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Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society

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President Cleveland Kurtz

From the President's Desk

It was a good idea when more than a decade ago, Ed "Prof" Coates saw the need to create ***Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Preservation Society***. He saw the need to chronicle, preserve, and celebrate rhythm and blues in the state of Rhode Island. His idea not only grew into numerous musical events, but is also responsible for hundreds, if not thousands, of young people receiving musical instruments donated to them by this group, students who may not have been otherwise able to get them. The students have thrived and learn to play these instruments enriching their lives. I know this; I have seen them; and so have some of you.

It was a good idea when Ed "Prof" Coates lobbied our state Legislature to honor Rhythm and Blues music by dedicating a month to it. He succeeded. The month of August is Rhode Island Rhythm and Blues Heritage Month.

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It was a good idea when our illustrious founder, Ed "Prof" Coates, decided to write Rhode Island's history of Rhythm and Blues in his new book: ***Spooks: The Journey of Rhythm & Blues from Africa To Rhode island***. You can tell from the title that it's a bit provocative, but you will survive it. Get it as soon as you can.

It was a good idea when the producers of ***Do It, Man: The Story of the Celebrity Club (New England's First Integrated Nightclub)*** chose our own Ed "Prof" Coates to be one of its principal primary sources. He was there, and he saw it all happen. He was a bit provocative in that role, too. It's a 'must see'; a great documentary.

Dr. Coates has another good idea. He believes that Rhythm and Blues should be designated the official music of the state of Rhode Island. It is the most listened to live-music and the most played live-music in Rhode Island. R&B is the music that brings the many groups that reside here, together. Well, we are working on it, and we may need your support. I will keep you posted.

SAVE THE DATE
4th Annual 'Meet & Greet' Youth Show & Dance
 Sunday, November 11th, 4 - 8 o'clock
Featuring
TAPA Student Musicians & the R&B Allstar Band

Free Event --- Open to the Public
Donations Greatly Appreciated

Maybe you deserve some accolades, too; if you have paid your membership fees, donated musical instruments, or attended our programs that highlighted these young people’s musical talent, you played your part, too; for that, I thank you, along with the other righteous ones who have earned our gratitude and applause. If you haven’t heard any of the young musicians who are the recipients of our donations, please join us for our **Annual Meet & Greet** featuring **Student Musicians from the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts**. Please come and show your support for the youth of our community.



Vice President / Music Director – Max Whiting



The **10th Annual R&B Heritage Month Festival** was a resounding success with another classy performance by Tish Adams and her group **Bluz You Can Use**. Tish earned her reputation as one of the area’s best jazz singers- if not the best. Tish is a **Keeper of the Sacred Flame**; classy, polished, and sophisticated. **Bluz You Can Use** performed with high-energy, R&B and smooth soul for an evening of classic music for a varied audience. This year’s signature event fundraiser was one of the most successful events for our organization as we supported the **Instruments for Children Program** and the **East Providence Mohawks Youth Organization**.



🎵 OF INTEREST

Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts to be featured at our **3rd Annual Meet & Greet** on **Sunday, October 29th** at the **Masonic Temple, 883 Eddy Street, Providence, 4 O’clock to 8 O’clock**. The evening of music and song is an opportunity for the Rhode Island Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society to showcase youth performers who have been the recipients of the **Instruments for Children** programming. The **Meet & Greet** offers an opportunity for our Members, guests, community supporters, parents and young musicians to meet our members and mingle around the music we love.

Billy Osborne, Part of Eastside Mural Project 2017

A new mural in the **Mt Hope** neighborhood of Providence celebrates the area's unique and powerful contributions to music history. Located under the walking bridge that leads to **Billy Taylor Park**, **The Mural** is based on a plat map of the Mt Hope Neighborhood as it once was, with a timeline of music history featuring musicians who can trace their roots to the neighborhood. The mural was conceived by **Hannah Resseger**, who works with young women at the **Mt Hope Learning Center**. Dr **Dannie Ritchie** helped to secure the funding for the project from the **Providence Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism**.



