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Happy Holidays to You & Yours!

Tio Leo's January 11 - BLUSD "Sendoff Party" Has Surprise Turn of Events



Blues Lovers United of San Diego will hold their annual "Sendoff Party" for their solo/duo winner at Tio Leo's (Napa/Morena) on a special Sunday afternoon, January 11 from 1-5pm. This year's regional blues challenge solo/duo winners, Missy and Heine Andersen, were set to be the feature at the party and represent San Diego in late January at the International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis, TN. THEN, the amazing Missy got nominated for a very prestigious Blues Music Award for Best Female Soul Blues Artist of The Year! This nomination disqualified her for the IBC. A unique twist in events.

Now the amazing one-man-band, Ben Powell, who came in second place this year, will represent at IBC.



Powell won our regional challenge two years ago and gets another opportunity to go kick some booty in Memphis.

Our "Sendoff Party" will now feature Ben Powell as well as Missy and Heine Andersen plus special guests Nathan James, Mercedes Moore, Michele Lundeen, Scot Smart, Pete Fazzini, Bubba McCoy and Marcus Bashore!! There will also be a cool raffle and of course no-host food and drinks galore! There is a small cover for all this fun which helps BLUSD recoup the generous annual stipend given to the winners for their travel expenses. General admission is \$10, active BLUSD members \$7, kids 12-18 \$5, and kids under 12 get in free!

The International Blues Challenge (IBC) and the Blues Music Awards (BMA's) are presented by the Blues Foundation in Memphis, TN, who, among many other worthy things, are the umbrella organization for blues societies around the globe. BLUSD is a proud member. BLUSD sends a solo/duo winner every other year rotating with a band winner. Nathan James & Ben Hernandez won the 2007 IBC Solo/Duo in Memphis, which helped put San Diego on the worldwide blues map (and Nathan, who's career skyrocketed). In 2006 local faves Aunt Kizzy's Boyz placed 2nd in the overall band division at the IBC. Sugaray Rayford, lead singer of that band, now also has his own band, is signed with Delta Groove Records and fronting their Mannish Boys Band. Sugaray's band has also been nominated for a 2015 BMA in the Entertainer of The Year and he, as Best Traditional Male Artist of the Year!





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Deadlines for mid-monthly newsletter:

Articles/Events/Ads/Info should be submitted by the 5th to
michelelundeen@live.com in order to ensure inclusion.

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To preserve and promote awareness of the Blues, America's first musical art form. To entertain and educate the existing and growing audience and to be responsive to the music community's needs by presenting and supporting local and national Blues artists and culture.

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BLUSD TABLE GIGS

IBC SENDOFF PARTY

Sunday January 11 ~ 1-5pm
TIO LEO'S

Napa/Morena Blvd, San Diego



JammingOut THE HOUSE OF BLUES

Every Wednesday ~ 7pm

(See special Holiday Blackouts this issue)

1055 5th Ave. Downtown San Diego

BANDS & VENUES:

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or send gig details to info@BLUSD.org

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Blues Lovers United of San Diego is a 501(c)3 non profit, membership driven corporation affiliated with The Blues Foundation in Memphis, TN, an umbrella organization for Blues Societies worldwide.

Please Consider a BLUSD Board Position!

Help Support and Preserve the Blues as a BLUSD Board Member or Volunteer

more. You could help us plan events, see old and new friends, hear great music, help BLUSD and touring and local artists sell their merch, and more. ***We do need a 2015 Treasurer and a Webmaster plus few more board members would be helpful.***

Now's the time to reachout us if you'd like to be on our team! We love our BLUSD family and have plenty of room for more at the table! Contact us with ANY input President@BLUSD.org. ■

The BLUSD Board are volunteers dedicated to help promote the blues genre and it's facets in our community. We are looking for blues lovers and community minded folks that want to help preserve and support our San Diego blues here in America's Finest City! Your input is extremely valuable to BLUSD's efforts and we need you! Help us formulate plans for special events and our Blues In The Schools programs, etc. Maybe you have graphic skills, bookkeeping skills, grant-writing skills, organizational skills, web and/or marketing skills or simply are just passionate about the blues and want to help keep BLUSD a vital force. We would LOVE to have you in the family!!

The Board of course can't do it all. We love that volunteers show up during the year and give their time for the cause! Without volunteers it's hard to be as visible spreading the good word of the blues. This is vital as well!

