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Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society

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RHYTHM & BLUES NEWS of NOTE

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President Cleveland Kurtz

From the President's

I got some good news for you. Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society and the Southside Cultural Center have agreed to form a partnership. Why not, you ask? You belong together.

The Southside Cultural Center is one of Providence's finest organizations. It effectively houses, nourishes, harmonizes, and showcases the wonderful creative energies that spring from the diverse populations populating the community. Well, the Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society will fit right in. We will bring rhythm and blues to

their already wonderful assortment of sights and sounds. They will share with us their homeport, outreach, and best of all, a community of creative artist.

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Providence's Southside cultural Center is centered in the distinguished old building at Trinity Square, where Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue merge. It has an enviable legacy. It is the birthplace of both Trinity Square Playhouse and the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts. Please check out their website (www.sccri.org) and you will see what we are getting ourselves into. You will love it, too.

10th Annual R&B Heritage Month Festival

Featuring

Tish Adams

Bluz You Can Use

Saturday, August 31, 8 o'clock

Music * Dancing * Raffle * Cash Bar * Snacks

\$10 @ Door

CV Club, 329 Grosvenor Ave. E Providence

Vice President / Music Director – Max Whiting



Founding member of the Rhode Island Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society, performer and now author, Eddie “Prof” Coates just released his new book **SPOOKS The Journey of Rhythm & Blues from Africa to Rhode Island**. Praised for the Book include support from RIRBPS President, Cleveland Kurtz who stated “for those, who like me, love to read the history of black music and the role it played in our society; this book is a great read”.

As a reviewer I provided editorial review and found the material in this book to be outstanding for its’ breadth and depth. Reading it provided insights that I would have never imagined . . . as I was both educated and entertained. The inclusion of historical data on the pioneers of “Black” music was timely. The Book chronicles the evolution of R&B in Rhode Island compiled from the author’s personal experiences, oral histories and printed sources. Eddie “Prof” Coates relied on much of the archive information compiled by the Rhode Island Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society including videos, written archives, oral testimonies and photos housed at the Rhode Island Historical Society and the RIRBPS. He acknowledged that “much of the information and images presented in the production of this material was compiled from data found in and credited to the collection of the RI Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society...” Thank you to Eddie “Prof” Coates for taking on this ambitious project. Information regarding obtaining copies of the book may be found in the 🎵🎵🎵 OF INTEREST section below.

Secretary/Treasurer - Sylvia Whiting

This edition of the **News of Note Newsletter** includes a **Member Survey** (page 7). We are seeking input on how to involve our supporters and friends more directly in programming, focus, direction and support. The **Survey** offers you the opportunity to express your ideas. We ask that you take a few minutes, fill out the survey and return it to us. Thank you for your ideas and suggestions.

It is also Membership Renewal time and hope that you will continue to support us with your membership renewal or take out a new membership so that we continue to be on solid footing with support of local organizations, donors and contributors. As another school year is approaching, we have needs for instrument repair, travel, and events that we plan to support. All donations are tax deductible. For information, volunteer opportunities, musician listings, programming and donations please visit us at

www.bluespreservationsociety.org.

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Eddie ‘Prof’ Coates Book Just Released

SPOOKS: The Journey of Rhythm & Blues from Africa to Rhode Island, by Edward A Coates, EdD may be obtained on-line only by The Book Patch Publishing Co. at thebp.site/15468.



Tish Adams to Perform 10th Annual R&B Festival

TISH ADAMS



Photo credit: Sylvia Whiting, Photographer

Tish Adams, back by popular demand, has earned her reputation as one of the area's best blues & jazz singers. We've scheduled a return engagement to the Cape Verdean Club, August 31st featuring Tish and her band, **Bluz You Can Use**. Tish electrified the audience last year with nonstop, rocking soul sounds. We look forward to a repeat performance. Tish is a **Keeper of the Sacred R&B Flame**. She can rock, too. Tish and her band offer a polished performance with energy to spare. If you missed

her, last year, you won't want to miss her this time. Bring your dancing attire and your favorite dancing partner (Spare dancing partners will be provided). I guarantee you they won't go to waste.

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OUR PROGRAMS

Director, Instruments for Children Program, Tom Colantonio

The program continues to receive donations through a fresh batch of newspaper articles and online searching. One such donation was from a Violin Shop in Westport which donated 40 violins, ½ and 1/4 size! ½ size will be split up between two schools within the Providence School System. Thanks again goes out to the following who year after year check out and refurbish the donated instruments into playable condition; Rob, Teri, Brian & Bart at Roberts Music; Art at Musicians Corner; and Joel Greene, Tom Pasquarelli, and Anthony of Village Drum.

