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# President's Drum

#### Hot Jam!

I must begin with our biggest show for the last couple months—the **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam. And it's happening again April 7**, from 4 – 8 pm at the Silver Spring American Legion. Musicians, singers and music fans have been rallying in room-capacity numbers for the Jams this year. I won't play psychic to find out why attendance is up. But I will play cheerleader. If you haven't been to a 1st Sunday Jam in a while or have never been (shame on ya!), put your feet in the place April 7 for a wang-dang-doodle time.

We've also got a second jam warming up for April. On Sunday, April 28, DCBS is sponsoring an acoustic jam at the quirkily elegant Mansion on O Street/O Street Museum. The Mansion, consisting of five adjacent townhomes joined by secret doors, is packed with Rock n' Roll memorabilia and a catacomb of small and large rooms.

This new (and free) DCBS Acoustic Jam happens every fourth Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm during The Mansion on Street's Sunday Brunch. It's a short walk from the Dupont Circle Metro Station to the 2020 0 St. NW venue. I highly recommend Metro because parking is very scarce. This jam is evolving in the capable hands of our host and new Blues in the School Coordinator, Will Williamson. (We'll have more about Blues in the Schools in our next issue.) To learn more about the DCBS Acoustic Jam, see p. 12 and chat with Will at <a href="mailto:acousticjam@dcblues.org">acousticjam@dcblues.org</a>. Check out Will's



Felix McClairen by Ron Weinstock

musical bio and skills at <a href="http://wildwillwilliamson.com">http://wildwillwilliamson.com</a>. When you feel like brunch along with entertaining acoustic music, check us out on the fourth Sundays of the month.

#### DCBS Band Comes of Age

The posted rules at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club warn patrons to respect the band and others by remaining quiet during performances. But there was one table occupied by DCBS volunteers that thought respect meant make some noise. And that's what they (OK, we) did throughout the spectacular performance by the DCBS Band on March 19. (See article and photo below.) Shout outs to band members Sam'i Nuriddin, Dave Harris, Dave Jackson, J.T., Calvin Newbill, and the unstoppable Ayaba Bey. Ayaba glided onto the stage elegantly wrapped and blew the roof off with her rousing vocals. The band's sound has melded into a spirit and style that echoes the grit and energy of Chicago Blues. They have a unique sound built on the excellent musical skills of individuals working together as a single organism. This is a Blues band for Blues fans who know the difference.

You can see what I'm talking about when the DCBS Band plays Adams Morgan's Columbia Station on June 29. We'll share more details later.

#### Volunteers

A call will soon go out for two of our biggest annual events: the Hotter-Than-July Fish Fry & Blues (July 13) and our 25th Annual DC Blues Festival (August 31). Remember everything we do is powered by volunteers. If you've never volunteered for DCBS, try it. We guarantee a sweat-free good time. Unless, of course, you want to sweat. Answer the call, volunteer!

Blues Always,



# DC Blues Society Band and Fans Try out the New Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club As the DCBS President, Felix McClairen, described in his President's Drum above, the DCBS Band had the honor of performing at the new

Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club on Tuesday, March 19, and those of us who were in the audience had the pleasure of seeing and supporting this great band and also checking out this new venue. The refurbished Art Deco cinema palace, which was built in 1938 and is a National Historic Register Property, has been very nicely transformed into a supper club with tables that seat 300, theater seats for another 200, a 40-foot bar and lounge area, and a sound system that was aptly tested by the DCBS Band and found to be terrific. (Photo at right shows Ayaba Bey and Sam'i Nuriddin not only sharing the stage but sharing Sam'i's guitar.)

If you choose to sit at a table, there is a \$15 per person minimum for food/drinks. Everyone at our table found their food to be excellent. Hats off to the kitchen! The BBJ website (<a href="www.BethesdaBluesJazz.com">www.BethesdaBluesJazz.com</a>) describes BBJ Executive Chef Scott Mullen as a lifelong cook with more than 20 years of professional cooking and kitchen management experience, and he has also hosted his own live television cooking show.

The Club's Director of Operations Ralph Camilli has nearly 35 years' of music club experience (and has managed The Cellar Door and Blues Alley). Director of Entertainment and pianist Larry Brown leads one of the most accomplished straight-ahead jazz groups in the Mid-Atlantic area, and has extensive record label experience. Rick Brown, Proprietor, has clearly created a team to support his vision that BBJ will be a world-class supper club. BBJ is located at 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814. Article & photo by Pat Bransford.