We need help to man/woman our BLUSD tables at places like Gator By The Bay, the San Diego Blues Fest, Julian Blues Bash, Spring Harp Fest, BLUSD Membership parties, House of Blues JammingOut, Photocharity events and

Upcoming 2015 BLUSD Board Elections...



If you have a desire to be more active in supporting the blues in San Diego and have the time to do it, consider running for office on the BLUSD Board of Directors. Or, if you know someone you think would be a great fit and would like to nominate them, please do.

We are always looking for enthusiastic, dependable people with a passion for the blues who would like to be a part of what we do. Contact info@blusd.org. We can't do this without YOU!

Official Election Ballot – 2015 Board of Directors

Blues Lovers United of San Diego (BLUSD) - A California 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation

Composition of the Board: BLUSD is authorized to have 5 to 11 people on its board of directors. Directors are elected each January by the membership and serve one-year terms. No directors are compensated for their participation. Five officer positions are filled with board members as proposed by the executive committee.

The Nomination & Voting Process: Any current BLUSD member may be nominated to serve on the board of directors. They may nominate themselves, or they may be nominated by another member in good standing. Please vote for the nominees below or write in others. Please vote for 11 individuals. Officers will be nominated and elected at the annual meeting.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOTS! Ballots should be received by Jan 31, 2015. Mail to: BLUSD, P.O. Box 34077, San Diego, CA 92163, or via email to info@BLUSD.org

Nominated to serve one-year board terms are:

- ☐ Janine Harty, board member (President)
- ☐ Donna Mallen, board member (Secretary)
- ☐ Janet Blair, board member (BITS)
- ☐ Michele Lundeen, board member (Editor)
- ☐ RosaLea Schiavone, board member (Events)

- ☐ Write-in _____
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Ballot Count

Ballots will be counted at a special BLUSD General meeting open to the public. The election results will then be certified and elected board members will assume their 2015 terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

BIG JON'S HARMONICA BLUES BLAST

SATURDAY, JAN. 10, 2015

5:00 PM – 11:00 PM



KIM WILSON JAMES HARMAN AL BLAKE BOB CORRITORE



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TICKETS: \$20 - NO ENTRY UNDER 21
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92111
(858) 278-0800 EXT 299
www.proudmaryssd.com

Fasten your seatbelts Saturday, January 10 from 5-11pm for "Big Jon's Harmonica Blues Blast" at Proud Mary's

featuring an amazing lineup of talent including Kim Wilson, James Harman, Al Blake, Bob Corritore, Billy Watson, Troy Sandow, Big Jon Atkinson, Bubba McCoy, Marty Dodson, Danny Michel, Mike Chiricuzio, Dana Duplan and Nathan James & The Rhythm Scratchers. Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill is located at the Ramada, 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd, San Diego.

Tickets \$20. 21+ ■

WHAT IT IS! ... More special Bluesy stuff

NEW YEARS DOINGS

12/31: The Belly Up Tavern has "the toughest girl alive," Candye Kane with the award winning Debbie Davies

12/31: The Sue Palmer Quintet will be at Casa Del Zorro in Borrego Springs

12/31: The Whitney Shay Quartet will be at the Marine Room

12/31: Mercedes Moore will be at Riviera Palm Springs

(check our website calendar for updates and signup for our weekly Blues email at info@blusd.org):

THEN IN 2015...



...as well as the killer weekend of Saturday **Jan 10th** for "Big Jon's Harmonics Blues Blast" at Proud Mary's and our big "Send off Party" Sunday **Jan 11** at Tio Leo's...

Mark you calendars for...

Jan 4th and 6th when the energetic Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue will be at the Belly Up Tavern!

Jan 17 Kim Simmonds & Savoy Brown will rock the Ramona Mainstage. That same night Tower of Power will be hip at the Belly Up Tavern

Jan 22:

Please don't you miss Tomcat Courtney's 86th Birthday Bash at Proud Mary's! ■



When Bubba McCoy blew into town

Pacific Northwest transplant, bandleader, harmonica player and singer Bubba McCoy, has been performing for over three decades. His style has been described as "vintage" or "old school" but it's clear that he has developed a sound that is uniquely his own.

