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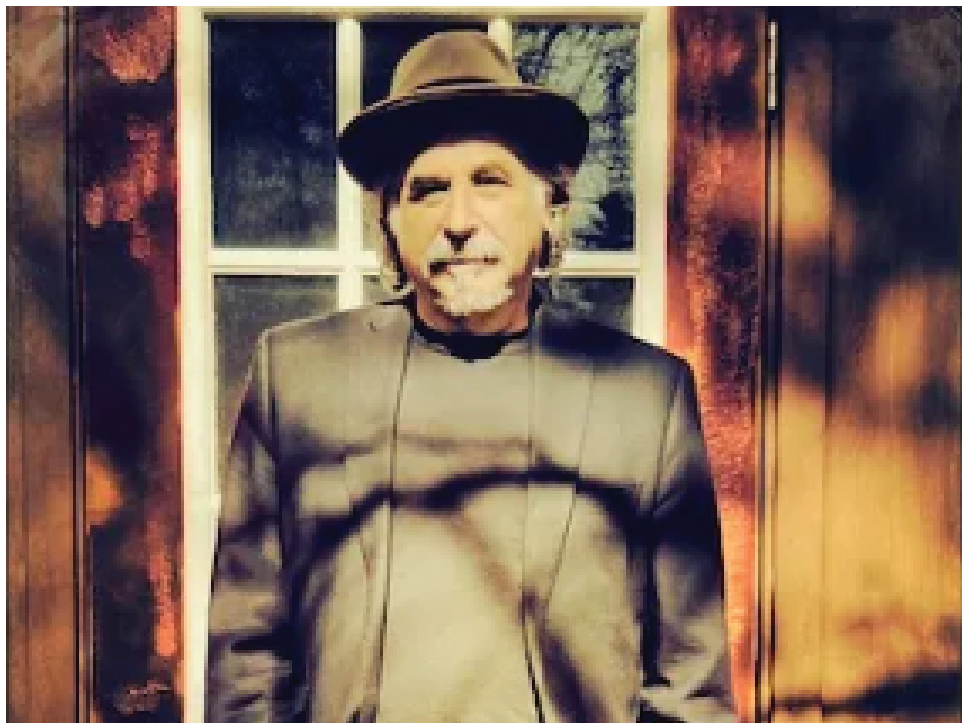
# AL LERMAN

AL LERMAN is a veteran bluesman with a highly personal style, able to move seamlessly through the windows of Country Blues, Chicago Blues, Soul Blues, Americana and the music of New Orleans. With a great knowledge of the blues tradition on both harmonica and guitar, he brings that sensibility to songs that are written about his own contemporary life and times. His soulful playing, blowing and singing, coupled with his wry and thoughtful songwriting, make him an engaging and hypnotic solo performer. He is considered among the top harmonica players in the country, and he has been heard on countless recordings and live sessions.

Lerman was founder/leader of the much-loved band FATHEAD, and led them from 1992-2016, garnering two JUNO AWARDS. After years of writing for FATHEAD as well as his own solo recordings, he has amassed an impressive legacy of songs. He is also a long time member of the renowned Maple Blues Band, who recently released their all instrumental album "Let's Go" on Cordova Bay Records. To date, Al has been nominated for twenty-six Maple Blues Awards, celebrating his work as a harmonica player, songwriter, acoustic act and more. His latest release "Country-Fried Blues" (April 2024) has been receiving rave reviews and radio play world-wide.

For Al, the blues bug hit at a young age when he was taken to hear the famed duo Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee at Toronto's iconic Riverboat coffeehouse. From this, his burgeoning interest in music skyrocketed. Over the years he saw the duo no less than forty times. He soon discovered many other blues greats who were regularly touring through the city. Moving into his twenties, while playing in local Toronto blues bands, he sought out many of these musical heroes, seeking both advice and inspiration. He considers himself extremely fortunate to have sat in with blues giants such as Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, Koko Taylor, Luther Allison, Albert Collins, and many more. A solid friendship ensued with Chicago harmonica player Carey Bell who mentored him on the instrument. Hearing Al now, there is no doubt he learned his lessons well. Lerman has played this forward and when opportunities arise, he offers instructional harmonica workshops at various festivals and music camps across the country.

He has come full circle now, performing mostly as a solo acoustic act... actually, more of a one-man-band. His captivating shows serve up a heaping helping of masterful musicianship and often feature stories and anecdotes from over 50 years on the road.



