



2021 Year in Review

Promote, Preserve & Support the Blues

BLUES In The PARK

The annual Blue in the Park fundraiser was held on October 3rd this year at the Memorial Park Pavilion. The band line up was GrajMahal, the Joe Lewis Band, and Buddha Blue. The menu was BBQ Sundaes, continuing the tradition of free food and entertainment. The music was outstanding, as usual. Many thanks to the bands for donating their time and talent for this event. It was wonderful!



GrajMahal



Joe Lewis Band



Buddha Blue



The Cooks:
Bernard & Carmen



Enjoying the show



Raffle winner
Toni Dudenhoefter

MO Blues partnered with Porchfest this year, which was held on Forest Hill Avenue just one block away. This made for a great afternoon of music and art on the west side of Jefferson City.

THE JAMS

Due to Covid 19, we did not have jams in January or February. Here's a recap of the rest of the year. The jams are our primary way of supporting the Blues. It gives the musicians an opportunity to play and blues enthusiasts the opportunity to listen and sometimes find new bands they might want to follow. It also helps promote some of our local venues that support us. We would like to thank those establishments for helping us support the music.



In March, we started off at the Hall and were joined by members of the Wash MO Blues Society, who brought some really good players with them.



April – The Outpost
Hosted by Buddha Blue



August – Katfish Katy's
hosted by GrajMahal



The September Jam, held at The Burg in Hartsburg, MO, and hosted by Ben Green & Friends, offered a change of pace with an acoustic theme.

November was at the Outpost Bar & Grill, and featured Buddha Blue as the host band.



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THE FESTIVAL

This was the first time in a long time that we have attempted a street festival. Named in honor of our former Executive Director who passed away last year, the **Lorie Anne Hall Smith Blues Festival** was a big hit. It took us two tries because of weather issues, but the final event was a really good time. We partnered with the Old Munichburg Association's Open Market & the Holy Guacamole Competition and closed off Dunklin St. for virtually the whole day.

We kicked the afternoon off with Buddha Blue from Jefferson City, followed by the Joe Lewis Band from Columbia, and finally the Kingdom Brothers from St. Louis. Thanks to a grant and local sponsors we were able to bring a really nice show to Jefferson City.



Buddha Blue

Joe Lewis Band

Kingdom Brothers



Two original pieces of jewelry were donated by Kas A Designs and raffled at the festival. The lucky winners were Linda Backes and John Blankenship. Congratulations to them!

FUNDRAISING

MO Blues continually strives to raise money to help fund our various Blues projects. In addition to our event fundraisers, we have an Amazon Smiles account and continue to receive some funds from the Charitable Campaign. We also added ticket sales from Eventbrite for the Blues Blast which proved to be a profitable avenue to increase our ticket sales. Our website has been updated and is fully functional for new member subscribers, dues renewals and donations. *Our primary goal is to raise money to fund Blues in the Schools. Due to Covid, we have not been able to take the program into the schools, but we are hopeful that we can do that early in 2022.

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HOLIDAY BLUES BLAST

After having to cancel last year due to the pandemic, we were able to get the same band, at the same location for the 2021 event – Capital Bluffs Event Center and the Mike Zito Band. All we can say is, “Wow, what a show!” And the food was pretty darn good too?



The Mike Zito Band

As stated in the name, this show truly was a “Blast”!

OUR PARTNERS & CONTRIBUTORS

Without the continued support of our members and sponsors, we could not bring these blues events and programs to our city. MO Blues would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support:

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MEET THE BOARD

Left to right: Tony Black, Meghan Vossen, Bernard Thompson, Becky Fredrickson (President), Dave Eskens (Vice President), Chuck Renn & Carmen Marsch. Missing from the photo were Ed Bothe (Sec/Treasurer) and Valerie Brandt.



*We want to thank all the volunteers who helped us with our events over this past year. We couldn't have done it without you!