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Barbara Lynn has not lost her good thing four decades since her big hit. Seen at New Orleans' Rock'n'Bowl during the Ponderosa Stomp Photo © Ron Weinstock

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More images from the second evening of the Third Annual Ponderosa Stomp, two evenings of wild blues, rhythm'n'blues, swamp pop, rockabilly and other roots music held at the Rock'n'Bowl at Mid-City Lanes in New Orleans. Top of this page is the legendary Eddie Bo. Middle is Long John Hunter with Classie Ballou looking on. The Bottom is Lil Bob singing with Guitar Gable Jr. on guitar. Lil Bob & the Lollipops had the original *I Got Loaded*, that some will be familiar with the remake by Los Lobos used in the movie **Bull Durham**. Photos © Ron Weinstock

#### **June Blues Dates**

**1** Billy Hancock & the Fat Boys @ JVs Melanie Mason Band @ Blues Alley

2 The Shambells @ JVs

**3** Eric King & the Thin Kine @ JVs

4 Western Maryland Blues Festival,

Hagerstown, MD

Bonnie Raitt @ Wolf Trap Mary Shaver Band @ Lasick's

BluesWorks @ Hyattsville Summer Jam

**5** Western Maryland Blues Festival, Hagerstown, MD

Tinner Hill Festival w. Jackson Brothers and more in City of Falls Church. Baltimore Blues Society presents Anson Funderburgh & the Rockets, Jesse Yawn @ Rosedale American Legion

Holmes Brothers @ lota

Washington Folk Festival w. Blues-Works and others at Glen Echo

Curbfeelers @ Jay's Saloon Bonnie Raitt @ Wolf Trap Cathy Ponton King @ Penny Lane Nighthawks @ Ram's Head Melanie Mason Band @ Bangkok Blues Billy Hancock & the Fat Boys

**6 Western Maryland Blues Festival**, Hagerstown, MD

**Back Stage Blues Festival** @ Red Eyes Dock Bar

**DCBS Jam** @ Taliano's

Ray Kaminsky , Jack Fretwell @ Frederick Festival of the Arts

Louisiana Swamp Romp @ Wolf Trap

**7** Joe Stanley Band @ JVs

**10** Kenny Haddaway @ Austin Grill

**11** Melanie Mason @ Austin Grill Catfish Hodge @ JVs

Henry Chung Blues Band @ Cafe Europa Johnny Lang @ Wolf Trap

Mary Shaver w/Smokin' Polecats @ Zoo Bar Ray Kaminsky @ Fine Wine.com

**12** 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bay Music Festival @ Queen Anne's 4-H Park

Cathy Ponton King @ Bentz St. Raw Bar 13 Robert Cray, Keb Mo, Blind Boys Of Alabama @ Wolf Trap

**14** Jamie Lynch Band @ JVs

**15** Billy Hancock & the Fat Boys @ JVs

**18** Lost Highway Band @ JVs

Henry Chung Blues Band @ Cafe Europa Mary Shaver Band @ Summit Station

**BluesWorks, Robert Lighthouse, others** @ YMCA Building Bridges Campaign benefit, Holiday Inn Silver Spring

**19** Baltimore Blues Festival @ Mary-



land State Fairgrounds Kenny Haddaway @ Farmer's Market, Easton, MD (10 AM) Kenny Haddaway @ C-Street

**20** Baltimore Blues Festival @ Maryland State Fairgrounds

**21** Joe Stanley Band @ JVs

**23** WAMA Roy Buchanan Tribute Concert @ Strathmore

**24** Kenny Haddaway @ Whitlow's

**25** Kenny Haddaway @ USDA Building

**26** National Capital Barbecue Battle @ Pennsylvania Ave NW, between 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> St.

Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents Grant Dermody & Lightnin' Wells @ the home of Jeff Glassie (call 301-320-7865 for details)

Cathy Ponton King @ Summit Station

**27** National Capital Barbecue Battle @ Pennsylvania Ave NW, between 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> St.