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by April 15 for inclusion

in the

May CBM blues calendar

# **Help Raise the Roof**

Tommy Castro is helping the Blues Foundation to Raise the Roof! to build the Blues Hall of Fame. He has partnered with the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise to raffle off a cabin for two on the LRBC #22, January 19-24, 2014 cruise. The Oceanview Category D cabin has a value of \$4250. Raffle tickets are \$25 (1 ticket) or \$100 (5 tickets) and may be purchased at <a href="https://www.blues.org">www.blues.org</a> or at Tommy's shows, such as the April 19 show at the State Theatre in VA. For complete information, visit <a href="https://www.tommycastro.com">www.tommycastro.com</a> or <a href="https://www.tommycastro.com">www.blues.org</a>.

# **James Cotton Shows A Howard Theatre Crowd Why He's Called "Superharp"**

Thanks to my DC Blues Society newsletter, I learned that James Cotton would be playing the Howard Theatre on Saturday, March 23. I had heard of James Cotton and listened to him a bit, but I didn't know his music as well as I would have liked to, considering his status as a Blues Legend, plus I had never been to the Howard Theatre. Realizing that this would be the perfect opportunity to become more fully acquainted with a Blues Legend and a new DC music venue, I seized the opportunity and pressured my cousin Nick, his girlfriend Debbie, and my girlfriend Marcie to join me for an evening of Blues. Not long after and with our plans set, it all really came together when I received an email from the DC Blues Society saying I had won two free tickets to the James Cotton show.

With two free tickets waiting for us at Will Call and plans to purchase another two with my DC Blues Society discount, the four of us headed to the Howard Theatre. For anyone who has never been to this venue, my advice is to run, don't walk, to the first show there you can. When you enter, you're greeted by B.B. King's signed Lucille guitar in a glass case (which my cousin and I made sure to take a picture with), and if that's not enough B.B. King for you, he's also adorned in a large picture behind the bar against the back wall of the large room with the stage. The venue is general admission dinner theater style seating, and there is a small minimum tab amount per person. The food is reasonably priced, and I can say from personal experience that at least the jambalaya pasta is delicious. What truly won me over about the venue was what I can only describe as it having a certain refined and old school type of swagger, without any air of being uptight or stuffy.

I was blown away right when the show started. James Cotton hadn't made his way out yet, but his band was rocking. Both the guitarist and the bassist laid down some solos, and by the time James Cotton did come out the drummer had gotten in on that mix as well. I've never seen a Blues bass player I enjoyed listening to in my life more than Cotton's bassist, Noel Neal. He sounded great both soloing and singing during the opening tunes. Then he somehow managed to turn it up another notch later in the show with a fun and funky bass solo that included lots of slapping and had me literally dancing in my seat.

As every Blues Legend has earned, James Cotton made his way on stage to a great amount of fanfare. His guitarist made sure the crowd knew about Cotton's accomplishments, including Grammy awards and induction into the Blues Hall of Fame. Cotton came on stage and had a seat (where he stayed the duration of the show), and immediately began to lay some charm on the crowd. He wore a giant smile essentially the entire show and kept the crowd engaged. At one point, Cotton had some microphone troubles, but he rolled right through them like the experienced vet that he is. As he played his harp a bit louder, at least from where I was sitting, I had no trouble hearing him and appreciated the effort he was putting in to make sure the crowd got its show. Oh and by the way, at the young age of 78 he still blows the harp with the absolute best of them.

When Cotton first came out, he wooed the crowd with his harp for the first song. Afterwards, a singer came out (whose name I unfortunately missed) and seemed to provide the perfect vocal complement to Cotton's playing. The band played several Blues classics we all love like "Sweet Home Chicago" (even getting the crowd into it and letting the crowd sing parts of the song for them) and "Don't Start Me Talking." Cotton and his band made sure the crowd had a great time all through the show, proven by the constant cheering and hollering. Often you could even see people getting out of their chairs to dance along.

The show wrapped up with one of the true highlights of the night: 12-year-old harp player Josh King. Cotton beamed with pride when he invited King on stage. Once he got up there, the two exchanged notes in perfect harmony, like a couple of old Blues pals. In the legacy of some other Kings we're probably all a little more familiar with, King nailed it. He even sang us all a song with more Blues howl than I ever expected to hear from a 12-year-old, and by the end of his playing I was wondering how someone so young could have so many life troubles that his Blues could ring so true.

All-in-all it was one of the best concerts I've ever been to, and everyone around me felt the same. My group didn't make it to the back corner where Cotton sat after the show to sign CDs, but I certainly came away from the show a huge James Cotton fan. Thanks to the DC Blues Society for making this night possible for me, and I'm sure it won't be my last night with Superharp.