Secretary/Treasurer - Sylvia Whiting

Our organization is on solid footing with support of local organizations, donors and contributors; however since the start of the new school year, we have needs for instrument repair, travel, and events that drain our kitty. Many of you have not yet renewed your membership. The 'Meet & Greet' is an annual

opportunity for you to renew in person and hear how your donation will be spent. Young musicians who benefit from our programming greatly appreciate your support. Your membership helps us continue our programming, support our events and bring music to the community. See page 6 for a copy of the **Membership Application**. Renewal and donations may be sent to RIRBPS or made on our website. All donations are tax deductible. For information, volunteer opportunities, musician listings, programming and donations please visit us at www.bluespreservationsociety.org.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Skills Needed

***Technical /Accounting/Finance
Support***

OUR PROGRAMS

Instruments for Children

The Instruments for Children program is continuing along; we're still accepting donations of instruments and thankfully they are being refurbished by Roberts Music (Brass/Wind), Musicians Corner

(Guitars and Electric Bases), Tom Pasquarella (Upright Bases and Cellos) and Joel Greene (Violins). Since the start of the school year in September, we have donated a Keyboard, Power Supply and Stand to TAPA, two Trumpets and two Clarinets to Woonsocket Middle School, 12 1/2 Size Violins and a Cello to DelSesto Middle School in Providence and

Musical Instruments Needed

***Violins, Violas, Trumpets, Flutes,
Trumbones, Clarinets, Saxophones,***

Call Tom @ 401.793.1281

another 12 1/2 Size Violins and an Upright Bass on schedule to be donated to Times 2 in Providence within a few weeks. The program is alive and well!

Anyone with a musical instrument to donate or information on a school or program in need of our assistance, please contact Tom at 401.793.1281 or Cleveland at 401.461.0012. We will arrange to pick up the instruments, if necessary.

MUSICIANS CORNER

RIRBPS R&B Preservation Hall Band, 'Meet & Greet', Sunday, October 29, @ the Temple, 888 Eddy Street, Providence. 5PM – 9PM Featuring Paul Williams, Guitar/Vocals, Max Whiting, Bass, Randall Ashe, Drums, Paul Duquette, Keys.

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!!!

Becky Bass

EVERY SUNDAY, 8-11PM, Newport Blues Café, 286 Thames Street, Newport, RI, No Cover, Caribbean Soul Trio featuring Becky Bass, Vocals & Steel Pan, Jhony Keys, Keys & Bass, Matt Williams, Drums, (401) 841- 5510

Tom Colantonio

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-10:30 – BAILEY'S OPEN JAM! Bailey's Pub, 1910 Smith Street, N Providence. **Check for dates.** Blues and More! Host, Andy Rizzotti and the South Street Blues Band. Best 'musician friendly' jam! Guitar players bring an amp. Bass Amp and Drums available!

Max Whiting

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

Dick Willner

All Blues Jam Every Sunday, 3 to 7PM at Sports Legends Pub, 2121 West Shore Rd. in Warwick RI.

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.

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.

Fifth Element, 111 Broadway, Newport 401.619.2552 - Jazz in bar - Sat., Sun., Mon.

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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.

Landing Restaurant and Bar, Dockside, Bowen's Wharf, Newport 401.847.4514 Live music outdoors every afternoon and evening, dancing inside Season opens end of April.

Murphy's Law 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI. 401.724.5522. Blues jam Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. No Cover. <http://murphyslawri.com/events>.

Sardella's Italian Restaurant, 30 Memorial Blvd., Newport 401.849.6312 Wed. nights live Jazz 4/26 Dick Lupino, Mary Andrews, Pat Cordeiro, and Jeff Fountain

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

The Parlour, 1119 N. Main Street, Providence, RI. Wednesday nights at 10PM. Eric Bloom & the Funky Autocrats. <http://theparlourri.com/events/eric-bloom-the-funky-autocrats> or www.facebook.com/FunkyAutocrats.

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.

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)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Support RIRBPS
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Our needs have grown along with our organization and we could really use your help. We are easy to work with; we have a lot of fun; and we serve our community. Now, you can't beat that. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Membership Application

Join/Renew RIRBPS Membership Today!

Become an active member or simply enjoy the variety of events and concerts we have to offer. RIRBPS is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization committed to preserving and promoting the blues in the African American tradition. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

To Join or Renew:

Complete the Application and mail with a check or money order made out to

RI Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society to:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Company/Organization: _____

Membership Categories:

		New Application _____	Renewal _____
		<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Student	\$ 5/year	_____	_____
Individual:	\$15/year	_____	_____
Couple:	\$25/year	_____	_____
Non Profit:	\$50/year	_____	_____
Venue/Club	\$75/year	_____	_____
Corporation	\$100/year	_____	_____
<i>Voluntary Donation</i>		\$ _____	\$ _____
<i>Total</i>			\$ _____

Volunteer Information (optional):

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

Membership renewal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

Applications are pro-rated quarterly for the first year.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have an on-going need for **volunteers** to assist with public relations, expanding our membership and programming and to help with serving on the Board, contacting organizations for support, outreach and phone calls or helping with events. Contact Cleveland at 401.461.0012 or Max Whiting at 617.539.3951 for more information.