



2022 Year in Review

Promote, Preserve & Support the Blues

BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS

After two unfortunate years of Covid 19 restrictions, we were once again able to present Blues in the Schools (BITS) events at Thomas Jefferson and Lewis and Clark Middle Schools in Jefferson City for approximately 700 6th grade students on November 16th. Our blues ambassadors were Ron Roskowski of the Kingdom Brothers band and Big George Brock, Jr. who performed for the students. They also spoke to the history of the music genre. Mayor Tergin made an appearance and expressed her support for the program. The students enjoyed the events. The BITS program was the subject of an article appearing on the front page of the Jefferson City News Tribune. It was gratifying to once again be able to fulfill a key mission of our MO Blues organization.



Lewis & Clark 6th grade class with music teacher Leann Meyer.



Above: Guitarist Ron Roskowske with Big George Brock, Jr. & (right) Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin.

BLUES IN THE PARK



Luke Blue & the Pla-Mors

Our annual fundraiser was held in the Memorial Park Pavilion on October 2nd and we once again partnered with the Fall Porchfest which took place along nearby Forest Hill Avenue. The entertainment and food were free of charge. Many thanks to Bernard, Carmen & Meghan who served drinks and BBQ sundaes. The event featured the bands Luke Blue & the Pla-Mors, GrajMahal and Buddha Blue, all of whom donated their time and talent, so a special thanks to them and all those members who turned out to help. It was a beautiful fall day and a great many from the community turned out to listen and socialize. We held a 50/50 raffle and for a cigar box guitar that was donated by John Blankenship.



GrajMahal



Buddha Blue



Raffle Winners

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THE JAMS



MO Blues scheduled approximately nine jams throughout the year hosted by various MO Blues member bands. These commenced in February with an acoustic themed jam at the Prison Brews Sidebar. Locations included the Mission, the Outpost, Serenity Valley Winery, and the Eagles Club. The monthly jams are a good way to encourage folks to get personally involved in living the blues.

THE STREET FESTIVAL

We reprised a blues street festival on Dunklin Street in the Old Munichburg area of Jefferson City on June 25th. This was the 2nd year for the **Lorie Smith Blues Festival**. We kicked the afternoon off with the Washingtons from Washington, MO, followed by Buddha Blue from Jefferson City, and finally the Kingdom Brothers from St. Louis with Skeet Rogers and his wife.

We partnered with the Old Munichburg Association during their 4th Saturday open market. Thanks to the Jefferson City Parks Department, we were able to provide a performance stage for the bands. Thanks to a grant and local sponsors we were able to bring a really nice show to Jefferson City.



The Washingtons



Buddha Blue



The Kingdom Brothers with Skeet Rogers



Old Munichburg Street Vendors

HOLIDAY BLUES BLAST

Our holiday celebration of the blues took place at the Capital Bluffs Events Center on December 4th. It was a dinner and show event featuring Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials out of Chicago. The food was excellent, and the show was great fun. The event was well-attended, and everyone enjoyed an evening of conversation and music. A special thanks goes out to Will West who came to our aid in our hour of need when some of the band's equipment became stranded in transit.



Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials

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 MO BLUES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Back Row: Meghan Vossen, Becky Fredrickson (President), Paul Boudreau, Carmen Marsch, and Terry Finn.

Front Row: Ed Bothe (Treasurer), Dave Eskens (Vice President), Bernard Thompson, Chuck Renn & Cyndi Prudden (Secretary), and Chuck Renn. *Valerie Brandt appears in the photo via zoom.



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

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