Article by Charles Coughlin, a relatively new DCBS member who is a very welcome volunteer for the newsletter.

# Is Your Blues Calendar Full? DCBS Member Ron Weinstock Highlights These April Performances

**April 3** - **Otis Taylor at Blues Alley**. Otis is touring in support of his latest Telarc album *My World Is Gone*, on which he has a special guest, Native American guitarist Mato Nanji. This is one of Taylor's most moving recordings, with deceptively simple, stark, and understated performances of his songs that convey the tragic times Native Americans have endured. The presence of Mato Nanji on this tour is especially welcome.

April 3 - Carolina Chocolate Drops at the Birchmere. The Carolina Chocolate Drops have led the revival of traditional African-American String Band music with an eclectic and delightful repertoire and are making a welcome return to the area.

April 6 - Grant Dermody & Rich DelGrosso perform at a House Concert at the Glassie/Littell House in Bethesda. Grant Dermody is one of the really fine harmonica players out there. Rich DelGrosso is among the few blues players who focus on the blues mandolin, but his talents go way beyond that. Rich and his late wife, Maureen, played a fantastic concert for the DC Blues Society back in 1990 with the legendary Howard Armstrong (and they were joined by Cephas and Wiggins at the end). Email Jeff Glassie, at <a href="mailto:ieffglassie@gmail.com">ieffglassie@gmail.com</a>, if you are interested in attending this House Concert.

April 17- Lloyd Jones at the Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop. Jones is a Portland, Oregon based singer-guitarist who has earned a reputation for his funk-drenched urban blues style. He is also a very gifted songwriter and he will be making an appearance performing solo at this midweek show at the Archie Edwards Blues Foundation's Barbershop. For those who want a preview, check out his excellent 2011 album, *Highway Bound*, on Underworld Records.

April 19 - The Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue at The State Theatre. This version of the popular Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue features Tommy Castro and the Painkillers, Deanna Bogart, Magic Dick, and Ronnie Baker Brooks. The Revue is led by Castro and is an offshoot of the revue which has become a favorite feature of the Legendary Rhythm and Blues cruises. (DCBS members can win tickets to this show.)

April 20 - Janiva Magness at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club. Janiva is a marvelous vocalist who brings a clarity, as well as plenty of heart, to her blues. Her talents are most currently displayed on her Alligator Records recordings. On this tour she is supported by a band that includes a superb keyboard player, Jim Alfredson.

**April 21 - Gary Nicholson at JV's.** Nicholson is one of the best roots songwriters in Nashville. He is probably best known for his work for Delbert McClinton, but his name is increasingly found in songwriting credits on many new blues and roots releases. He will be on a tour with a band Scott Ramminger is putting together at this Falls Church venue.





















Watch your DCBS member emails for ticket giveaways and discounts to this great festival.

# 2013 Blues Festivals - Make Your Plans Now!

From late Spring through early Fall each year, there are many blues and other music festivals in the DC area and surrounding states. This guide is intended to help DC area blues fans plan their weekends and trips to include some great festivals that support the Blues. A number of festivals are also fundraisers for a range of charities.

DCBS will again be one of the sponsors for the **5th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival**, a free event which will take place on Saturday, June **15**, 2013, Father's Day weekend. The DCBS-sponsored **25th Annual DC Blues Festival**, at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, will be held the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend (August **31**, 2013). See p. 10 for the outstanding lineup that will be featured at this event.

Mark your calendars now for some of these great festivals! Visit the individual festival websites to see what performers will be featured at each. Some festivals are free; others have admission fees and offer early bird and advance ticket sales.

If we've missed listing a festival, please let us know so we can share this with DCBS members. Send this information to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcblues.org">newsletter@dcblues.org</a>. The DCBS booth will be set up at several of these events (e.g., Western Maryland, Tinner Hill, Briggs Farm, Silver Spring, and of course, the Carter Barron), so watch your DCBS emails for volunteer needs and also for ticket giveaways/discounts. If you want to volunteer to provide a written review of a festival or photos for the DCBS newsletter, please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcblues.org">newsletter@dcblues.org</a>.

Please feel free to share this festival listing with others. Help keep the Blues alive!

