



**Cleveland
Blues Society**

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Mission Statement

The Cleveland Blues Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote awareness and appreciation for the blues. Through our alliance, we endeavor to provide more opportunities for fans to see quality local and national blues artists. Additionally, we will provide educational workshops and preserve the history of the blues in our area.

Featured Article

Welcome to the first issue of The Cleveland Blues Society Blue Notes bi monthly Newsletter. Well, at least the first edition with pictures. Former Secretary Kathy Zenk-Quinn actually coined the name and in her honor, we would like to dedicate this launch to her.

The Cleveland Blues Society is a vibrant, fun, and well established organization. As the third elected board of directors begins 2014, membership is growing, with over 200 current members and over 230 members needing renewal, we are reaching a critical mass of like minded people. Through the successful monthly jams at different clubs every month with a different host band each month, the annual Memphis Challenge, our Hall of Fame inductions, along with the 2013 Blues Cruise, Cuyahoga County Fair, and Main Street Caf e's Rally in the Alley, we are executing our mission of building awareness of the blues, the artists who play the blues and the impact on our culture and the greater Cleveland community.

BLUES NEWS

Some of the upcoming events and dates for our Cleveland Blues Society: Feb 10th Jam will be at the Peppermill with our Hosts Bluewail. We are excited to be back at the Peppermill, Mike Dublo and staff have been supportive of our Mission and local live music.



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March will see us back at Kurt's Getaway with our own Ms. Butterscotch and her Bonafide Blues Band. Butterscotch has recently been elected to our board. We are thrilled to have her participate in this leadership role, and to at last have made it through the list of bands wanting to host our Jam and will be able to be seeing repeat performances. This will be our 4th visit to Kurt's! The staff is always so gracious, food is good and it is always a great night of music.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

2/7 "The Ghost of the Blues" will be performed at the Akron Civic Theatre – here is a list of the players

Howard "Sonny" Robertson as Son House and also John Lee Hooker

Bobby Wilson as Robert Johnson

John King as Little Walter

Ronda Price as Janis Joplin

Stacy Brooks as Etta James

Mud Morganfield as his Father Muddy Waters (McKinley Morganfield)

Dave "Biscuit" Miller as Willie Dixon

Rob Thompson as "The Saxman"

The Ghost of the Blues Band

2/7 Candye Kane w/ Blue Lunch opening at Wilbert's

2/8 Sean Carney Band w/Dany Franchi of Italy at Wilbert's

2/12 Tommy Castro & the Painkillers at the Beachland Ballroom

2/12 Sean Carney Band w/Dany Franchi of Italy at The Canal House in Tuscarawas

2/14 Eric Burdon and the Animals at the Kent Stage

2/14 Commander Cody & Band at the Winchester

2/21 Long Tall Deb w/Blue Lunch at the Main Street Café, Medina,

2/22 Long Tall Deb w/Blue Lunch at Nighttown

2/22 Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials at the Winchester

2/28 Jeremy Spencer (of Fleetwood Mac) Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee at the Winchester

3/3 Gary Clark Jr. House of Blues

3/20 Jimmie Vaughan at the Kent Stage

3/22 The Blind Boys of Alabama at the Kent Stage

4/12 Jimmy Thackery and The Drivers at the Winchester

Check out the Rolling Stones exhibit at the Rock Hall through March 1, 2014

Watch for news of our summer events including The Cuyahoga County Fair, The Rally in the Alley at Main Street Café in Medina, along with The Cleveland Blues Society's Blues Cruise and other events. *As always, support live and local music in our area.*



2013 CLEVELAND BLUES SOCIETY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

As 2013 came to a close, the winds in Cleveland blew cold, blanketing the region with a dusting of snow. The clubs were hot, with people who are rediscovering their beloved blues, fans and artists alike! Cleveland blues fans were treated to the sounds of local legends The Schwartz Brothers Glen and Gene, and "Crazy" Marvin Braxton along with honoring Dave Griggs when they were inducted as the newest members into the Cleveland Blues Hall of Fame. A Documentary produced by musician Filmmaker Bob Frank of Blue Lunch along with the Cleveland State School of Communication with special assistance from Professor John Ban, was presented and will be available soon at www.clevelandblues.org. Thanks go out to the staff of Wilbert's for hosting the Hall of Fame event. Thank you to all who helped to make this event happen and to the people who came to support these very talented and giving musicians. The Hall of Fame event was supported in part through a grant from the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Cac.org Welcome!



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MONTHLY JAMS

Our monthly jams have been growing consistently over the last few years. We have averaged 80-150 people attending since we started tracking in 2011. Thank you to all the musicians and clubs who support this effort. 2013 saw a total jam attendance 1,173 people. There is a request form for host bands and clubs interested in hosting our jams on our website. [Www.clevelandblues.org](http://www.clevelandblues.org). We also would be remiss if not to mention thank you to board member at large, Ken Porter who runs our jams each month. He has been very instrumental in making sure that each month we have great combinations of musicians on stage for each set, keeping things moving to get often 8 sets up after the host band, and for keeping things on time to be finished by 11:30 on a Monday night. Please make sure when you come to play, you see Ken to sign up on the sign-up sheet. This is the tracking tool used to determine who is up, in order and with whom. This is no easy task, and is often a thankless job. Thank you Ken, for taking care of our musicians.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We would like to welcome our New Membership Chairperson Elaine DeStephano. Elaine shares her experience with managing membership from her home Blues Society of Central Pennsylvania. She will be mailing out a renewal form to all current and former members to make sure everyone has the opportunity to keep their membership and contact information up to date. We will also be purging our lists of inactive or inaccurate addresses. Please make sure you return yours with your renewal. Don't miss out on the exciting events for 2014.

Annual Memberships



Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$30.00

Student: Under age 18 free

Corporate: \$250.00

Thank you to all the volunteers that work to make our events happen. Please consider volunteering.

FINANCIALS

Treasurer Bob Devries along with assistance from new Board member John Pawlicki, has been working hard to keep accurate records of all of our revenue and expenses. The past year has seen exponential growth in participation in our jams, increasing CBS's monthly revenue. Bob will be submitting reports to the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture for reimbursement of the grant awarded which was used to put on the Memphis Challenge, the Hall of Fame and all of the monthly jams of 2013. Managing our finances is critical to our growing organization.

We are starting 2014 out in the black, which is very reassuring. Our anticipated events will need every penny and we are hoping to broaden our services to our members with mailings, more online visibility and promotions. Keeping track of our cash flow and expenses offers the best method to demonstrate to members, sponsors, and potential grantors that the programs and events sponsored by the Cleveland Blues Society are a good value, worth sponsoring and responsible in their use of resources.

Thank you to Pam McKinley for a donation in honor of her husband Jim Bell. What a great gesture.

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