As our programs grow and word spreads we hear from a host of school systems that are re-activating, growing and expanding their performing arts programming. It is gratifying to see the efforts of the teachers from the above schools go above and beyond to promote music education. Through the efforts of others who hear about RIRBPS we have been able to collect instruments from volunteers, the Boy Scouts, Theatre by the Sea, individuals and groups. This is gratifying to see that our programming is appreciated and acknowledged. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Looking forward to 2018 being just as successful in our efforts!

Tom Colantonio, Program Director has been instrumental in expanding this program, identifying new sources for instrument donations and developing leads for programs and students to benefit from this resource. Please contact Tom at 401.793.1281 or Cleveland at 401.461.0012 for instrument donations. We will arrange to pick up, if necessary.

MUSICIANS CORNER

Tish Adams Jazz Trio

Meanwhile, on the radio... Join Tish for her "**VOCALISTS & LOCALISTS**" show, Thursday mornings, 8-10 AM, 90.3 FM, WRIU Kingston...a COMMERCIAL-FREE broadcast service from the University of Rhode Island, staffed by VOLUNTEERS!!!

Also appearing

JULY 27th, AUGUST 3 & 10, 6-9PM @ **THE DRUNKEN SEAL BEACH BAR & RESTAURANT**, Sandwich MA, 508-888-0060/www.thedrunkenseal.com

AUGUST 17th (Friday) 7:30PM @ **PUMP HOUSE MUSIC WORKS**, Wakefield RI, 401-824-9771 /www.pumphousemusicworks.com

AUGUST 20th (Monday), 6-7:30PM @ **PARKER'S RIVER BEACH PAVILLION**, Yarmouth MA (Cape Cod)

AUGUST 31st (Friday) 8PM @ THE CV CLUB, East Providence RI, 10th ANNUAL RIRBPS R&B HERITAGE MONTH FESTIVAL
Info/Advance Tickets/Table Reservations: Call RIRBPS: 401-461-0012/eMail: RIRBPS@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 2nd (Sunday) 3-7PM @ **THE MAC CHRUPCALA JAZZ SERIES**, JOHNNY'S @ ATLANTIC RESORT & CAMBRIA HOTEL, Middletown RI, 401-847-2750/www.johnnysnewport.com

SEPTEMBER 22nd (Sunday) 2 – 4PM, Annual Birthday Concert! **SOUTH KINSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY @ PEACEDALE** Peace Dale RI, 401-789-1555 / www.skpl.org

Ashe's Wednesday Smooth Jazz

Every Wednesday, 7:00 -10:00 PM, The Temple, 883 Eddy Street, Providence, RI. No Cover. Smooth jazz sounds of the **Leland Baker Band**, Hosted by Randall Ashe. Food, drinks available, intimate ambience, friends, enjoyable music.

Tom Colantonio

Free Outdoor Concert, Edge of Dreams, August 5th, 6-8 PM - Johnston Memorial Park, Johnston, War Memorial Stage. 60's Tribute Show. Featuring Tom on bass. Rain Date Aug 26th

Watch for new Venue: The "**Blues Jam; Blues and More**" is looking for a new venue! Stay tuned for dates and times. Host, Andy Rizzotti and the South Street Blues Band. Best "musician friendly" jam!

Phil Pegg

July 27, **39 West** Restaurant & Lounge, 9PM -1AM, 39 Phoenix Avenue, Cranston, RI

August 11, **Arts Festival Crescent Park**, 5-7PM, 700 Bullocks Pt, Riverside, RI

Aug 18, **Camilles**, 9-12AM, Federal Hill, 71 Bradford Street, Providence,

Max Whiting

Jazz Brunch @ EB Newton Cultural Center, Sunday, October 14, Winthrop Art Association, featuring Max Whiting's Music Makers. Brunch, music, ambience. 11AM – 2PM , 45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA, Open to the public.

Jazz @ Haley House Café, 1st Thursday, 12 Dade Street, Roxbury, MA featuring Fulani Haynes Jazz Collaborative, 7PM, great food, music, ambience.

Musical Instruments Needed
Trumpets, Flutes, Trombones,
Clarinets, Saxophones, Violins, Violas
Call Tom @ 401.793.1281

WHERE IT'S AT - - - *Where music lovers may go to satisfy a healthy R&B craving !!!*

133 Club, Sunday, April 23rd, 29 Warren Ave., East Providence 401.438.1330 - Mac Odom Band.
Motown R&B - NO COVER

Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI, 401.568.4102. Blues
Jam, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
<http://www.cadystavern.com/#!ricks-roadhouse-blues>, no cover.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
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Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard 162 W. Main Rd, Little Compton, RI, 6:00PM, \$10 cash per car load and \$10 voucher for
estate wine selections, 401.635.8486, www.sakonnetwine.com.