#### May

Saturday, May 11, 2013
Park Fest Blues Festival

Pocahontas Stage Park Amphitheatre 10301 State Park Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832 www.parkfestblues.com

Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, 2013 West Virginia Blues Society 6th Annual Charlie West Blues Fest Haddad Riverfront Park Charleston, WV 25303 www.charliewestbluesfest.com or www.wvbluessociety.org

Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19, 2013 Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival Sandy Point State Park Annapolis, MD 21409 www.bayblues.org or 410-257-7413

## May/June

Friday-Sunday, May 30-June 2, 2013

18th Annual Western Maryland Blues Fest
Downtown Hagerstown, Central & City Park
Hagerstown, MD 21741

www.blues-fest.org
or 301-739-8577 ext. 116

See Ad w/ Lineup on Page 7

## June

Saturday, June 1, 2013
Gator Appreciation Day at Lamont's
Entertainment Complex
4400 Livingston Road
Pomonkey, MD 20640

For tickets, call 301-283-0225

Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2, 2013
33rd Annual Washington Folk Festival \*
Glen Echo Park
Glen Echo, MD 20812

www.fsgw.org

Free!

Free!

### June cont.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, 2013

20th Tinner Hill Blues Festival - A Tribute to John Jackson
Cherry Hill Park and Other Venues
Falls Church, VA 22046

www.tinnerhill.org
See Ad w/ Lineup on Page 5.

Sunday, June 9, 2013

24th Annual Billtown Blues Festival Lycoming County Fairgrounds Hughesville, PA 17737

www.billtownblues.org or 570-584-4480

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16, 2013

2013 Virginia Blues & Jazz Festival\*
Garth Newel Music Center

Hot Springs, Virginia 24484 www.vabluesfest.org or 877-558-1689

Saturday, June 15, 2013

5th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival

Fenton Street Market/Downtown Silver Spring on Ellsworth Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20910 www.silverspringblues.com

Saturday, June 15, 2013

2nd Annual St. Georges Blues Fest

Commodore Center 1701 S. DuPont Hwy St. Georges, DE 19733 www.diamondstateblues.com

Saturday-Sunday, June 15-16, 2013

Southern Maryland Sun & Music Festival\*

Calvert County Fairgrounds 140 Calvert Fair Dr. Prince Frederick, MD 20078 www.somdsunmusicfest.org

Sunday, June 16, 2013

Wolf Trap's 24th Annual Louisiana Swamp Romp

Wolf Trap

1645 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182 www.wolftrap.org or 1-877-WOLFTRAP

# June cont.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23, 2013

3rd Annual Colonial Beach Rock 'n' Blues Festival

Black Pearl Tiki Bar/High Tides Tiki Bar 205 Taylor St., Colonial Beach, VA 22443 www.colonial-beach-virginia-attractions.com or 804-214-0312

Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, 2013
21st Annual Safeway BBQ Battle\*
2011 Pennsylvania Ave - betw. 9th & 14th St.
Washington, DC 20004
www.bbqdc.com

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Steppingstone Summertime Blues Festival 461 Quaker Bottom Road Havre De Grace, MD 21078 www.steppingstonemuseum.org, or 410-939-2299

#### July

Free!

Friday-Saturday, July 12-13, 2013 **16th Annual Briggs Farm Blues Festival** Briggs Farm, Nescopeck, PA 18635 <u>www.briggsfarm.com</u> or 570-379-2003

Saturday, July 13, 2013

14th Annual Blues House Festival
Winchester Eagles Club Aeirie 824
Winchester, VA 22601

www.winchesterblueshouse.com
or 540-662-7066.

Friday-Sunday, July 19-21 2013 **Pittsburgh Blues Festival**Hartwood Acres - 2914 Middle Rd

Allison Park, PA 15101

<u>www.pghblues.com</u> or 412-460-BLUE

Friday-Sunday, July 26-28, 2013

Pennsylvania Blues Festival

Celebrating 22 Years of Blues in the Poconos
Blue Mountain Ski Area

Palmerton, PA 18038

www.skibluemt.com or 610-826-7700

Free!



# **August**

Friday-Sunday, August 2-4, 2013

**Riverfront Blues Fest** 

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park S. French & Water Sts. Wilmington, DC 19801 www.riverfrontbluesfest.com

Friday-Saturday, August 9-10, 2013 10th Annual Snowshoe Mountain Brews, Blues & BBQ Festival

10 Snowshoe Dr., Snowshoe, WV 26209 www.snowshoemtn.com or 877-441-4386

Friday-Sunday, August 9-11, 2013 Heritage Music BluesFest 2013 Heritage Port Wheeling, WV 26003

www.heritagemusicfest.com or 304-238-6064.

