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THE FLOWER FIELDS
AT CARLSBAD RANCH

Presents the
6th Annual

BLUES DAY

Saturday, April 26, 2014 ~ 1-4 pm

Live Music featuring top regional artists:
The Little Kings ~ The Fremonts
Sharifah and the Good Thing
plus the **BLUSD Youth Band**

Concert is included with Admission to the Flower Fields

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Blues Lovers United of San Diego (BLUSD) and the Flower Fields invite you to enjoy an afternoon of Blues music featuring some of our finest regional musicians. Join us to Celebrate Life, Music & Nature at this picturesque venue.



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The Flower Fields

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Photocharity Celebration of Hope Gala Dinner & Auction

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Saturday, May 3, 2014

Starring Eve Selis and TMTS Youth Band



With over 5,000 youth homeless in San Diego between the ages 12-24 and only 75 beds for youth with minimal skills, we need your help. Photocharity has raised \$225,000 for the future House of Hope for 18-24 year : Safe housing and training in life skills and trades that will result in self-sufficiency. We are also providing a new program with wrap around services such as medical, psychological, and independent living skills for youth participating in the "Taking Music & Arts to the Streets" program.

Please join us to help Save San Diego Homeless Youth at the Photocharity Celebration of Hope Gala Dinner & Auction. Saturday May 3, 2014 at the Del Mar Hilton at 5:30pm.

The dynamic Eve Selis will perform and you will also hear homeless youth share their stories and perform with their "Taking Music To The Street" mentors Rachelle Brand Danto, John January, Molokai and others.

For over 12 years, Photocharity has helped save over 1,800 homeless youth ages 12-17 in long term safe housing. ■

April 26 will be a perfect day to combine the wonder of nature and the glory of music when BLUSD presents our annual "Blues Day," at The Flower Fields in Carlsbad from 1-4pm. Appearing amid acres of flowers will be The Little Kings, The Fremonts, Sharifah & The Good Thing and The BLUSD Youth Band, with BLUSD Youth Ambassador, guitarist, vocalist Leilani Kilgore. The concert is included with price of admission to the Flower Fields, located at 5704 Paseo Del Norte in Carlsbad just off Hwy 5. There's room to dance and lots of benches plus BLUSD will have fun stuff at our table. There's snacks for sale there and plenty of photo moments. ■



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BLUSD TABLE GIGS

* THE FLOWER FIELDS "BLUES DAY" *

Saturday April 26th 1-4pm

5704 Paseo Norte - Carlsbad

* GATOR BY THE BAY *

Thurs May 9 - Sun May 11 All Day

Spanish Landing Park (Harbor Dr.) - San Diego

* ROCK, BLUES & BBQ FESTIVAL *

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WHAT IT IS! ... Cool Blues type-type stuff

Gator By The Bay May 8-11 ~ Spanish Landing Park



Tickets Now Available!

Gator By The Bay in 2014

Now 4 Big Days!

- 🎵 Thurs May 8 - Tab Benoit in Concert
- 🎵 Fri May 9 - Gator By Night
- 🎵 Sat & Sun May 10 & 11 - Full Festival!

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Louisiana Music, Food & Crawfish Festival*



Three-time Grammy nominee, five-time Contemporary Male Blues Music Award winner and four-time Blues Music Award Winner for "Entertainer of the Year," Tab Benoit will be performing on the Festival Stage at 8 PM Thursday May 8 at Spanish Landing Park on Harbor Blvd. (across for the San Diego Airport). Other headliners over the weekend include Janiva Magness, Mark Hummel, Nick Gravenites, Chubby Carrier, Deanna Bogart, Andre Theirry plus more acts. See ww.gatorbythebay.com for the complete schedule. The entertainment, food and great vibe can't be beat, All ages okay. Stop by the BLUSD tent for goodies. ■

Adams Ave. Unplugged

April 26-27 ~ Normal Heights

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee as a member of The Byrds, will headline. Serving up blues flavors will be Robin Henkel, Tomcat Courtney, Billy Watson, Ben Powell and the Bayou Brothers. Shows noon-10pm April 26 and noon-7pm April 27. ■

Adams Avenue Unplugged 2014 will feature about 150 performances on four outdoor community stages and in an array of restaurants, galleries, cafes and bars on, and adjacent to, Adams Avenue. The free, two-day festival takes place April 26-27. Former San Diegan Chris Hillman, a 1991