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Alfie Smith is a prolific songwriter, an accomplished performer and talented multi-instrumentalist. Known best for his resophonic guitars, brazen slide licks and uncompromising vocals, Alfie is endorsed by several luthiers including Goodman Guitars (who have recently named a guitar model after him) and Goldtone Banjos. He has been nominated for a dozen Hamilton music awards including Best Male Vocalist and Best Guitarist, and has represented Toronto in the Memphis International Blues Challenge. To date, Alfie has released six records, his most recent being *Sometimes the Rain*. He is currently signed and distributed through Busted Flat Records.

Alfie has played from Sudbury to New Orleans. He has been a featured performer at Mariposa, Festival of Friends, Home County, Festival Borealis, Eaglewood, Mill Race, Red Rock, Brampton, Niagara Blues Festival, Harbourfront Blues Festival, Octoberfolk, Orillia Spring Blues, Barriefolk and Orangeville Blues & Jazz festival.

Alfie just released his 7th album, a collaboration with Nicole Christian, called "Come On In My Kitchen".







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# BRANT PARKER

Brant Parker is a multi-award-winning Guitarist, Singer, Songwriter, Producer, Event Promoter, and Festival Director/Artistic Director of The Canal Bank Shuffle Blues Festival.

Brant has performed with an incredible number of music icons including Tony Bennett, Johnny Winter, Buddy Guy, Eddie Shaw, Ray Charles, John Mayall, Jeff Healey, David Crosby, Simply Red, and Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne to name a few.

Leading the very successful Blues Guest Series at Donnelly's Pub for the last twelve years and founding member of The Bay City Blues Band, Brant and his Bands have backed up most of the greatest Blues and Roots performers in Canada.

You can catch Brant Parker this weekend performing with Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne Friday, Mark Crissinger Saturday afternoon and with his band hosting the Legendary All-Star Jam Saturday night at the Legion.







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# JACK DEKEYZER

Acclaimed guitarist, singer, song writer, band leader and producer, Jack DeKeyzer rarely sits still. For 46 years or roughly a couple million miles, DeKeyzer has been hitting the road, air and studio to bring his brand of guitar driven blues around the globe. With over a dozen records, 1 DVD , 2 Junos and 7 Maple Blues Awards, DeKeyzer delivers the goods wherever, whenever he performs. Playing over 100 shows a year, DeKeyzer's music is steeped in Chicago blues, London England's (DeKeyzer's birth place) blues rock, Detroit's Motown, Muscle Shoals deep soul, Memphis' rock and roll, and Philadelphia's funky soul jazz. DeKeyzer knows first hand as he has played with many first generation pioneers of these sounds and styles, Bo Diddley, Otis Rush, Etta James, King Biscuit Boy and Ronnie Hawkins to name a few. Widely known and respected by critics and peers as one of the very best and most versatile Guitarists in Blues music today, coupled with one of the grooviest tightest bands anywhere, makes this acts performance a "must see"! And bring your dancing shoes, because its near impossible to sit still at a Jack DeKeyzer show. Jack DeKeyzer Band has been a top act at Canal Bank Shuffle since its inception, and is the only act that has played every single year at this Festival! A true Canadian treasure, NOBODY does it like Jack de Keyzer!



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# JAMES ANTHONY

American International Blues Hall of Fame Inductee, James Anthony has been a staple in the Blues, R&B and Country music scene for the last 50 years. As one of North America's most versatile guitarists, James has shared the stage and/or recorded with an incredible number of Iconic Superstars including but not limited to Sam & Dave, Paul Revere and The Raiders, Sha Na Na, Chubby Checker, Ben & King, The Drifters, The Platters, Big Momma Thornton, Elvin Bishop, Rick James, Ricky Scaggs, Alabama, Dan Seals and B.B. King's Allstars.

James also was the host for the award-winning television show "Midnight Hour" that aired for 5 years. With an incredibly tight rhythm section and James Anthony's seamless, soulful guitar skills and vocals, The James Anthony Band's performance at this year's Canal Bank Shuffle will certainly impress.



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JOSHUA ARDEN MILLER is a long-time member of the 6-time CAMA Award-winning & JUNO nominated PAPPY JOHNS BAND, whom will be performing their brand of Rockin' Blues and Soul. Joshua has played everywhere! From the gritty honkytonks of the American south, palatial theatres in the East and West, Islands in the Caribbean, to large major music festivals across North America, including being the only Canadian band to play Main Stage at Chicago Blues Festival.