Saturday, August 17, 2013 21st Annual Hot August Blues & Roots Music

Festival Oregon Ridge State Park Cockeysville, MD 21030 www.hotaugustblues.com or 877-321-3378

\*Includes blues and other music genres

## August cont.

Saturday, August 31, 2013 **DC Blues Society** 

25th Annual DC Blues Festival Carter Barron Amphitheatre

Washington, DC 20011

www.dcblues.org

See Ad w/ Lineup on p. 10. Also, After Festival Blues Jam on Sunday, Sept. 1.

#### September

Sunday, September 1, 2013 **Baltimore Blues Society Alonzo's Memorial Picnic** 

Rosedale American Legion Hall 1311 Seling Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237 www.moworkin.com or 410-744-2291

Friday-Sunday, September 6-7, 2013 20th Annual Blues at the Beach 17th Street Stage, 100 17th St. Virginia Beach, VA 23451 www.natchelblues.org or 757-588-8689

Saturday-Sunday, September 7-8, 2013 1st Southern Maryland Blues Festival Calvert County Fairgrounds 140 Calvert Fair Dr. Prince Frederick, MD 20078 Website not yet identified. Benefit for End Hunger in Calvert County

#### September cont.

Sunday, September 8, 2013

36th Takoma Park Folk Festival \*

Takoma Park Middle School Takoma Park, MD 20910 www.tpff.org or 301-589-0202

Saturday, September 21, 2013

20th Annual BlueBird Blues Festival

Prince Georges Community College 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774 www.pgcc.edu

Free!

Free!

#### **October**

Sunday, October 6, 2013

32nd Annual Takoma Park Street Festival \*

Takoma Park, MD 20912 www.takomaparkfestival.com or 240-535-0187

Free!

Other Summer/Outdoor Shows Of Note (and tickets are on sale now):

Frampton's Guitar Circus featuring Peter Frampton and B.B. King, w/ Sonny Landreth

Thursday, August 8, 2013 Pier Six Pavilion, Baltimore, MD and Sunday, August 11, 2013 Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182

George Thorogood and Buddy Guy

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 Pier Six Pavilion, Baltimore, MD



# CD Review: Scott Ramminger Advice from a Father to a Son

By Ron Weinstock

Washington, DC area saxophonist and vocalist Scott Ramminger impressed us with his debut CD Crawstickers (2011). It was full of good songs, strong bands, and Ramminger's strong saxophone playing and vocals. He has followed this up with a new recording, Advice from a father to a son (Arbor Lane), that builds on the strengths of the earlier recording to produce a collection of performances that will satisfy both dancers and listeners. The album was recorded both in New Orleans (the first seven tracks) and the Washington, DC area (last three). The New Orleans tracks have Ramminger's tenor and baritone saxophones joined by David Torkanowsky on keyboards, Shane Theriot on guitar, George Porter Jr. on bass, and Johnny Vidacovich on drums, The Washington, DC tracks include Tommy Lepson on organ, Dave Chappell on guitar, Jay Turner on bass, and Barry Hart on drums. Nashville's McCrary Sisters as well as DC's Patty Reese are amongst those adding background vocals, making for a strong cast of those supporting Ramminger on this.

Scott Ramminger

Advice from a father to a son

Ramminger is a triple threat. He is a vocalist who brings warmth, depth of feeling, and humor; an able saxophonist who plays solidly in the vein of a Lee Allen or Red Tyler; and a songwriter whose ability to craft songs together is quite notable. Without going through a detailed analysis of every track, a few highlights of the varied songs heard here include: the opening "I Really Love Your Smile," a song dealing with his wife's many qualities (the clothes she wears, her derriere, fine sense of style, and he really loves her smile) with rollicking New Orleans piano from David Torkanowsky; and a duet with Regina McCrary, "The Other Man's Shoes," with a message that folks should look beyond their own narrow views and try to see things from the view of the other man, with some striking guitar as well as a nicely shaped and clean-toned solo from Ramminger.

The title song, "Advice from a Father to a Son," cautions that one be careful of a man in white shoes when buying a car; be generous to people who have less; eat more salad than you need; check your oil when buying gas; if you go to an old girlfriend's wedding, try not to act like an ass; don't forget to call your mother, her love is second to none; and enjoy everyday like it might be your last. The song is set to a lively second-line groove with a nice trumpet solo from Vince McCool. The closing song, "Sometimes You Race the Devil," has a nice reggae groove and solid playing by the DC area studio group. This song recently took the Gold Award (the top honor) in the vocal blues/jazz category of the 2012 Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest.