**28** Jamie Lynch Band @ JVs

**29** Billy Hancock & the Fat Boys @ JVs

#### **Weekly Events**

**Sun** Detroit Slim @ Full Moon Kenny Haddaway (open mike) @ Whitlow's

Steve Kraemer@ Cat's Eye Dave Elliott's Redneck Jazz @ JVs Jim Bennett & Lady Mary w. Unique Creation Band @ Lamont's Jam @ Lasick's (except 1st Sunday) Jesse Yawn @ Club Paradiso Acoustic Jam @ King of France Tavern Automatic Slim Jam @ Wahoo's Pro Blues Jam @ Sully's

**Mon** Blues Jam @ Taliano's Blues jam @ Chick Hall's Surf Club

**Tue** Jam @ Full Moon Blue Lou Jam @ Bangkok Blues Ben Andrews @Madam's Organ Resonators @ Grog & Tankard

**Wed** Various @ Full Moon Diane Postell @ Tom's Sports Tavern Jam @ Coconuts Big Dog Band @ Cat's Eye Persuaders @ Main Street Blues Steve Smith Band @ Round Table

**Thu** Jam @ Backstreets Cafe Jam @ 94th Aero Squadron Jam @ Zoo Bar Grandsons (except 3rd Thursday) Blues Museum @ The Saloun

**Fri** Blue Flames @ Bertha's, Hardway Connection @ Tradewinds

**Sat** Jam @ Archie's Barbershop Various @ Full Moon Clarence Turner @ Ledbetter's

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# Next Month in the D.C. Blues Calendar

We will have information on this year's D.C. Blues Festival as well as a preview for the Herndon Blues Festival. Also the usual reviews and features.

Contributions welcome including those from performers who would like to let us know a bit about you. Send an email to your editor, rbluesw@yahoo.com. Thanks

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# **Hound Dog Taylor**

Release the Hound, Alligator's new collection of mostly live recordings by the late Hound Dog Taylor is anything but scraping the bottom of the barrel. Theodore Roosevelt Taylor was a slide guitarist indebted to the music of Elmore James. With his Houserockers of guitarist Brewer Phillips and drummer Ted Harvey played with an infectious enthusiasm. When Bruce Iglauer came across them at Florence's, a neighborhood Chicago club, he started Alligator Records to issue an album by them. Hound Dog Taylor's driving broomdusting slide leads were complemented by Phillips guitar runs and Harvey's solid shuffle playing that resulted in music sure to bring a grin almost as broad as Taylor's when he was playing. On this new CD of houserocking music, there are three studio recordings here along with tracks from live performances at Harvard, Cleveland's Smiling Dog Saloon, a Northwestern University Broadcast and a Sydney, Australia performance. Songs include Elmore James' classics, Wild About You, and It Hurts Me Too, hot instrumentals like Freddie King's Sen-Sa-Shun, Taylor's Walking the Ceiling and Phillips' Phillips Screwdriver, and insistent originals like She's Gone and Sadie. Iglauer credits engineer Dan Stout with restoring the rough original tapes so they were suitable for release. Its pretty impossible to sit still listening to Hound Dog's houserocking boogie, and if you are not familiar with him, this will lead you to pick up his earlier Alligator releases.

# **Henry Butler**

In the world of blues and roots piano, few artists can be called astonishing. Henry Butler is one who can be. He has a rather distinguished career that has included an excellent modern jazz piano disc for Atlantic, a blues album on Black Top, a collaboration with Corey Harris that took the popular piano-guitar duets of the pre-World War II era and updated it for the new millennium. His

last album had unusual covers including The Doors' Riders of the Storm, along with originals showing how he could take a wide range of song and make the songs his own. His most recent album continues his explorations in the worlds of blues and funk which has led him to be regarded as perhaps the finest pianist in New Orleans today, a city with a long legacy of keyboard masters.

His latest Basin Street Records album, **Homeland**, has him displaying his New Orleans roots as well as handling blues, funk and ballads. On this, Butler is sympathetically accompanied by guitarist Vasti Jackson, bassist, Nick Daniels III, and drummer, Raymond Weber, The New Orleans roots are evident from the opening *Jump to the Music*, and ebullient

