

MO BLUES

2018

*PROMOTE, SUPPORT &
PRESERVE THE BLUES!*

“2018 Year in Review”

JULY 4th

MO Blues had our usual tent set up on Madison and High St. during the 2-day Independence Day celebration. We also entered a float with live music and the MO Blues Allstars performed on the Madison Street Stage. Our float won 1st place.



BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS

Again this year, MO Blues was able to bring Fruteland Jackson here from Chicago, IL, to present the Blues in the Schools Program (BITS) in 8 elementary schools. Mayor Tergin stopped by East School to express the City’s support for the program. The kids really enjoy it and a number of students at each school have the opportunity to create their own songs in front of their classmates. This is truly a valuable learning experience for our kids.



BLUE SUNDAY

The annual Blue Sunday fundraiser was held on August 5th at the Memorial Park Pavilion. The band line up was the Baub Eis Band, Griff & Greens and Blues Highway. As usual, Larry Zulauf served his famous “Mississippi Prime Rib” sandwiches. (For those of you who aren’t familiar with that, it’s grilled bologna.) We had a great turnout and the music was awesome.



Baub Eis Band



Griff & Greens



Blues Highway



THE JAMS

Jams have been held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at various locations including the Bridge, the Mission, Spectators, and Das Stein Haus. They offer musicians the opportunity to play and blues enthusiasts the opportunity to listen to some pretty good music. Various MO Blues member bands have hosted the jams during the year and we hope to continue bringing these events to our community.



THE HOLIDAY BANQUET

The MO Blues Association teamed up with the Bridge and Mission this year to bring Mike Zito to Jefferson City. What a fabulous show this was! The venue for the show was the Bridge and the evening began with a fabulous meal of smoked pork loin with apple gravy and all the sides and trimmings. Thanks to Matt Griffin (who smoked the meat), the Bridge staff and Jennie Crum for the food. Once Zito started, no one could stay in their seats. If you haven't heard him, you don't know what you're missing.



FUNDRAISERS

MO Blues continually strives to raise money to help fund our various Blues projects. In June, we BBQ'd pork steaks in Schulte's parking lot; we set up our usual booth downtown on July 4th; held Blue Sunday in the park in August; and, of course, had our Holiday Banquet in December. Additionally, we had a new design for T-shirts and have sold them at each event.

LOOKING BACK

As 2018 comes to a close, it's nice to reflect on the Association's activities and remember that 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 our partners and contributors for their generous donations over the year:

The Mission	Jefferson Bank
The Bridge	Chili's
Das Stein Haus	McCalister's Deli
Spectator's	EcoWater
Central Trust Bank	Prison Brews
Capitol Plaza Hotel	Fechtel's Beverage
Longhorn Steak House	Vaughan Agency

Thanks also to the following MO Blues Board Members who volunteer their time and resources to make these events happen:

President:	Jennie Crum
Vice President:	Dave Eskens
Treasurer:	Julie Kujath
Secretary:	Becky Fredrickson
Members:	Tony Black
Matt Griffin	Curtis Williams
Ed Bothe	Larry Zulauf
Shawn Crum	Wes Wingate
Kara Miller	Bernard Thompson

LOOKING AHEAD

We hope to continue to sponsor more and more blues events in the months ahead. We have big plans for the future and hope to make Jefferson City an attraction for blues artists as well as enthusiasts. We can't do it alone, so come out and support us. Invite your friends to our events and help us bring in new members. There were a number of things we did not have the funds to do last year and we hope to turn that around in 2019. We continue our commitment to promote and preserve this genre of music and support the local blues artists who help keep this truly American art form alive.

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