Always a real treat to hear this dynamic and soulful singer and guitarist. Continuously a fan favourite, and regarded by his peers as 'The Real Deal' and 'the Last of the Old School'...even the late great Jimmy Rogers hailed him as "The Soul King"... Joshua Arden Miller and The Pappy Johns Band provide an electrifying mix of Blues, Rock & Soul. Check out their performance and you'll see and hear why Josh has the reputation as a true Bad-Ass Blues Man.



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With fifteen critically acclaimed albums, dozens of Awards, several world tours, Billed alongside or with all the most revered International Music Superstars, it is easy to see that Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne is "The Real Deal" and a premier living legend superstar in his own right. Seeing and hearing Kenny perform will absolutely be an uplifting, transcendent music experience. From his virtuosity on piano, smooth vocals, amazing story telling and songwriting you will undoubtedly know you are in the presence of greatness. Backing Mr.Wayne will be multi award winning players, Brant Parker on Guitars and vocals, Nick Succii II on Electric and Upright Bass, Sean O'Grady on Drums and Bil Holinaty, Saxophone and Percussion. You'll definitely want to experience this performance. Kenny Wayne is always a highlight at any Festival.

Peter North- Stony Plain Records wrote

"When it comes to appreciating Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne it is readily apparent that the artistic make-up of this performer covers an impressive scope of talents and expertise. It is a rare combination of intertwined, and indeed, well-honed skills that paint the picture of a complete artist and one not so easily defined, despite his "to the point", and appropriate handle "Blues Boss".

And here Duke Robillard summed up the magic that is Wayne's music succinctly a few years ago.

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Krista's performance is so convincingly authentic that spectators have been known to exclaim, "We have just witnessed Janis return from beyond!"

Renowned for sold-out shows and standing ovations, Piece of My Heart showcases top-notch musicians hailing from the Greater Toronto area. Their reputation has even taken them as far as San Francisco for corporate functions, where they have been hailed as the highlight of numerous summer of love, Woodstock, and 60's themed events.

Krista's remarkable ability to emulate Janis has earned her accolades and nominations in Florida and Las Vegas, recognizing her as one of the industry's finest celebrity impressionists.







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## Cheryl Lescom • Vocalist/Songwriter

Cheryl Lescom has been part of the Canadian music scene for over 45 years. Starting in 1975 with several of her own bands before becoming a backup singer for Ronnie Hawkins and touring with Long John Baldry. The late, great Long John Baldry once said, "Cheryl Lescom has one of the best and biggest voices in Canada." She has toured and performed with the likes of Jeff Healey, Matt Minglewood, Dutch Mason, the Downchild Blues Band, Jack DeKeyser, Del Shannon, David Wilcox, Mel Brown, Paul James, Bill Durst and The Detroit Women.

## Rick Taylor • Guitarist/Vocalist/Songwriter/Producer

Long regarded as one of Canada's finest finger-style guitarists, Rick Taylor brings a high-level energy to the stage. A 50 plus year veteran of the guitar, he cut his teeth on early Delta Blues, Folk, and Rock music. Rick is the recipient of the Jimmy Lewis "Life Time of the Blues Award" and a three-time winner of The Great Lakes Blues Society 'Road To Memphis' (International Blues Challenge) competition.

"One of the first guitar soloists I tried to copy was Rick Taylor" ...Colin Linden, Nashville, Tenn.

"I've been listening to and have been inspired by Rick Taylor for the past 30 years...he is a legend to us!" ...Tom Wilson – Blackie and The Rodeo Kings

## Chuckee Zehr • Pianist/Vocalist/Songstress/Musical Director

From Blues to Rock, with a taste of R&B, Gospel, and Classical, Chuckee's musical character has been influenced by many. She has performed in many bands, theatre productions, and studio works. Whether in a small, intimate solo/duo setting or with a full band in large venues, Chuckee likes a personal connection with the audience. She delivers her songs with passion, emotion, humour, and fun. Rounding out this amazing All Star 5 Piece band is the incredible Dale Anne Brendon on Drums and rock star Bass player Marc Shickluna.





