



Sunday August 6, we are importing Bex Marshall from London, England for you at the **RABBIT HOLE**.

Doors open at 7pm, music 8P FREE to members, only \$5 to non-members. **Bring a friend in to join!**

Don't forget: membership has privileges: bring your valid CBS Membership card to The Peculiar Rabbit when You stop in for brunch or dinner on any Blues Bash Sunday: it is worth 10% off your food! The Peculiar Rabbit next door to the The Rabbit Hole.

THE RABBIT HOLE: the New Home for the Charlotte Blues Society

THE RABBIT HOLE

1801 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, NC

Where the Blues Live On!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mary London: **Hey Blues Family!**

As you know by now, our wonderful leader for the past several years **Rick Bellew** has resigned due to health issues. As VP, I have become President by default. I hope I will be able to fill his shoes, (he would never be able to fill mine unless he is willing to wear stilettos) All joking aside, Rick has been one of the most devoted blues people I have had the pleasure to know and work with. Rick Ballew and I first met when I moved from New Orleans to work here in radio. I was the "Queen of Rock n Roll minutia, and he was the King of Blues minutia. We worked on the air together at various stations and had a mutual admiration for our love of music. When the opportunity for a weekend show came up on WRFX, Rick brought in a new idea to management. He convinced them a Blues show would be a great idea. He was the **first person** to actually dedicate a regular Blues program every single week for several hours, and "**Smokin' Bluz**" was groundbreaking in its concept and it's format. Its success was a direct result of his warm comfortable style, knowledge of the genre, live in studio artists interviews and performances.

Smokin' Bluz really elevated the genre in this city. Listeners were exposed to the blues in an unfiltered, Consultant-free format. He had a devotion to this genre and instilled in his listeners a craving for this wonderful music that is purely American. Rick had close ties to **The Double Door Inn**, which saw good size crowds during the years **Smokin' Bluz** was on the air. Rick's dedication to every form of the blues, from Delta, to West Coast Jump, Mississippi, Chicago, Memphis, and Piedmont style was legendary. Rick welcomed blues artists on his show regularly, and the Charlotte Blues Society was talked about throughout the show. He also introduced this city to our beloved **Robin Rogers**, whose album "*Crazy Cryin' Blues*" was submitted by the Charlotte Blues Society to the Blues Foundation where it won Best Self Produced CD in 2005. **Robin** was nominated for *Best Female Contemporary Blues Artist* in 2010 before she died. She won that Award posthumously in 2011. Rick was in Memphis along with his wife Libby and a huge CBS contingency to celebrate that win with Robin's husband Tony and her band. Bittersweet evening of cheers and tears for our **Robin**. One I'll never forget.

Rick was actively involved with CBS for years and has been one of our greatest cheerleaders. (sans pom poms) Rick served as VP for several terms then took on the President mantel when Jeri's tenure was over. He fully intended to serve out his last term as President until December, but with pending medical procedures and after advice of his doctor and consultation with family, Rick made the difficult decision to step down to focus on health. Although I support that decision, I am sorry his term ended so abruptly.

That does not mean we won't see him at blues shows: we will. When you do, seek him out, thank him for **Smokin Bluz**. Thank him for the passion he had for this amazing genre that he shared with us all. THANK HIM for the literally hundreds Of CD's he brought in every month for our raffle.(yup, Rick donated them from his personal collection) Thank him for sharing himself and his time. Thank his wife Libby for her Encouragement and support all these years. Thank him for helping CBS to grow and thrive. *We were lucky to have him as President*. It was a pleasure to serve as his VP. I hope you will join me as we continue with our mission of "keepin' the blues alive". I'll do my best to carry on the great work already begun.

And Rick: I love ya Brother!

~ M

Charlotte Blues Society welcomes

BEX MARSHALL

Direct from
London, England
Award Winning
Blues Artist



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FREE to CBS
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\$5 Non-
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8pm Show

The Rabbit Hole 1801 Commonwealth Ave
www.CharlotteBluesSociety.org

We have Great looking T-Shirts : Get yours now! Limited Edition
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Summer Short Sleeve T-Shirt Special



\$15 each
or
2 for **\$20**

Saturday August 5

GOV'T MULE
COME WHAT MAY TOUR 2017

CMCU AMPHITHEATER

Davy Knowles
August 12
Romare Bearden Park 6pm

ROBERT CRAY & HI RHYTHM
High Point Theatre
August 15

2017 RIVER VALLEY

BLUES FESTIVAL

GRADY CHAMPION
SUN., AUG. 20TH

SALVAGE STATION
468 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
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THE PLACE TO BE: CONCERTS IN CHARLOTTE 1995-2017 JUN 19 - NOV 22, 2017 · KNIGHT GALLERY AT SPIRIT SQUARE ~ DANIEL COSTON
PRESENTED BY: BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS



The photos contained in this show are a collection of many days and nights enjoying music, in many places. Large venues, small venues, anywhere and everywhere in Charlotte, NC. For the past 22 years, I have tried to find these places, and photograph them. For this show, I wanted to convey the rich vibrancy and diversity that one can see and hear on any given night in Charlotte.