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jump blues-styled number to the closing tribute to Professor Longhair, Ode to Fess, where he evokes Tipitina in the accompaniment to the affectionate lyric about how he had been loving Longhair's music "since being a baby boy." Henry's Boogie itself is not a standard boogie woogie but works off the second-line type of groove that Longhair had introduced to the music. The Way We Loved and the classic Jerry Butler classic, I Stand Accused, showcase Butler's skills as a ballad singer while the funk groove of Homeland accompanies its lyric that security is everyone's business while the slow topical blues. Casino, (with nice slide from Vasti Jackson) has Butler singing about the casino in the cotton field and whether its vision is real and contrasting the glitter of the place and the lack of luck among those left behind. In a lighter mood is the jaunty Hey Little Girl and Some Iko, Butler's revamping of Iko Iko, has some astonishing piano. Yet playing with all of his technique, one never gets a sense that Butler is playing to showcase technique. Henry Butler is among the most gifted keyboard players of today and Homeland provides us with strong blues and funk performances that provide convincing evidence of his many musical gifts.

# **Tribute to James Booker**

Butler is among the pianists (of which Marcia Ball will be the most familiar) who contribute to **Patchwork: A Tribute to James Booker** on STR Digital Records. Butler, Ball, and fellow pianists Larry Siebeth (with vocalist Leigh Harris), Josh Paxton, Tom McDermott, Sanford Hinderlie and Joe Krown, contribute to this recording, the proceeds of which benefit the New Orleans Musicians Clinic. Booker, with all of his personal troubles was a compelling idiosyncratic pianist who would toss in his own manic vocals to classic blues and soul numbers along with a classical minuet in his performances. In addition to those

heard here, his music influenced Dr. John and Harry Connick, Jr. Several Booker inspired originals are presented along with inspired renditions of some of Booker's repertoire. Pianist Paxton is stunning on his instrumental treatment of Booker's *Papa Was a Rascal*, a recasting of W.C. Handy's *St. Louis Blues*, as is Tom McDermott on Melvin Lastie's *Keep on Gwine*, another staple of Booker's repertoire. Ball's rendition of *If You Are Lonely* comes across as a bit more conventional compared to the other pianists here, although she suggests Booker's style on *Classified*. Vocalist Leigh Harris exaggerates her vocals a bit on her three numbers (including *Please Send Me Someone to Love*)







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to evoke Booker's sometimes bizarre singing with Siebeth adding solid backing. The level of the performances here is exceptional and anyone into piano blues should make an effort to pick this up. A mail order source for this would be the Louisiana Music Factory, www.louisianamusicfactory.com.

#### **Jody Williams**

Chicago guitarist Jody Williams was warmly welcomed back to performing a few years back with the critical reception his Handy-Award winning **Return of a Legend** received. Evidence has just issued the follow-up, You Left Me in the Dark, which brings us 14 new blues and shuffles that are traditionally rooted. As a special bonus, Williams' mentor Robert Lockwood, Jr. and Lonnie Brooks each join Williams for two tracks, sharing the vocals as well as trading solos. After the title track with a slight latin tinge and a lyric where Jody wonders if his women in bed last night

called him Fred, Lockwood joins Williams for *I Can't Get You Off My Mind*, with the two trading solos in their distinct styles along with verses. Brooks joins on the hoodoo blues, *She's Got a Spell* on Me, and its great to hear him playing without hearing the sometimes rock edges to his own music. The other duets between Williams and Lockwood and Brooks are equally entertaining. Credit must go to producer Dick Shurman for the handsome production and putting together the studio group that includes drummer Willie Hayes and guitarists Billy Flynn and Chris James. With a little assistance from friends Lockwood and Brooks, but most definitely through his own distinctive and

crisp guitar playing and unforced vocals, Williams continues his return to the blues world with this sparkling effort. This is most definitely recommended.

#### **Ike Turner**

While down at JazzFest, I ran into Aaron Fuchs who operates Tuff City family of labels which includes Night Train and Funky Delicacies, labels that have reissued vintage blues, rhythm and blues, and funk. Asking him what recent releases he felt were

noteworthy, he mentioned a series, the lke Turner Diaries, that he was releasing. Three volumes are projected including **His Woman, Her Man**, which presents 17 previously unreleased tracks that feature lke with Tina. These sides date from 1970-1973 and represent the time when lke & Tina were beginning to cross over to the pop market and in addition to original funky numbers, there is an early version of *Proud Mary*, that is considerably slower than the more familiar "We like it rough" version, that gives you an idea how some of there performances originated. Other unusual songs include Alice Coo-

per's Only We Women Bleed, a terrific slow rendition of I Got My Mojo Working as well as Money from their Blue Thumb sessions. He Makes Me Holler, has a strong Tina vocal as does Baby Get It On, that Ike originally wrote for the Rolling Stones who however only recorded remakes of R&B hits. On some of these sides Ike used a funk box and a ARP synthesizer which was not common at the time. While these supplement the classic issued recordings of Ike & Tina from that time, there are some really strongly performed numbers with rough edges, but after all that's how they liked it. Rough.





