary R&B superstar. One cannot help but notice her voice. She delivers a cutting edge, sultry sound, sweetened around the edges. Jesi has shared the stage in concerts with some of the top names in music, including Bobby Blue Bland, Peggy Scott Adam, and Little Milton. She has also worked with Betty Wright, Koko Taylor, and Willie Clayton, and has opened for B.B. King, Eric Clapton, and many more. In 2009, Jesi moved to Washington, DC, where she formed her band, which she has affectionately named "The Love Mechanic Band." The LMB is a high energy, funky blues, and soul band. Other band members are John Potts (lead guitar), Teddy



(drums), Glen Kerridge (sax), Red Adkins (bass), Barry Brady (keyboard), and Jacqueline Bell and Barry Smith (background vocals).

<http://jesiterrell.wix.com/jesiterrell>

**Patty Reese** has been both a fan and critic favorite of the Mid-Atlantic Region for many years. Her work has been recognized by the Washington Area Music Association, which has awarded her 16 WAMMIES, including Artist of the Year, Songwriter and Album of the year and Roots Rock Vocalist. Her latest release, *Strong Medicine*, held the No. 1 position in the AirPlay Direct (ADP) Charts for over three weeks and has been played on more than 700 stations worldwide. She has performed at the Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival and many regional events, plus venues in Key West, Myrtle Beach, Sacramento, La Jolla, San Diego, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, NYC and more. Patty and her band are currently recording her fourth release. The Band includes Sonny Petrosky, Robert Fiester, and Andy Hamburger.

*"Equally at home with the bluesy growl of Janis Joplin, the bowl 'em over dynamics of Melissa Etheridge and the smooth grace of Bonnie Raitt."*

—MUSIC MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

**Want to Get More Involved in DCBS?  
 Annual Call for DCBS Board Members**

The DC Blues Society again seeks to appoint new members to its Board of Directors. A background in the music field is not required, only an interest in Blues and a desire to help the Society. DCBS is a small nonprofit organization.

Board members typically lead a DCBS function and/or committee, attend monthly Board meetings, participate in DCBS events and activities, and reach out to the community for ways to spread the Blues and encourage new member enrollment. Each Board member is an ambassador and fundraiser for the Blues and DCBS. Specific Board member duties/responsibilities will be discussed and determined after candidates have been selected.

To be considered for a Board Member appointment, please send a short letter of interest, including relevant skills/experience and why you want to help lead DCBS, to Felix McClairen, DCBS President, at [president@dcblues.org](mailto:president@dcblues.org). Letters of interest should be received by Nov. 27, to be reviewed at the December DCBS Board meeting. If you would like to discuss Board members' responsibilities before applying, please contact Felix McClairen at the above e-mail address.

**Get Involved—Your Support Matters!**

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*8th Annual*  
**COLLEGE PARK  
BLUES FESTIVAL**

*Saturday, Nov. 14 ★ 6–11:30pm*

Ritchie Coliseum, 7675 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20742

*Dancing ★ Vendors ★ Craft Beer ★ Food*

**Featuring Sensational Live Blues Music**



**The Patty  
Reese  
Band**

*photo by Melia Hartley*

**Jesi Terrell &  
The Love  
Mechanic Band**



**The Ron Hicks Project**

**and DC Mudd,**  
winner of the 2015 DCBS Battle of the Bands  
CPBF is a fundraiser to help send  
the Band to the IBC in Memphis.

brought to you by the College Park Recreation Board and the DC Blues Society



*Schedule and artists subject to change*

More info: [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org) or [shopcollegepark.org/events/cpbf](http://shopcollegepark.org/events/cpbf)



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## Directions to Ritchie Coliseum

Ritchie Coliseum is located at 7675 Baltimore Ave. (Route 1), College Park, MD 20742, across from the University of MD on Route 1.

- The Coliseum is located approximately 2 miles south of the I-495/Capital Beltway's Exit 27 for Route 1.
- After exiting the Beltway at Exit 27, go 2 miles south on Route 1, past the main entrance to the UM campus/Campus Drive. Turn left at the next light onto Rossborough Rd.
- Ritchie Coliseum is located on the right and the Coliseum's main entrance faces Route 1.

## Where to Park:

- Behind Ritchie Coliseum in lots K1 or K2
- Across the street in lots C1 & C2 (meter parking may not be free)
- In the College Park metro garage

For further information on parking, visit: [www.transportation.umd.edu/parking](http://www.transportation.umd.edu/parking)

## GO GREEN! TAKE METRO:

College Park U of MD station on the Green Line

## Become a DCBS Member

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

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

Becoming a DCBS member is quick and easy:

- ▲ Use the mail-in application on this page
- ▲ Apply online at [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org)
- ▲ Sign up at a the DCBS booth at a DCBS event

## Join or Renew Today!

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- Student: \$15  
(include copy of student ID)
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- Canada: \$35US
- International: \$50US