The remaining performances stand out in a similar fashion. About Ramminger's earlier album, *Crawstickers*, I observed that it was seriously entertaining with plenty of substance in the performances. *With Advice from a father to a son*, he has produced another excellent rich musical gumbo that is certain to delight a wide audience.

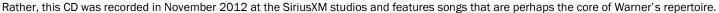
Editor's note: Both CD reviews on this page were written by DCBS member Ron Weinstock and posted to his blog, In a Blue Mood, which can be accessed at <a href="http://inabluemood.blogspot.com/">http://inabluemood.blogspot.com/</a>. CBM cover photo of Ramminger was taken by Ron at the 3/29/13 CD Release party at JV's.

# CD Review: Warner Williams & Jay Summerour, with Eric Selby The Best of Little Bit A Blues, Live at B.B. King's Bluesville

By Ron Weinstock

Guitarist Warner Williams and harmonica player Jay Summerour have been playing the Washington, DC area as Little Bit A Blues for about two decades. Warner is a Piedmont blues treasure, although his guitar style and repertoire shows more than a little country influence, particularly the picking style of Merle Travis and a fairly diverse repertoire. In 2011 he was honored by the National Endowment of the Arts as a National Heritage Fellow. Warner does not travel outside of DC very often (he will not fly), which probably accounts for him not being familiar to many.

The cover of Little Bit A Blues' new CD on Soul Stew records is *Live at B.B. King's Bluesville*. This is the duo's fourth album, joined by Eric Selby's deft drums and percussion. Earlier albums include two on the Patuxent label, and one on Smithsonian Folkways from a variety of live performances. The cover of this CD labels it *The Best of Little Bit A Blues*, which is odd insofar as this is not a compilation of their best recordings.



Starting with Blind Boy Fuller's "Step It Up and Go," through the closing instrumental "Little Bit A Blues Theme," Warner takes us through a pretty diverse repertoire, including some humorous country honky tonk, "Hey Bartender, There's a Big Bug in My Beer," a ramped-up rendition of Lightnin' Slim's swamp blues "Greyhound Blues," and fine renditions of blues standards like "Key to the Highway," "Going Down Slow," "I Feel So Good," and "Good Mornin' Little School Girl." Despite the familiarity of the material, Warner puts his own stamp on this with his deft guitar playing that incorporates some jazz and country boogie to complement his heartfelt singing, while Summerour complements him so well and Selby adds rhythmic embellishments with a light touch.

It is so nice to have the new Little Bit A Blues recording *Live at B.B. King's Bluesville*, to spotlight Warner Williams' distinctive blues. His repertoire goes beyond what one might, and he is such a delight to see perform. Warner, Jay, and Eric celebrated the release of this CD at Blues Alley on March 27, with guest Eleanor Ellis. Warner will also be performing at this year's Pennsylvania Blues Festival at the Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA, on Sunday, July 28. *CBM cover photo of Warner was taken by Ron Weinstock at the 3/27/13 Blues Alley performance.* 