From the legendary artists, to the local musicians that make up the Charlotte music scene. In theaters, clubs, churches and more, big and small. Be they venues that no longer exist, or ones that you can visit tonight, the photos in this show are a reflection of those beautiful sounds, and my efforts to put a visual to the sounds that continue to be, The Place To Be. Wherever you choose to find them.

– Daniel Coston

HELP US MAKE OUR SUNDAY EVENT EVEN BETTER

Here is Betsy's Hospitality
 "Wish you would bring" list:

*Dips and or spreads.
 Bite size sub sandwiches,
 desserts, fruit,
 stuffed celery.....*

HUGE "THANK YOU" TO THOSE THAT
 ALREADY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
 HOSPITALITY TABLE EVERY MONTH

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THE GOODIES



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FINAL NOTICE:

Entry for solo/duo and Band Competition NOW DUE.



Calling all BLUES Solo/Duo & Bands:

CBS BLUES CHALLENGE

Our competition dates are set.

SOLO/DUO

Sunday Sept 3

BAND

Sunday Oct. 1

Deadline for entry is August 1, 2017

Details

www.CharlotteBluesSociety.org

Winners in each category will represent CBS at the IBC in Memphis 2018

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Raffle Tix on sale NOW
Fender Squier Stratocaster

\$5 each or 3 for \$10

Winner will be drawn at Dec. Christmas Party
 (need not be present to win)

all proceeds benefit

Charlotte Blues Society

Donated by Sonny & Scotty Jackson



In Search of

A few good leaders

Charlotte Blues Society
 has positions on our Board

Membership Committee
 Sponsorship Committee
 Merchandise Committee
 Promotion Committee

CBS Photographer

Music Event Guru

**Each Committee Chair
 will lead their own team**

Get involved



MUSIC EVENT CALENDAR
WWW.CHARLOTTEBLUESOCIETY.ORG

AUGUST BLUES BIRTHDAYS



- 1- Robert Cray (1953)
- 2-Big Walter Price (1917)
- 3-Mercy Dee Walton (1915)
- 4-Louis Armstrong (1901)
- 6-Willie Brown (1900), Lem Johnson (1906), Willie Nix (1922), Jesse Wilkins, Jr. (1933)
- 7-Magic Slim (1937), Rahsaan Roland Kirk (1936)
- 8-Joe Tex (1933), Jimmy Witherspoon (1923)
- 9-Robert Shaw (1908)
- 10-Ronnie Spector (1945), Grego Anderson (1968)
- 11-Sam Collins (1887)
- 12-Percy Mayfield (1920), Roy Gaines (1934)
- 13-Jimmy McCracklin (1921), Son Seals (1942)
- 14-Larry Graham (1946)
- 15-Buster Brown (1911), Oscar Peterson (1925), Jackie Brenston (1930), Bobby Byrd (1934)
- 16-Eddie Kirkland (1928), Melvin "Lil' Son" Jackson (1915)
- 17-Luther Allison (1939), Albert Washington (1935)
- 18-Jimmy Witherspoon (1923), Curtis Jones (1906)
- 19-Earl Gaines (1935)
- 20-Issac Hayes (1942), Jack Teagarden (1905)
- 21-Count Basie (1904)
- 22-John Lee Hooker (1920), Debbie Davies (1952), Henry "Son" Sims (1890)
- 24-Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup (1905), Wynonie Harris (1915)
- 26-Jimmy Rushing (1902)
- 27-Lester Young (1909)
- 28-Jimmie Bell (1910)
- 29-Charlie Parker (1920), Dinah Washington (1924)
- 30-Luther "Snake Boy" Johnson (1934)
- 31-Todd Rhodes (1900)





SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

- Ashley Heath
- Paper Crowns
- Moses Jones
- Dirty Badgers
- Janiva Magness
- Roots & Dore
- Virginia & The Slims
- Zuzu Welsh Band
- Grady Champion

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