Knickerbocker Café 35 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, RI. 401.315.5070. **Events featured every night.** Open Mike every
Thursday, 8-11PM, classic blues, R&B, Rock, Oldies, Pop. <http://www.theknickerbockercafe.com>. No cover.

Murphy's Law 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI. 401.724.5522. Open Blues jam Sunday night at 8-11PM, Tuesdays, Jazz.
No Cover. <http://murphyslawri.com/events>.

Stevie D's, Riverside Tavern, 24 Monroe Avenue, Riverside, RI, Sunday Blues until 3rd week in August, 6:00-9:30PM

Tarragon Bar 311 Westminster St., Providence RI, Blues and jazz Sunday nights at 7:30 PM. No cover.

Ten Rocks, 1091 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI, Sundays, 7:30-10:30, Fridays R & B, Jazz, Blues, 9:00-12:30,
Saturdays, Cape Verdean Night, 9:00-12:30

The Parlour, 1119 N. Main Street, Providence, RI. Wednesday nights at 10PM.

The Pub on Park 661 Park Ave., Cranston RI - Vintage R&B Ensemble, Wednesday nights, 8:00-10:00 PM

The Revolution 2190 Broad Street, Cranston, RI, 401.780.8700. "Excellent Food + Good Music = Fun", Check their
schedule for Blues Greats.

Villa Restaurant 272 Cowesett Avenue, W Warwick RI - Vintage R&B Ensemble. Every Sunday, 5-8 PM.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
Skills Needed
Technical /Accounting/Finance

Volunteer Opportunities

Your support is valuable to us in many areas. Here are some ways you may help:

- Promotion and advertising
- Bookkeeping and banking
- Social media coordination (website, twitter, etc.)
- Producing and staging shows
- Coordinating and compiling our history projects
- Bucket carrier (handling incidental tasks)

RIRBPS Membership / Sponsor Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company/Organization/Instrument Played: _____

Membership Types / Dues

Student: \$ 5/year
Individual: \$15/year
Couple: \$25/year
Non Profit: \$50/year
Venue/Club \$75/year
Corporation \$100/year

Payable to RIRBPS & mail to:

Sylvia Whiting, Treasurer
125 Cliff Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152
617.539.3951 / sylmax99@yahoo.com

or ***Payable on-line @ www.bluespreservationsociety.org***.

Membership renewal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

Advertising Prices for Newsletter &/or Website: Business Card \$25 (2x3.5) ¼ Page \$50 (4.5 x 5.5) Half Page \$75 (5x8)
Full Page \$150 (8x11). All Ads require camera ready jpeg file.

Sponsor Flyers: Members only, 1st time free – You Print – We Attach (inserted if mailed).

Voluntary Donation \$ _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Volunteer Information (optional):

In addition to supporting RIRBPS with my Membership, I would like to volunteer in the following way:

Rhode Island Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society 2018 Member Survey

1) What was your primary reason for joining the Rhode Island Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society?

2) Do you understand the *Mission Statement* of RIRBPS? Yes No

3) What Programs of RIRBPS are you familiar with?

<input type="checkbox"/> Instruments Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral History Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Hall Band
<input type="checkbox"/> R&B Education	<input type="checkbox"/> International Blues Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Performer Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Chord	<input type="checkbox"/> Members Discounts/Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter

3) Where do you see the greatest need for improvement in RIRBPS?

4a) Would you like to become more involved in RIRBPS? Yes No

4b) If yes, in what areas of RIRBPS would like to become more involved?

<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Programming
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Finances	<input type="checkbox"/> R&B Band	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Website/Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other areas of support _____			

5) Have you attended a RIRBPS function this year? Yes No

In the Past two years? Yes No

Have you ever attended a RIRBPS function? Yes No

If not, please explain why you were not able to attend our functions.

6) What event/function would you like to see the RIRBPS hold/sponsor?

7) Is our Membership Dues structure adequate? Yes No

8) Non-Members: Would you consider joining RIRBPS? Yes No

If not, why?

Thank you for completing the RIRBPS 2018 Survey. We seek to improve and expand our programming and support for R&B in Rhode Island. Your feedback is invaluable to this effort.

Return to: RIRBPS 112 Kipling Street, Providence, RI 02907 Email to: rirbps@gmail.com / 401.461.0012