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# MARIA AURIGEMA

Maria is an energetic, gutsy, rockin' original blues virtuoso guitarist and singer/songwriter. Enjoying an enthusiastic following in Western New York and Canada, Maria has performed with International Blues artists Tommy Castro, Johnny Winter, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Tab Benoit, Elvin Bishop, Popa Chubby, Savoy Brown, Coco Montoya and Jimmy Thackery to name a few. Additionally, Maria has opened for Foreigner, Blue Oyster Cult, Edgar Winter, Little Feat, Foghat, Steppenwolf, Sammy Hagar and Styx.

One of Maria's most memorable moments came when she was asked by Jimmy Thackery to be a "Special Guest" in the Eureka Springs Blues Festival where she performed to a sold out crowd along with Debbie Davis, Maria Muldaur, Kelly Hunt, and Reba Russell.

Maria's latest release "Long Way Home" is a collection of twelve brilliant, rockin' guitar based original songs. It is hard to imagine anyone not being impressed with Maria and her music performance.



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# MARK CRISSINGER

If the name Mark Crissinger sounds familiar it should. After 20 years of playing 1500 shows with his bands in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes he has spent the last several years building a solo career on Vancouver Island. Since 2010 he has played over 100 shows a year, released seven studio albums and three live albums. Music from his last three albums can be heard around the world with great success on Roots and Blues charts. Mark Crissinger is a Maple Blues Award Nominee, and VIMA Award Winning masterful contemporary Blues and Roots Guitarist, Singer and Songwriter. He has performed at major festivals, clubs and theatres across Canada and U.S.A. For this years Shuffle performance Mark will be joined by multiple award winning Brant Parker Band. When you combine fresh ideas, excellent musicianship, and audience participation the result will be a magical music experience.

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# MILLER & THE OTHER SINNERS

David Michael Miller, founder, lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter for Miller and The Other Sinners, is a well established musician in the Western New York music scene, for 6 years fronting the band, Dive House Union. David has shared the stage with artists such as Tedeschi Trucks Band, Steve Miller Band, Joe Bonamassa, Jonny Lang, Gary Clark Jr., Bobby Blue Bland, Jimmie Vaughan, Shemekia Copeland, Eric Gales and many others. He represented the WNY Blues Society in 2013 and 2014 at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in both the Band and Solo/Duo categories. He continues to participate in the Blues in the Schools program in Western New York. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, he was presented with the best Male Blues Vocalist Award by Buffalo's Night Life Magazine and in 2015 was presented with the Arts Services Institute award for "Artist of the Year."

David's has built on the successful independent release of his first solo album in 2014, Poisons Sipped, which landed in the the top 25 Blues Rock Albums of 2014 on the Roots Music Report. His 2nd album, Same Soil, debuted at #11 the second week of July on the RMR Blues chart and then climbed to #3 with two songs in the top 50 Blues songs played worldwide on radio and internet radio. David released a live record with his band Miller and The Other Sinners called "3 Nights at the Strand".

David is accompanied by a killer core of "Other Sinners" and the variation and diversity are what make the shows ever fresh and entertaining.





# RENÉ HUARD

Niagara-based artist René Huard is a multi-talented veteran on the Canadian roots music scene. A performer for over 40 years, Huard was a member of the Meteors, a Fort Erie-based blues band that had the opportunity to open for blues legends such as James Cotton, Long John Baldry and Downchild Blues Band.

Huard has the esteemed distinction of being among the performers at the first annual Ottawa Blues Festival. As a multi-talented musician, Huard is not only a masterful vocalist and songwriter, he performs on harmonica, guitar, and piano. In addition to his extensive musical career, Huard may be familiar as a former Reality T.V. host on the programs Antique Hunter & Antique Style.

Produced by Jack de Keyzer, and with an insanely talented team of musicians behind him, René Huard is set to release his newest offering, *Blues Calling* on January 26, 2024. The album features 12 original tracks, showcasing Huard's prowess as songwriter, vocalist, guitarist and harmonica player. Other talented musicians on *Blues Calling* include Jack de Keyzer on guitar, Alec Fraser Jr. on bass, Al Cross on drums and percussion, Eric Lambier on keyboard, and Richard Thornton on percussion.

"The virtues of a lifetime of labour pale with the passing years, in a tsunami of body ache and regret. I have found these pearls therapeutic. It is never too early, nor, too late to awaken to one's true purpose. Do what you love, and you'll never have to work another day in your life." says Huard.

Drawing on decades of experience, René Huard Project proves that a masterful artist can always offer something fresh and exciting for fans of blues and roots music globally.