More images from New Orleans. Clockwise from top left. King Karl (PS); Zydeco artist CurleyTaylor; Irving Bannister (PS); Rudy Ray Moore aka Dolemite (PS); Jumping Johnny Sansone; Allen Toussaint. (PS) -Ponderosa Stomp, others from JazzFest. Photos © Ron Weinstock

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# **Leukemia Society Benefit Remembers Lovie Lee**

Sunday June 20 at Chick's Surf Club, there will be a celebration of the late Lovie Lee, Lovey Lee, a singer and mover and shaker in the 1980's DC blues scene, passed in late 2003. In addition to leading various well-remembered bands, his home was known as a blues hotel with artists as Jerry Portnoy, Guitar Junior, Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Duke Robillard and Ronnie Earl staying there. As tribute to Lee, area musicians are gathering to raise funds to be donated to the Leukemia Society in memory of Lee. Among the performers are the Nighthawks, the Shambells, the Nightcrawlers featuring Mary Shaver, and Flatfoot Sam & the Educated Fools. Jerry Portnoy of Eric Clapton's Band will appear and also Eric 'Shoutin' Sheridan is flying in from Chicago to reunite with the Uptown Rhythm Kings for the first time in many years. For more information about Lovey Lee or the benefit at Chick's Surf Hall on Sunday June 20, contact Dave Goodfriend at 202-776-9451 (O), 703-244-3722 (H) or email at dgoodfrd@ap.org.

#### **Blues House Party**

There's a house concert by Grant Dermody and Lightnin' Wells under the auspices of The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). It takes place Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 8:00 PM at the home of Jeff Glassie and Julie Littell, 6622 Broad Street, Brookmont (Bethesda), MD 20816. Cost is \$10.00 donation for FSGW and DC Blues Society members. Lightnin Wells is a marvelous interpreter of traditional acoustic blues while Dermody is reputed to be a harp whiz. The Glassie/Littell home is in Brookmont, just off MacArthur Blvd. between the Palisades and Glen Echo. For info contact the Glassie/Littells at 301-320-7865.





Images from the 2004 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. From the top Kenny Neal; Lil Buck Senegal; Odetta; Mardi Gras Indian Photos © Ron Weinstock

## **Blues Festivals**

Summer brings a bevy of festivals, and there are far too many to list them all. A recent Blues Revue listed about 300. Here are some significant ones.

The **Western Maryland Blues Festival** takes place June 4 to June 6 in Hagerstown. Performers include Tom Principato, Robben Ford, Mary Ann Redmond, Indigenous, E.C. Scott, Mighty Sam McClain, the legendary Jay McShann, Wallace Coleman, Duke Robillard and more. Jay MacShann's rare East Coast appearance makes this a must see. See their ad for more info.

The annual **Gator Day Blues Festival also** takes place on Saturday June 5 at Lamont's in PoMonkey, MD with a line-up that includes The Hardway Connection, Bobby Parker, Artie 'Blues

Boy'White and Little Milton.

The free **Tinner Hill Festival** takes place at Tinner Hill in the City of Falls Church VA. This festival honors the first rural NAACP chapter in Virginia which is significant in the year of the 50th Anniversary of **Brown vs. Board Of Education**. Performers include the Jackson Brothers, John Jackson's three sons who will perform in honor to their late dad, Danny Blew & the Blues Crew, and the United Gospel Singers. For info check out www.tinnerhill.org, email info@tinnerhill.org or call (703) 241-4109.

The *Back Stage Blues Festival* is Sunday June 6 @ Red Eyes Dock Bar in Annapolis. Shemekia Copeland headlines a day of performers that include Linwood Taylor.