### 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  
P.O. Box 77315  
Washington, DC 20013

# NOVEMBER 2015 BLUES

- 1 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion
- 2 Midnight Blue @ Westminster Church
- 4 Delbert McClinton, Damon Fowler @ Birchmere
- 5 **Tommy Castro & The Painkillers** @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Scissorsmen Band with Ted Drozdowski @ JVs
- 6 **DCBS presents Solo/Duo Competition** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Still Standing @ Zoo Bar ▲ Tommy Castro & The Painkillers @ State Theatre ▲ Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes @ Second Chance Saloon ▲ Sookey Jump Band @ JVs
- 7 Crimestoppers @ King Street Blues ▲ Joy Bodycomb @ Ice House Cafe ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar ▲ Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft
- 9 Cathy Ponton King @ Westminster Church
- 12 Mike Westcott Band @ Villain & Saint
- 13 Bad Influence @ Winery at Bull Run ▲ Texas Chainsaw Horns, Hot Mess Burlesque @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club ▲ Sookey Jump @ Zoo Bar ▲ Hard Swimmin' Fish @ New Deal Cafe
- 14 **DCBS presents College Park Blues Festival featuring Patty Reese, Jesi Terrell & Love Mechanic Band, Ron Hicks Project, DC Mudd** @ Ritchie Coliseum **VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ THE DCBS BOOTH** ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Ice House Cafe ▲ Smokin' Polecats @ Zoo Bar ▲ The Last Waltz Tribute to The Band featuring Mary Ann Redmond, Tommy Lepson, Big Joe Maher, others @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ The Nighthawks @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes @ Ice House Cafe
- 15 **Tab Benoit, Cathy Ponton King** @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz
- 16 Memphis Gold @ Westminster Church
- 20 Moonshine Society @ Zoo Bar
- 21 Built 4 Comfort @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Joy Bodycomb @ Winery at Olney ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Zoo Bar ▲ Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot After Party with **The Musicmaker Revue: Cool John Ferguson, Ironing Board Sam, Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen, Big Ron Hunter, Robert Lee Coleman, Lil' Joe, Harvey Dalton Arnold, Bubba Norwood, Sol Roots** @ Hamilton Loft ▲ The Crimestoppers @ Villain & Saint ▲ Sonny Landreth @ Wolf Trap
- 23 Reggie Wayne Morris @ Westminster Church
- 25 Built 4 Comfort @ Hershey's ▲ The Nighthawks @ Kensington Town Thanksgiving Dance
- 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- 27 **No DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hour This Month** ▲ Swamp Keepers @ Zoo Bar ▲ The Nighthawks & Skip Castro Band @ State Theatre
- 28 Built 4 Comfort @ Branded 72 ▲ Bruce Ewan @ Zoo Bar ▲ Baltimore Blues Society presents The Nighthawks, Daryl Davis, Gabe Stillman & the Billtown Giants @ Rosedale American Legion
- 30 Linwood Taylor @ Westminster Church

## EARLY DECEMBER 2015

- 4 Still Standing @ Zoo Bar ▲ Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Truly Unruly @ Hershey's
- 5 Built 4 Comfort @ Music Cafe ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar ▲ Samantha Fish @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Little Red & The Renegades @ Villain & Saint
- 6 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Samantha Fish @ State Theatre

DCBS appreciates the musicians who keep their DCBS membership current and support DCBS in other ways. This month,

DCBS salutes member/musician **David Rothman**, who is lead singer and harp player with the band, *Cooking With Gas*.

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

Musicians, promoters, and venues:

Send calendar listings to

[calendar@dcblues.org](mailto:calendar@dcblues.org) by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. 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 events.

Visit [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org) for additional music links and information.

## BLUES ALL WEEK

### Regular Blues Events

The Regular Blues Calendar, below, is included in the Capital Blues Messenger each month to provide information on recurring blues jams/performances/dances. See also the November Blues Calendar on page 10.

SU

**1st Sunday DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion** ▲ 4th Sunday DCBS Acoustic Jam @ Mansion on O St. **(CANCELLED — Seeking New Jam Leader)** ▲ Sunday Afternoon Jam @ Old Firestation #3, Fairfax ▲ Blues Jam @ Battlefield Brew Works, Gettysburg, every other Sunday

M

Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church ▲ Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's ▲ Capital Blues Ensemble @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Blues Monday @ Republic

TU

CrawStickers @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ ▲ Swampcandy @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Hell's Bottom Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350 ▲ Moonshine Society Blues Jam @ Villain & Saint, 2nd Tuesday

W

Wolf's Blues Jam @ Blair's Londontowne Pub ▲ Jesse Shifflet Open Mic @ Pickled Herring Pub, Northeast, MD ▲ Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille

TH

Patrick Alban & Noche Latina @ Madam's Organ ▲ Big Boy Little Band Blues Jam @ Zoo Bar ▲ Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo ▲ Open Mic @ El Gavilan, last Thursday of month

F

**4th Friday Happy Hour @ Silver Spring American Legion** ▲ Glen Moomau & Juke Drivers @ Bertha's ▲ Still Standing @ Zoo Bar, 1st Friday ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

SA

**Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop** ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar, 1st Saturday ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

## DISCOUNTS for DCBS Members

Show your current DCBS membership card to obtain discounts from our supportive vendors, and show the vendor this newsletter to confirm the discount. Restrictions may apply, and discounts may be withdrawn at any time.

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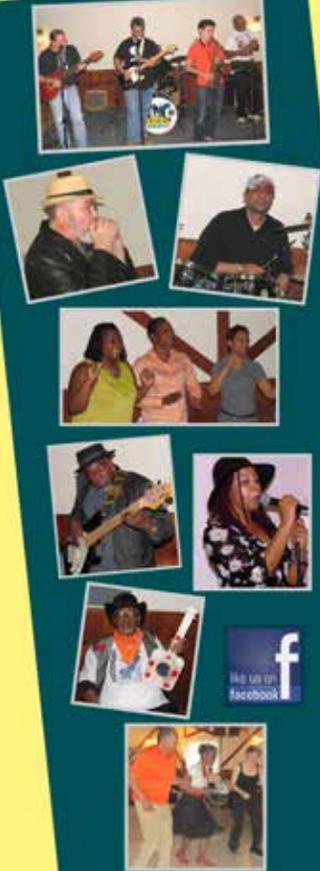
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