After living in Ocean Beach in the late 90's, he moved back to Seattle for several years before making his "triumphant" return to OB and performed at the 2014 Ocean Beach Street Fair. He has been seen performing



regularly at The Gaslamp Speakeasy, Spike Africa's, Proud Mary's and the Riviera Supper Club.

When not fronting his own band, the Bubba McCoy Band, filled with a rotating cast of all stars such as Big Jon Atkinson, Pete Fazzini, Scott Williams, Mike Chiricuzio, Marty Dodson and Malachi Johnson, you can catch him as a side man on harmonica with bands like The Little Kings, Chickenbone Slim and others.

Bubba will be featured along with harmonica giants Kim Wilson and James Harman on Saturday, January 10 for "Big Jon's Harmonica Blues Blast" at Proud Mary's in Kearney Mesa. ■

www.unrealmccoy.webs.com

Taking It To The Streets Music and Arts Enrichment Program Needs Music Mentors



The Taking It To The Streets Music and Arts Enrichment program serving disadvantaged and homeless youth in Ocean Beach, started in March 2013. Since then it has provided dinner, clothing, music lessons, art, chiropractic, nursing services and social services to 1000+ young adults. The group meets every Sunday from 4-6pm at the Episcopal Church on Sunset Blvd. in Ocean Beach.

On Saturday, December 6, clothing and accessory company, Leatherrock, donated 10% to the program from their holiday sale and party held at their warehouse off of Morena Blvd. Musician Doug Allen (of the Mar Del Boys) hosted the live music. Eve Selis performed and various other musicians sat in. Gabe, one of the young adults in the program, also performed on guitar for an enthusiastic crowd.

The Taking It To The Streets Music and Arts Enrichment program is currently looking for not only donations but is in need of music mentors as the program continues to grow.

This organization partners with Photocharity and Blues Lovers United of San Diego. ~
*Rachelle Brand Danto/
Program Director*

Editor's Note: Ocean Beach Town Council selected Photocharity "Taking Music & Arts to the Streets" Program as the winner for Youth Programs in 2013. Recognized by US Congressman Scott Peters, Senator Marty Block, Assemblywoman Majority Leader Toni Atkins, and Kevin Faulconer.



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Blues/Roots Grammy Nominees



The 57th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on February 8, 2015 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California. The show will be broadcast live by CBS.

The 57th Grammy nominees in the Blues category are:

- *Common Ground* – Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin Play And Sing The Songs Of Big Bill Broonzy – Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin (Yep Roc Records)
- *Promise Of A Brand New Day* –

Ruthie Foster (Blue Corn Music)

- *Juke Joint Chapel* – Charlie Musselwhite (Henrietta Records)
- *Decisions* – Bobby Rush With Blinndog Smokin' (Silver Talon Records)
- *Step Back* – Johnny Winter (Megaforce Records)

A nod to other Blues/Roots artists in other categories:

Best American Roots Performance:

- "Statesboro Blues" – Gregg Allman & Taj Mahal
- "The Old Me Better" – Keb' Mo' featuring The California Feet Warmers

Best American Roots Song:

- "Terms Of My Surrender" – John Hiatt

Best Americana Album:

- *Terms Of My Surrender* – John Hiatt
- *Bluesamericana* – Keb' Mo'

Best R&B Album:

- *Give The People What They Want* – Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings

Best Compilation Soundtrack for Visual Media:

- *Get On Up: The James Brown Story* (James Brown)

Best Boxed or Special Limited Edition Package:

- *The Rise & Fall Of Paramount Records, Volume One (1917-27)* – Susan Archie, Dean Blackwood & Jack White, art directors (Various Artists) Label: Third Man Records/ Revenant Records

Best Album Notes:

- *The Rise & Fall Of Paramount Records, Volume One (1917-27)* – Scott Blackwood, album notes writer (Various Artists)

Best Historical album:

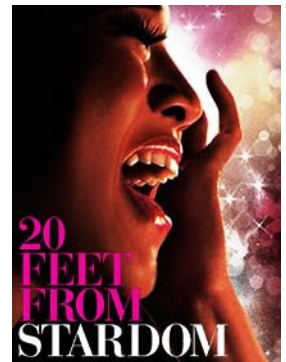
- *Black Europe: The Sounds And Images Of Black People In Europe Pre-1927*

Best Engineered Album, Non-Classical:

- *Bluesamericana* – Ross Hogarth & Casey Wasner, engineers; Richard Dodd, mastering engineer (Keb' Mo') Label: Kind Of Blue Music

Best Music Film: *20 Feet From Stardom* – Darlene Love, Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer & Judith Hill (Morgan Neville, video director; Gil Friesen & Caitrin Rogers, video producers)

www.grammy.com ■



Special Holiday JamminOut Hours

We are looking forward to having our Jam Fam come together and making a joyous sound as often as we can over this holiday season.