3rd Rhythm & Blues and Craft & Beer Festival

May 3rd ~ Vista



The 3rd Annual Rhythm & Brews Music and Craft Beer Festival May 3, continues the tradition of bringing many of the nation's most popular craft beers together with talented musicians in a beautiful outdoor festival located in the historic Vista Village district. Among the artists appearing Jimmy (Patton) & Enrique (Jimmy won Guitat Center's "Best Unsigned Guitarist in the Nation"), Red Lotus Revue ("Best Blues Band" 2009 San Diego Music Awards), Lester Abrams Trio (Grammy Nominated, multi-platinum artist who's performed with The Doobie Bros, The Average White Band, Stevie Wonder, B.B. King & many more), The Bayou Brothers ("Best Blues Band" 2013 San Diego Music Awards), The Bill Magee Blues Band (authentic Mississippi "Lowdown Dirty" Blues. Voted "Best Blues Band" by the San Diego Music Association & Reader Magazine. Performed with Jimi Hendrix, B.B. King, Muddy Waters, Otis Redding and more) James Harman's Bamboo Porch Revue featuring Nathan James & the Rhythm Scratchers AND Bonedaddy Tempo (Harman has been nominated 19 times for the Blues Music Awards and has 20 original songs used in movies and television). ■

WHAT IT IS! ... Cool Stuff continued

Kim Wilson April 27 Winston's



For a groovin', down and dirty time afternoon catch this afternoon show, 3:30pm. Showtime 2:30pm at Winstons.OB. ■



Julian June 21



Find details about the June 21st Julian Blues Fest in our next issue. ■

Earl Thomas May 7&8

Earl Thomas returns for 2 shows as The Rhumboogies, Weds May 7 at Winston's OB and Thursday May 8th at the House of Blues. ■

CD Review....

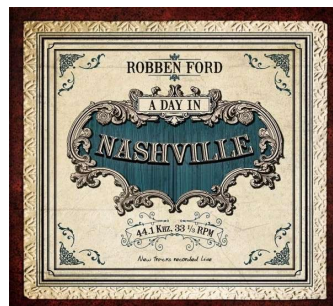
A DAY IN NASHVILLE

Robben Ford

Provogue

Robben Ford's distinctive guitar tone and style are instantly recognizable as the sound of the musician's musician that he is. While his technical proficiency is legendary, he also knows how to speak directly to his audience at the gut level. You feel his music - and it feels great! There are many moments in this album's free-flowing progression when you'll find yourself completely captured under its spell. "Midnight Comes Too Soon," for example, is a superb piece, a classic display of Ford's casual virtuosity.

Seven of the nine tracks on the album were written by Ford, demonstrating his clever talents as a lyricist and instrumental composer. "Ain't Drinkin' Beer No More," on the one hand, will give you a good laugh, while "Different People," is a tale of resignation to the changes in a couple's



relationship. There are two blues standards: A smooth, jazzy remake of "Cut You Loose," originally made famous by Junior Wells, and an artful interpretation of Maceo Merriwether's "Poor Kelly Blues," interlaced with guitar, trombone, and organ.

This recording is a one-day collaboration of six well-seasoned musicians captured live at the Sound Kitchen studio in Nashville, Tennessee.

They groove and jive together perfectly. Despite the title, this album belongs on the blues shelf - no country music here.

Most surprising is the inclusion of trombonist Barry Green. Not often heard in your standard blues song, the trombone licks fit right in and add flavor to the jam. As in "Thump and Bump," a funky instrumental, with Audley Freed on second guitar, Brian Allen on upright bass, Ricky Peterson on organ and Wes Little on drums, these guys are having a great time together, each contributing a solid infrastructure behind the others as they solo and then join together. ~ DM ■

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

• **Second Wind** 2:30 pm - 5 pm

Santee Host: Money Men

• **The Kraken** 4 - 9 pm

2531 So. Coast Hwy, Cardiff (760) 634-6865

Host: The Brokers Band (858) 481-6580

MONDAY:

• **Humphrey's Backstage** "Pro Jam" 7 - 11 pm

(Occasional Mons / call or check Humphrey's calendar)

2241 Shelter Island Dr., Pt. Loma (619) 224-3577

Host: The Committee & Friends

• **Gaslamp Speakeasy** "Old School Jam" 9 pm - 1 am

708 4th Ave. downtown San Diego (619) 239-9994

Host: Fuzzy Rankins

• **The Kraken** 8:30 pm

2531 So. Coast Hwy, Cardiff (760) 634-6865 Host: Doug Allen

• **Mr. Peabody's** 9pm til close

136 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 753-7192

Host: Jay Cain

TUESDAY:

• **Gaslamp Speakeasy** "Old School Jam" 9 pm - 1 am

708 4th Ave. downtown San Diego (619) 239-9994

Host: Lafayette

• **The Kraken** 8:30 pm

2531 So. Coast Hwy, Cardiff (760) 634-6865

Host: Doug Allen

• **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:

• **Cottonwood Golf Course** "Blues in the Garden" 6-9 pm

3121 Willow Glen Dr., El Cajon ~ www.cottonwoodgolf.com

No cover, all ages, free parking, dancing, food, drinks!