The Billtown Blues Festival is Sunday,

June 13 in Hughesville PA. Performers include Howlin' For Hubert, an all-star band that includes Hubert Sumlin, Jimmy Vivino, Levon Helm and David Johansen; Tab Benoit; Otis Taylor, Teeny Tucker, Ann Rabson and others. See their ad on page 11;

The **Chicago Blues Festival** is June 10-13 and-celebrates Lonnie Brooks 70th Birthday. His sons, Ronnie Baker Brooks and Wayne Baker Brooks, C.J. Chenier (whose dad Clifton was Lonnie's first professional boss) and Luther 'Guitar Jr.' Johnson join this celebration. Others scheduled include Otis Clay and the Fat Possum Caravan.

Wolf Trap's Jazz and Blues Festival is June 10-13. There is a matinee concert on the 13th with Keb' Mo, Robert Cray and the Blind Boys of Alabama. The Louisiana Swamp Romp is June 6 with The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, John Mooney and The Iguanas.

The 12th Annual National Capital Barbecue Battle is downtown Pennsylvania Avenue on June 26 and 27. This annual food and music festival is the biggest annual fundraising event for the Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Clubs.

This year's lineup includes local blues talent, like Melanie Mason and Robert Byrd, and many nationally known blues greats. Sunday afternoon, June 27, the Red Hot & Blues Stage lineup will be hosted by Bill Wax of XM Radio, and simulcast on XM's Bluesville Show. This year's lineup includes Carey Bell, with Bob Margolin and Big Joe Maher, EG Kight, Larry Garner, Big

Bill Morganfield, and The Nighthawks. And there will be plenty of other music. For more information about the event, call the BBQ Battle hotline at (301) 860-0630 or www.bbqusa.us.

The **BBQ Battle** has been a great supporter of the Society as well and we have had a table near the Blues Stage the past few years. The Society is also looking for some volunteers to staff our table where we carry

Society merchandise as well as help artists sell there products and also help the BBQ Battle staff itself. Those interested in volunteering assist the Society, please email your editor (rbluesw@yahoo.com) or call the hotline. If you can spend a few hours on either Saturday and/or Sunday, we would love to share the time with you.

**The Baltimore Blues Festival** takes place on June 19 and the 20th at the Timonium State Fairgrounds. Acts include Levon Helm (featuring Little Sammy Davis), The Iguanas, T-Model Ford & Spam, John Mooney, Skeeter Brandon, Kelly Bell Band, and others. For information check out www.mdblues.com or call 800-830-3976

**Common Ground on the Hill Workshops** take place at McDaniel College in Westminster MD. The first week of multi-cultural courses is June 27-July 2 and instructors include Sparky & Rhonda Rucker. The second

week of programs is July 4-9 and among the programs is The Blues In Song, Guitar, Piano, Harmonica and instructors include, Etta Baker, Lea Gilmore, Sparky & Rhonda Rucker, Walter Liniger, Scott Ainslie, Mike Baytop, and Blues Works: Paul Watson, Judy Luis-Watson. There are countless other workshops and courses. The annual American Music & Arts Festival takes place July 10 and 11 at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, Maryland Its a festival celebrating the "common ground" found in the traditional arts and performers include Tom Chapin, Arlo Guthrie, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Walt Michael &Co., Etta Baker & Walter Liniger, Lea Gilmore, Zan McLeod, Scott Ainslie and much more. Info: www. commongroundonthehill.com.

The **Herndon Blues Festival** takes place at Frying Pan Park on Saturday July 24 and the lineup includes Frank Fotusky; the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation; Neil Harpe & Rick Franklin; Gaye Adegbalola; Reverend Robert B. Jones; Daryl Davis and Paul Rishell & Annie Raines. This free event is one of the few acoustic blues festivals held. We will have more information on this event in the July newsletter.

The **Pocono Blues Festival**, arguably the best blues festival in the Eastern United States, is Friday July 23 to Sunday July 25. Performers include Wallace Coleman, Byther Smith, Eddie C Campbell, Mighty Mo Rogers, Bobby Rush, Chick Willis, Bobby Blue Bland, The Campbell Brothers, D.C.'s own Memphis Gold with Charlie Sayles, Roy Gaines, Mavis Staples, Magic Slim & the Teardrops, Blind Boys of Alabama, and much more. For information check out, www.jfbb.com.