Our killer, pro-Jam is not just for musicians but for fans and blues music enthusiasts alike. The music is always stellar and many fans come back each week.

For the jam itself, players can ideally sign up at jammingout.net to assure a spot but drop-ins are welcomed. Not only do some of our finest local talent showup but touring artists from out of town have been laying it down on the Voodoo Stage at HOB! No cover, all ages!

Here is our JammingOut The House Of Blues Wednesday Night Pro Blues Jam

Schedule for Dec 2014- Jan 2015:

Weds Dec 24th - 31st: No Jam!

Weds Jan 7th 2015: We Be Jammingout

We encourage you to go out and support live music on the nights that we are dark. You can also get your jam fix on Wednesday's at Proud Mary's Jazz 88 Blues Jam, Tuesday's; Patrick's Gaslamp Pub at Walter Gentry's Chicken Wing Jam;

Every other Tuesday at Pal Joey's for Tom's Band Camp; Monday's with Fuzzy Rankin at the Gaslamp Speakeasy; and Sunday, Chet and the Committee's Patio Party Jam at the Downtown Café in El Cajon.

Whatever you do. Come together. Make a joyous sound!

Your JammingOut team,
rosalea, Doyle, Kevin, Michael, Lafayette and BLUSD Barb.



36th Annual Blues Music Award Nominees

The Blues Foundation is pleased to announce the nominations for its annual Blues Music Awards, which the international organization will present at the Cook Convention Center in downtown Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, May 7, 2015. The Blues Music Awards are universally recognized as the highest accolade afforded blues music performers. The annual Blues Music Awards ceremony is the premier event for blues professionals, musicians, and fans from all over the world. We've highlighted our San Diego friends here! Become a member of the Blues Foundation and you can vote! www.blues.org.

Acoustic Album

Hard Luck Child: A Tribute to Skip James – Rory Block
Jericho Road – Eric Bibb
Jigsaw Heart – Eden Brent
Son & Moon: A Tribute to Son House – John Mooney
Timeless – John Hammond

Acoustic Artist

Doug MacLeod
Eric Bibb
John Hammond
John Mooney
Rory Block

Album of the Year

Can't Even Do Wrong Right – Elvin Bishop
Living Tear To Tear – Sugar Ray & the Bluetones
Memphis Grease – John Németh
Refuse to Lose – Jarekus Singleton
Wrapped Up and Ready – The Mannish Boys

B.B. King Entertainer

Bobby Rush
Elvin Bishop
John Németh
Rick Estrin

Sugaray Rayford Band

Band of The Year

Elvin Bishop Band
John Németh & the Bo-Keys
Rick Estrin & the Nightcats
Sugar Ray & the Bluetones
The Mannish Boys

Best New Artist Album

Chromaticism – Big Harp George
Don't Call No Ambulance – Selwyn Birchwood
Heavy Water – Fo' Reel
Making My Mark – Annika Chambers & the Houston All-Stars

One Heart Walkin' – Austin Walkin' Cane

Contemporary Blues Album

Can't Even Do Wrong Right – Elvin Bishop
Original – Janiva Magness
Refuse to Lose – Jarekus Singleton
Hornet's Nest – Joe Louis Walker
BluesAmericana – Keb' Mo'

Contemporary Blues Female Artist

Beth Hart
Bettye LaVette
Janiva Magness
Marcia Ball
Shemekia Copeland

Contemporary Blues Male Artist

Elvin Bishop
Gary Clark Jr.
Jarekus Singleton
Joe Bonamassa
Joe Louis Walker

Historical Album

From His Head to His Heart to His Hands – Michael Bloomfield (Columbia/Legacy)
Live at the Avant Garde – Magic Sam (Delmark)
Soul & Swagger: The Complete "5" Royales 1951-1967 – The "5" Royales (Rock Beat)
The Modern Music Sessions 1948-1951 – Pee Wee Crayton (Ace)
The Roots of it All-Acoustic Blues – Various Artists (Bear Family)