• **House of Blues** 7 pm - 11 pm

1055 5th Avenue Downtown (619) 299-2583

Host: BLUSD & Jammingout.net

• **Last Call** 8 pm

4997 El Cajon Blvd, El Cajon (619) 287-9505

Host: Dana Garrett kid_tater@yahoo.com

THURSDAY:

• **Kaminski's BBQ** "Best Damn Jam" 8-11 pm

12735 Poway Rd., Poway (858) 748-1106 Host: Alex Gomez

• **Little Italy Spaghetteria** "Jazz88 Blues Jam" 7-10

1953 India St. (619) 398-2974

Host: Mark Augustin

• **Mr. Peabody's** Open Jam 9 p.m. til close

136 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 753-7192

Host: Doug Allen

FRIDAY:

• **Del Cerro Rec** "Slo-Jam" Acoustic 6:30 - 9 pm (3rd Fridays)

Host: Walt Richards (619) 589-8177

• **Royal Dive** "Happy Hour Jam" 6 - 9 pm (1st & 3rd Fri)

2939 San Luis Rey Rd., Oceanside (760) 733-1911

Host: Todd Morr

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

BLUSD Member Band to Be Featured Once a Month at our Weds BLUSD Jam

Our April featured member Band is
CHARLES BURTON BLUES BAND
appearing April 23rd



B LUSD JammingOut the House of Blues is going strong and the place to be on a Wednesday night if you want to jam or check out various talents coming together on stage.

NOTE: 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 last week of the following month plus a spotlight feature in Blue Ink.

***If you are not a member band please sign up and (see member application this issue).**

Also, email your bio and a photo to BLUSDeditor@live.com.

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! Make a note... BLUSD's House of Blues killer jam every Wednesday, 7pm, no cover, all ages! ■

Find Gigs & Jams

Every Wednesday, BLUSD presents JammingOut the House of Blues. Sign up at jammingout.net. Every Thursday, Jazz 88 hosts a blues jam at the Spaghetteria in Little Italy. For even MORE options, check out our interactive Google calendar at www.blusd.org. Musicians can share their Google calendars with us at blusdmembership@gmail.com. Those who do not use Google calendar can send their gigs to info@blusd.org. ■

2014 Spring Harp Fest

This year's Spring Harp Festival in La Mesa began under a perfect sky for another wonderful festival here in San Diego county.

The show started off with Pat "Bluefrog" Ellis, who set the tone for a great day. Then the Clay Colton Band took the stage and thrilled the crowd with their country blues and southern rock.

The next crowd pleaser was Dan "Dirty" Rice and his guitarist, Chaz Cordova, direct from Kansas City, playing a really great set of Kansas City, footstomping blues.

Next up was Karl Dring backed by members of Hoodoo Blues as well as our own local blues great, Charles Burton. The "Unknown Players Jam" was backed up by the "Summer Blues Camp" youth band – Leilani Kilgore on guitar, Tyler Ray Davidson on bass and Nate Hess on drums. The winner of the jam was local harmonica player, Bill Howell.

The next band to hit the stage was local faves, "Chicken Bone Slim and the Biscuits," featuring Big John Atkinson, hitting the bullseye with a perfect set of old-school Blues.



Li-Rt: Bob Corritore, Chris James, Ric Lee, Patrick Rynn & Scot Smart (By Janine Harty)

Next up was "Bubba (the Real) McCoy", new here from Seattle, WA; a man who stays true to traditional, old-school Blues. Keep an eye out for this up and comer – he is a welcome addition to our San Diego Blues scene.

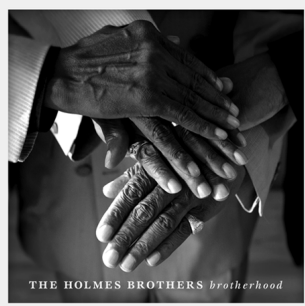
Then came San Diego Blues veteran Lance Diekmann and his super tight band who played a Blues-soaked, funky set to the delight of the growing crowd.