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April			April cont.			
1	Otic Taylor @ Pluce Allow Brad Colo @ IVe: Carolina Chocolato			Ana Popovic @ Golden Bull; Moonshine Society @ Golden Bull		
3			(Downstairs-After Show); Nighthawks @ Westminster Presbyterian			
4	Automatic Slim @ Bare Bones; DelRay @ Gina DeSimone's		Bad I	nfluence @ Carlyle Club		
F	Billy Thompson @ Old Brogue; Over the Limit @ Zoo Bar; Skyla		Stacy	Brooks @ Old Town Theater; Dave Chappell @ JV's		
5	Burrell @ Madam's Organ; Ruben Montoya @ B&C Bistro  Billy Thompson @ Chef Mac's; Grant Dermody & Rich DelGrosso @ Glassie/Littell House; Fast Eddie & Slowpokes @ Moe's Peyton Place; Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar; James Armstrong @		Maxw West	Kane w/ Junior Brown @ Birchmere; Still Standing w/ Tom yell & Mike Westcott @ Londontowne Pub; J.P. Reali @ over Market; Crawdaddies @ Gathering Food Truck Concert- enry Row (Baltimore); Daryl Davis @ Strathmore		
6	Madam's Organ; CrawStickers @ Kilroy's; Nighthawks @ Bel Air Moose Lodge; Built 4 Comfort @ Frederick Hard Times; Auto- matic Slim @ Bertha's on Broadway; Mary Shaver @ Mick's New American	27	Steve James @ Archie's Barbershop; Built 4 Comfort @ Blue Sky; Bad Influence @ Gaithersburg Dogfish Head; Moonshine Society @ Dogwood Tavern; Karl Stoll & Danger Zone @ JV's; Wolf's Blues Jam @ Country Store; Bobby Parker @ Madam's Organ			
	DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; Soul Serenaders @ Golden Bull; Linwood Taylor @ JV's;		Steve James' Guitar Workshop @ Archie's Barbershop; Joy Bodycomb @ JV's; Memphis Gold All Star Jam @ JV's			
8	B.T. Richards @ Madam's Organ		Danny Blew & Blues Crew @ Westminster Presbyterian			
	Queen Aisha @ Westminster Presbyterian		Alpha	Alpha Dog @ JV's		
	Patty Reese & Dave Chappell @ JV's		Early May			
11	Billy Thompson Duo @ Cowboy Cafe; Skyla Burrell @ Cat's Eye Pub; Dan Hovey @ JV's; Biscuit Miller @ Madam's Organ		Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ; Automatic Slim @ Bare Bone			
	Memphis Gold & Bob Israel @ Strathmore; Skyla Burrell @ Pickled Herring; Bad Influence @ Maggie's; Patty Reese @ Music Cafe; Ruben Montoya @ Acre 121; Charles Bradley @ Rams Head On Stage; Gina DeSimone & Moaners @ New Deal Café; Warner Williams & Jay Summerour @ Hershey's		Over t	er the Limit @ Zoo Bar		
12			Joy Bodycomb @ Ice House; Automatic Slim @ Bertha's on Broadway; Patty Reese @ Kramer Books; Moonshine Society @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar; Cathy Pon- ton King Band, The Grandson @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz			
13	Joy Bodycomb @ Blair's Londontown; Built 4 Comfort @ Branded 72; Chris Polk @ Madam's Organ; Cooking w/ Gas @ New Deal Cafe	5 DCBS Taylor		S Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; Linwood or @ JV's; Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ		
	Jimmie Vaughan @ Rams Head On Stage; David Cole & Main Street Blues @ Westminster Presbyterian; Patty Reese @ 49 West		Lou J	Lou Jerome @ Westminster Presbyterian		
15			Regular Blues Events.			
16	Robert Cray @ Rams Head On Stage; Steve Jacobs @ JV's			DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion (1st Sunday); Axe Handlers Blues Jam (Paul Jones/Zach		
17	Lloyd Jones @ Archie's Barbershop		day	Sweeney) @ Sully's; Skyla Burrell Jam @ Benny's Pub		
18	John Hammond @ Black Rock (Free Guitar Workshop at 5:30 pm -just prior to 7:30 pm performance)			(every other Sunday); NRBK Open Mic @ Old Fire Station No. 3 (Fairfax)		
	Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue w/ Tommy Castro & Pain- killers, Deanna Bogart, Magic Dick, Ronnie Baker Brooks @	Mon	day	Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church; Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's		
19	State Theatre ( <b>DCBS Ticket Giveaway</b> ); Billy Thompson @ Hershey's; Stacy Brooks @ Ruddy Duck; Skyla Burrell @ Johannsons; Nothing But Trouble @ Cat's Eye; Patty Reese (acoustic) @ Cellar Deer Bestaurant: Mary Shayor & Smokin' Polesta @ Joe House:	Tuesday		CrawStickers w/ Jenny Poppen @ 219 Basin St. Lounge; Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ; Open Mic @ Woodstock Inn (Woodstock, MD)		
	Door Restaurant; Mary Shaver & Smokin' Polecats @ Ice House; Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft; Andy Poxon @ Stein Room; Jr. Cline @ Recliners @ JV's; Lex Gray @ Madam's Organ; Brian Gross @ Clare & Don's	Wednes- day		Wolf's Blues Jam @ Blair's Londontowne Pub; Scott Wells Jam @ Pickled Herring Pub (all but 1st Wednesday) (North East, MD); Classic Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Ian Walters @ Looking Glass; Johnny Grave @ Madam's		
20	Janiva Magness @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club; Hot Rods & Old Gas/Over the Limit @ Bare Bones; JJ Grey & Mofro @ 9:30 Club; Nothing But Trouble @ Cat's Eye; Crawdaddies @ Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival; Mary Shaver @ Music Cafe;	Thur	sday	Organ  Patrick Alban & Noche Latina @ Madam's Organ; Big Boy Little Band Blues Jam @ Zoo Bar; Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo; Open Mic @ El Gavilan (new)		
	Ruben Montoya @ Bayou; Moonshine Society @ Zoo Bar; Baltimore Blues Society presents Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue (sold out) @ Rosedale American Legion; Brian Gross @ Sala	Fric	lay	Glen Moomau & Blue Flames @ Bertha's; Over the Limit @ Zoo Bar (1st Friday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Café		
	Thai, Bethesda; Rick Franklin & Delta Blues Boys @ Cassatt's  Gary Nicholson @ JVs; Mick Hargreaves @ JV's; Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ; Nighthawks @ Kensington's Day of Book, Howard Ave.		rday	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop; Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar (1st Saturday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe		
			See p. 8 for More Info on the Blues Calendar			