Instrumentalist-Bass

Bob Stroger
Lisa Mann
Michael "Mudcat" Ward

Patrick Rynn

Willie J. Campbell

Instrumentalist-Drums

Jimi Bott
June Core
Kenny Smith
Tom Hambridge
Tony Braunagel

Instrumentalist-Guitar

Anson Funderburgh
Joe Bonamassa
Johnny Winter
Kid Andersen
Ronnie Earl

Instrumentalist-Harmonica

Charlie Musselwhite
Kim Wilson
Mark Hummel
Rick Estrin
Sugar Ray Norcia

Instrumentalist-Horn

Al Basile
Deanna Bogart
Jimmy Carpenter
Sax Gordon
Terry Hanck

Koko Taylor Award

Alexis P Suter
Diunna Greenleaf
EG Kight
Ruthie Foster
Trudy Lynn

Pinetop Perkins Piano Player

Barrelhouse Chuck
Bruce Katz
David Maxwell
Eden Brent
Marcia Ball

Rock Blues Album

Step Back – Johnny Winter
Goin' Home – Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band
Time Ain't Free – Nick Moss Band
heartsoulblood – Royal Southern Brotherhood
The Blues Came Callin' – Walter Trout

Song of The Year

"Another Murder in New Orleans" written by Carl Gustafson & Donald Markowitz, performed by Bobby Rush and Dr. John with Blinddog Smokin'
"Bad Luck Is My Name" written and performed by John Németh
"Can't Even Do Wrong Right" written and performed by Elvin Bishop
"Let Me Breathe" written by Janiva Magness & Dave Darling, performed by Janiva Magness
"Things Could Be Worse" written by Ray Norcia, performed by Sugar Ray & the Bluetones

Soul Blues Album

Blues for My Father – Vaneese Thomas
Decisions – Bobby Rush with Blinddog Smokin'
In My Soul – The Robert Cray Band
Memphis Grease – John Németh
Soul Brothers – Otis Clay & Johnny Rawls

Soul Blues Female Artist

Candi Staton
Missy Andersen
Sharon Jones
Sista Monica
Vaneese Thomas

Soul Blues Male Artist

Bobby Rush
Curtis Salgado
John Németh
Johnny Rawls
Otis Clay

Traditional Blues Album

Common Ground: Dave Alvin and Phil Alvin
Play and Sing the Songs of Big Bill Broonzy – Dave Alvin and Phil Alvin
For Pops (A Tribute to Muddy Waters) – Mud Morganfield & Kim Wilson
Livin' it Up – Andy T-Nick Nixon Band
Living Tear To Tear – Sugar Ray & the Bluetones

The Hustle is Really On – Mark Hummel

Wrapped Up and Ready – The Mannish Boys

Traditional Blues

Male Artist

Billy Boy Arnold
John Primer
Lurrie Bell
Sugar Ray Norcia

Sugaray Rayford

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REPRESENTS!**



BLUES JAMS *Call venue to confirm*

SUNDAY:

• **Downtown Cafe** 3:30-6:30 pm most Sundays (signup at 3 pm)
182 East Main St., El Cajon (619) 440-5687
Host: Chet and The Committee

MONDAY:

• **Gaslamp Speakeasy** "Old School Jam" 9 pm - 1 am
708 4th Ave. downtown San Diego (619) 239-9994
Host: Fuzzy Rankins

TUESDAY:

• **Patrick's Gaslamp Pub** "Chicken Wing Jam" 8-11 pm
Gaslamp (619) 233-3077
Host: Walter Gentry (all styles welcomed)

• **Felix's BBQ** with Soul Open Mike 7-11
324 Euclid (619) 546-9120

WEDNESDAY:

• **House of Blues** 7 pm -11 pm
1055 5th Avenue Downtown (619) 299-2583
Host: BLUSD & JammingOut.net

• **Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill** "Jazz88 Blues Jam" 7-10
Ramada Inn @ Clairemont Mesa & 163 (619) 398-2974
Host: Mark Augustin

• **Pour House** Blues Jam & Open Mic 8 pm -12 pm
1903 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside (760) 730-5944
Host: Lil Kane (Evan Caleb Yearsley)

FRIDAY:

• **Del Cerro Rec** "Slo-Jam" Acoustic 6:30 - 9 pm (3rd Fridays)
Host: Walt Richards (619) 589-8177

Let us know if you hear of a Blues-type Jam that is not listed here or if a listed Jam is no longer happening! Thanks! BLUSD

Become a BLUSD Member and you could be featured

A BLUSD Member band will be drawn out of a hat at our monthly Board meetings and one band each month will get the opportunity to have a featured set the 4th Weds of the following month at the BLUSD/JamminOut The House of Blues Jam. Plus a spotlight feature in Blue Ink.