"Harmonica John Fraser and his All Star band brought the crowd to their feet with a standing ovation on their final number. Orange County Bluesman Eric Von Herzen was up next and delivered a smokin' set along with his killer band, "The Atomic Road Kings",

Next up were international touring Blues Artists Bob Corritore on harp, Chris James on guitar, Patrick Rynn on bass, Scot Smart on guitar and yours truly, Ric Lee on drums, delivered an amazing set of their world-class original tunes.

Closing out this memorable day of music and fun was BluesMaster Aki Kumar, originally from Bombay, India, coming to us via Northern California, he knocked 'em dead with his masterful renditions of old-school traditional Blues. ~ Ric & Karen Lee

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Spread the Word... Youth Blues Jam

The monthly Youth Blues Jam is held at the Gaslamp Speakeasy (708 4th Ave., corner of 4th & G) downtown once a month. The schedule so far is as follows: Saturdays 2 pm-5 pm May 31. The jam is hosted by talented 17 year old guitarist/singer, Leilani Kilgore.

FOOD & DRINK: Although this is a bar it is a family friendly venue on a Saturday afternoon with food and beverages available. If you want to bring your own snacks and refreshments that is no problem.

PARKING: Metered parking is readily available in the streets around the corner of 4th and G. Horton Plaza will give you 3 hours **PARKING FOR FREE** when you validate your ticket in one of the machines.

EQUIPMENT: Bring your Guitars and Amps, or whatever instrument you choose to play that day except drums which are provided...Please bring your own sticks!

This is a great opportunity for youth to jam with other young musicians in town under the age of 22. Spread the good word. With your support we can keep this unique youth blues music opportunity happening.

Contact Janet at BLUSDBITS@gmail.com for more info. ■

BLUSD Member Band Spotlight

**Our Jammin' Out The House of Blues
April featured Member Band:**

CHARLES BURTON BLUES BAND

appearing April 23rd



The Charles Burton Blues Band pushes the Blues envelope. But whether they're rocking it, swinging it, jazzing it up, adding Latin spice or country twang, deep blues feeling permeates this high-energy trio.

Charles Burton is preparing to embark on his 15th European tour in support of his 5th, and many say best CD, *Sweet Potato Pie*, the critically acclaimed SDMA 2013 Best Blues nominated album (Charles' 3rd CD, *Everybody's Talkin'*, was also nominated for SDMA Best Blues Album of 2009). Charles won the International Blues Challenge regional finals as a solo performer and represented San Diego at the 2009 IBC in Memphis, the same year he won the San Diego Guitar Center "King of the Blues" regional final. In 2007/2008, he played over 240 gigs in 7 months, touring Europe with Maury "Hooter" Saslaff (of Big Jack Johnson and the Oilers).

Charles has been a featured performer with the Deacons, King Biscuit Revue, Michele Lundeen, and the Bayou Brothers.

They say a prophet is never recognized in his hometown, and despite the international success and hundreds of overseas shows, Charles and his crack band (Steve Welles on bass and David Coats on drums) have been tearing it up on the San Diego blues scene for the last ten years. Come out and see what all the fuss is about as they play the Jammin' Out featured set at House of Blues on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014, 9-9:45 pm. www.charlesburton.com ■

BLUES LOVERS UNITED SAN DIEGO

YOUTH BLUES JAM

GASLAMP SPEAKEASY

708 4TH AVE, SAN DIEGO

SATURDAY 2 - 5 PM

MAY 31ST

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UPCOMING BLUES NOTES



4/22: Taryn Donath's 33rd Birthday Ball ~ Priority Public House (Encinitas)
 4/25: Jimmy Thackery ~ Ramona Mainstage (Ramona)
 4/26: Blues Day ~ The Flower Fields (Carlsbad)
 4/26 & 4/27: Adams Avenue Unplugged (Normal Heights)
 4/27: Kim Wilson ~ Winston's Ocean Beach
 5/3: Rhythm & Brews Music and Craft Beer Festival ~ Vista Village
 5/3: Alan Iglesias & Crossfire ~ Tio Leo's Napa/Morena (San Diego)
 5/3: Photocharity CelebRation of Hope Gala ~ Del Mar Hilton (Del Mar)
 5/7: Earl Thomas & the Rhumboogies ~ Winston's Ocean Beach
 5/8: Earl Thomas & the Rhumboogies ~ House of Blues (downtown)
 5/8: Tab Benoit ~ Gator by the Bay (Spanish Landing Park, San Diego)
 5/8 - 5/11: Gator by the Bay (Spanish Landing Park, San Diego)

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Brief description of your music: _____



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