**Hot August Blues** is scheduled on August 24, 2004 in Cockeysville MD. The lineup will include Taj Mahal, W.C. Clark, Chubby Carrier, Sonny Landreth and Choo Choo

Charlie Williams will open.

The **D.C. Blues Festival** will be Saturday September 4, Labor Day weekend at the Carter Barron. A line-up is shaping up, which we will have more information next month.

The **Blues in the 'Burg** festival takes place, Saturday September 11 in Fredericksburg VA. The slate of performers include: Cephas and Wiggins, The WIYOS, Eric King and The Thin Line, Greg Piccolo, Bob Margolin's Allstar Revue with

special guests Ann Rabson, Mark Wenner, Pete Ragusa, and Mookie Brill, Ana Popovic, Deborah Coleman, Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Performers featuring Mike Baytop, Eleanor Ellis and N.J. Warren.

This is a far from exhaustive list and you may want to check the Blues Foundation's website, www.blues.org for links they may have to various festivals.





More pics from JazzFest. Top is former Howling Wolf pianist, the marvelous Henry Gray. Bottom is New Orleans' Blues Queen, Marva Wright. Photos © Ron Weinstock



# Sunday, June 13, 2004

Lycoming County Fairgrounds - Hughesville, PA

Noon to 10:00 pm - rain or shine - Gates open at 11:00 am

**Howlin' for Hubert** with Hubert Sumlin, Jimmy Vivino, David Johansen, Levon Helm, David Maxwell & Michael Merritt

Tab Benoit • Otis Taylor • Teeny Tucker
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Billtown Blues All-Stars
The Blind Chitlin Kahunas

Tickets: \$18 Advance, \$25 Gate

By Mail: BBA-Tickets, PO Box 2, Hughesville, PA 17737 (w/SASE by 6/1) Children under 16 free, accompanied by parent

Hotel/Ticket Packages available, 1-800-321-1388

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Festival Info: 570-584-4480 or visit our website

# www.billtownblues.org

# 2004 Handy winners announced

Here are the 2004 W.C. Handy Blues Awards as announced in Memphis in late April:

1. Blues Entertainer of the Year--B.B. King 2. Blues Band of the Year--Roomful of Blues 3. Blues Album of the Year--Blues Singer-Buddy Guy 4. Best New Artist Debut--Doctor Velvet-Nick Curran and the Nitelifes 5. Contemporary Blues Male Artist of the Year--Buddy Guy 6. Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year-- Marcia Ball 7. Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year--Solomon Burke. 8. Soul Blues Female Artist of the Year--Etta James, 9. Traditional Blues Male Artist of the Year-- Pinetop Perkins 10. Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year-- Koko Taylor 11. Acoustic Blues Artist of the Year--John Hammond 12. Blues Instrumentalist Guitar--Duke Robillard 13. Blues Instrumentalist Keyboards--Dr. John 14. Blues Instrumentalist Harmonica--Charlie Musselwhite 15. Blues Instrumentalist Bass--Willie Kent 16. Blues Instrumentalist Drums--Willie "Big Eyes" Smith 17. Blues Instrumentalist Horns--Roomful of Blues Horns 18. Blues Instrumentalist Other Fiddle--Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown 19. Soul Blues Album of the Year--Let's Roll - Etta James 20. Acoustic Blues Album of the Year--Blues Singer—Buddy Guy 21. Contemporary Blues Album of the Year--So Many Rivers – Marcia Ball 22. Comeback Blues Album of the Year--A Woman Like Me – Bettye LaVette 23. Traditional Blues Album of the Year--Which Way Is Texas? - Anson Funderburgh and the Rockets 24. Historical Blues Album of the Year--Muddy "Mississippi" Waters Live — Muddy Waters 25. Blues Song of the Year--Lookin' For Trouble!--Kim Wilson/ Amanda Taylor.

Back page photos clockwise from upper left-Gatemouth Brown; Walter Wolfman Washington; Willis Prudhomme and Mem Shannon. Photos © Ron Weinstock

# D.C. Blues Society Membership Application/Order Form

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The most important benefit is you help keep our ad rates up, the grant applications more appealing to the grantors and potential sponsors interest and support.

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Would you be interested in volunteering?

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