*If you are not a member band please sign up and (see member application last page, this issue). PLUS, please email your bio and a photo to BLUSDeditor@live.com so we have onhand. ■

CD Review.....

PANTHER BURN

Jim Suhler
Underworld
Records



Texas guitarist/singer/songwriter Jim Suhler has a long career to his credit, both as a guitarist for George Thorogood and the

Destroyers and as a touring artist with his own bands, including, most recently, Monkey Beat. He has played with Joe Bonamassa (he and Elvin Bishop made guest appearances on Suhler's *Tijuana Bible* album), Buddy Guy, AD/DC, Les Paul, Johnny Winter, Willie Nelson, among other musical luminaries.

On *Panther Burn*, Suhler brings along his Monkey Beat band members, bassist Carlton Powell, keyboard player Shawn Phares and drummer Jimmy Morgan, and spices things up with a few guest artist appearances.

Of the fourteen tracks on the album, all were written by the multi-talented Suhler except the short, stunning instrumental, "Remember Mama," written by Elmer Bernstein for the soundtrack of the film, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The slow-driving title track is a stand-out, deservedly receiving a lot of internet radio airplay. It is followed by "I Declare," featuring Kim Wilson on harmonica with honky-tonk piano by Tim Alexander.

Guitarist Jason Elmore joins in on the shredding "Between Midnight and Day," harmonizing riffs Southern Rock style with Suhler between the heavy-duty fretwork.

Carolyn Wonderland adds some well-suited vocal harmonies with Suhler on the Gospel number, "All God's Children Get the Blues Sometimes," accompanied by Tim Alexander on the organ, with some nice acoustic slide by Suhler.

There's a County flavor to Texassippi, as well as a nice tinge of Cajun or Tex-Mex influence, as emphasized by the accordion work on "Across the Brazos." Tim Alexander's accordion again shows up to accent Suhler's noodling guitar on "Jump Up Sister, Jump."

With the lively "Worldwide Hoodoo," this album closes out an excellent set of tracks, justifying its nomination for the 2014 Blues Blast Magazine Album of the Year award. ~ DM ■

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UPCOMING BLUES NOTES

12/18: Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra at Jazz 88 Holiday Party at the Lafayette Hotel

12/18: Nathan James Holiday Party at Tio Leo's

12/20: BLUSD Youth Jam at Hennessey's in the Gaslamp

12/31: Candye Kane w/ Debbie Davies at the Belly Up Tavern

NYE 12/31: Sue Palmer Quintet at Casa Del Zorro in Borrego Springs

NYE 12/31: Whitney Shay Quartet at the Marine Room

NYE 12/31: Mercedes Moore at Riviera Palm Springs

1/3: Beat Farmers Hootenanny at the Belly Up Tavern

1/4 & 1/6: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Ave. at the Belly Up Tavern

1/10: Big Jon's Harmonica Blues Blast at Proud Mary's

1/11: IBC Send-Off Party for Ben Powell at Tio Leo's

1/17: Kim Simmonds & Savoy Brown at Ramona Mainstage

1/17: Tower of Power at the Belly Up Tavern

1/18: Six-String Society at the Belly Up Tavern

1/22: Tomcat Courtney's 86th Birthday Bash at Proud Mary's

1/23: Robben Ford at Ramona Mainstage

1/23 & 1/24: Big Head Todd & the Monsters at the Belly Up Tavern

1/25: Los Lobos at the Belly Up Tavern

1/30: Dave & Phil Alvin w/ the Guilty Ones at the Belly Up Tavern



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For Artists/Bands/ with active membership: Do you want to have a free link on www.blusd.org? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, name of Artist/Band: _____ Band website: _____

Brief description of your music: _____



Check out member benefits and join or renew your membership at www.blusd.org.

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