# **Eric Bibb & Habib Koite Play to Sold-Out Crowd**

On Friday, March 8, African bluesman Eric Bibb and Malian singer-guitarist Habib Koite entertained a crowd at Artisphere in Arlington, VA. Bibb was the recipient of the 2012 Blues Music Award for Acoustic Artist of the Year, and Koite is a leading figure in Afropop. DCBS was pleased that it could help Artisphere promote this show and that it could offer DCBS members a discount ticket price. DCBS also had two volunteers, Cassandra and David Behler, onsite at Artisphere the evening of the performance, staffing a DCBS information table. Cassandra's review of that experience follows:

The concert at the Artisphere on March 8 was excellent. Habib Koite and Eric Bibb were technically brilliant on acoustic guitars and vocals, accompanied by a percussionist who sometimes sang harmony. The performers clearly enjoyed themselves – Habib couldn't contain himself near the end, and he kept jumping up and dancing! The crowd was very enthusiastic and the venue was superb – a great size for the concert. It seemed intimate even though there were hundreds of people there. It was sold out – a GREAT sign for us blues lovers. Hopefully, there will be many more blues acts there, given how popular this concert was.

Artisphere's Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre staff couldn't have been nicer or more accommodating to us – they were terrific. We set out our table across from the bar and handed out all of the newsletters and a lot of brochures. Most people were very receptive, and there were a handful of folks who were already DCBS members. We could have used a DCBS sign, but in some ways the confusion helped. People thought we were handing out a concert program, so many came over to us. After we ran out of the newsletters, we continued handing out brochures and directed people to the website for event information.

Thanks so much for giving David and me the opportunity to support DCBS and enjoy a magical night of music.

Yours in the blues, Cassandra Behler

Editor's note: If you'd like to listen to the music of Eric Bibb and Habib Koite, check out their 2012 CD, *Brothers in Bamako*, which was released on the Stony Plain label and is available through iTunes, Amazon.com, and other online sources. For more information about events at Artisphere, visit <a href="https://www.artisphere.com">www.artisphere.com</a>. To become a DCBS volunteer, write to <a href="https://www.artisphere.com">volunteer@dcblues.org</a>.

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The DC Blues Society is pleased to announce that a new monthly acoustic blues jam will be held at the prestigious Mansion on O Street. DCBS member Will Williamson has been selected to host this new event. (This new jam is in addition to the ongoing 1st Sunday Blues Jam at the Silver Spring American Legion).

The free DCBS Acoustic Blues Jam starts on Sunday, April 22, and will be held on the 4th Sunday of every month from 11am-2pm, during the delectable Mansion on 0 Street Sunday Brunch.

The Mansion on O Street/O Street Museum 2020 O Street, NW — between 20th & 21st Streets Washington, DC 20036

Directions - take Metro to Dupont Circle (Red line)

As noted, admission to the Jam is free; however, the venue requests that attendees consider making a donation to O Street Museum, either online or at the event. Donations can be items you own and don't want anymore (e.g., books, clothes, furniture, instruments, etc.) or money - \$5, \$10, whatever you want. Every donation goes to support the O Street Museum's artist-in-residence program. Visit the website <a href="http://www.omuseum.org/jammin">http://www.omuseum.org/jammin</a> for more information. If you are signing up for the jam and do not wish to donate money, choose "other" when signing up online and a zero balance should appear.

DC Blues Society members can get a discount for all The Mansion at 0 Street Sunday food events: the 1/2 price discount means that the \$30 breakfast is available for \$15 (10 am-1 pm); the \$65 champagne brunch is available for \$32.50 (noon-2 pm); and the \$30 Sunday lunch is available for \$15 (noon-2 pm). Advance online reservations are required. DCBS members should enter "Blues" in the comment section.

You do not have to be a brunch customer to attend/participate in the jam. Everyone is welcome to jam! Just make an online reservation so The Mansion at O St. knows how many people to expect.

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