# SPENCER MACKENZIE BAND

2023 JUNO Nominee - Blues Album Of The Year, 2023 Independent Blues Awards Nominee-Best New Artist. -Best Modern Roots Song. 2019 Independent Blues Awards Nominee -Independent Blues Rock CD -Best New Artist -Best Contemporary Blues Song. 2017 Blues Artist Of The Year -Niagara Music Awards. 2016 New Artist Of The Year -Maple Blues Awards. International Songwriting Competition 2016-3rd Place Winner, Blues Category. 2016 Toronto Blues Society -Talent Search Winner.

With his fluid phrasing, resonant tone, and expressive performances, one could believe Spencer Mackenzie was born on Beale Street. They, however, would be wrong. The lauded JUNO-nominated blues-rock artist hails from Southern Ontario and has steadily earned accolades, and the attention of blues aficionados worldwide, since his first studio album in 2016. Leaving nothing behind when he steps to the stage, Mackenzie offers showgoers a powerhouse performance, commanding his guitar with sophistication and prowess beyond his years.

For nearly a decade, Spencer Mackenzie has been writing and recording true blues, showcasing the raw emotion and honesty the genre demands. There's a familiarity and ease with which he approaches the music, almost as though it flows through rather than from him. In song, he connects with the storied past of blues music, lyrically navigating through his pain to find purpose and the promise of tomorrow. The energy of his work is infectious, permeating through the listener until they, too, feel the heartbeat of the blues.

Upon the release of his third studio album, 2022's *Preach To My Soul* (Gypsy Soul Records), Spencer hit the highway for a string of successful shows throughout Canada. Striking, confident, and compelling in its maturity, his third effort was produced/engineered and mixed by Emmy award-winning producer Ross Hayes-Citrullo at RHC Music in Toronto. Joined by some of Canada's top talents, including JUNO winner Steve Strongman, *Preach To My Soul* tears from the speakers with grit and gusto. After countless hours studying the bends and bellows of B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Buddy Guy, Spencer wears his influences on his sleeve, channelling his reverence for the bluesmen who came before him into the title track. Over the album's ten songs, Mackenzie offers listeners a transportive experience, sonically guiding them from the smoky juke joints of the Deep South to the rowdy roadhouses of rural America.

Playing with an undeniable joy and passion that is heard and seen, Mackenzie showcases mastery over his instrument. Though many before him have wielded six strings, few can make them sing. Pairing a crisp, clean tone with throaty, rich vocals, Spencer channels the spirit of the Delta, conjuring emotive performances with hair-raising effect.



# THE JOEL DUPUIS BAND

Awarded London Blues Band of the year 2024, The Joel Dupuis Band is an electrifying three-piece band lead by 21 year old virtuoso guitarist/singer Joel Dupuis, they consistently deliver high energy pure rocking blues from soulful original songs to their own style on fan favourite covers.

Joel made his debut at the Canal Bank in 2023 performing in “Young Guns” show alongside Hayden Fogle and Spencer MacKenzie. He has since toured with the Ghost Town Blues Band, played with the Cashbox Kings, J.W. Jones and Pat Harrington (Foghat) and this year Joel will be with his own killer rhythm section that will be sure to deliver an unforgettable Blues experience.



# THE JOHNNY MAX BAND

The Johnny Max Band is a 2X Juno nominated, Maple Blues Award nominee and multi award winning Canadian Blues Band that have been celebrating their own style of Blues for over 25 years and have performed across Canada and Europe at countless festivals and theatre shows.

Led by enigmatic band leader and unmatched singer/performer Johnny Max. Their performances are a perfect mix of musical influences fluidly moving from driving R&B to soul, rock and roll, boogie woogie, Memphis, New Orleans and Southern Blues.

If you want a whole lot of fun, make sure you stop by for the Johnny Max Band set, they'll be sure to make you tap your toes and put a smile on your face.



# THOMAS NELSON

With over 50 years of musical experience, Thomas Nelson is a bassist and vocalist currently located in the Niagara Region of Ontario Canada. He has performed in clubs, concert halls and festivals across Canada, Europe and the United States, and has appeared on many CBC television and radio shows. Although he currently calls Niagara Falls, Canada his home, his influence and inspiration have remained rooted on the New York side of the border.

In 1962, Thomas began as a soloist in the New Hope Baptist Church in Niagara Falls New York. In 1966, he became the bassist for the Bethlehem Revival Temple and Pastor Adams' Gospel Band, giving praise a bit more soul in church services and at special events. In 1967, he joined Reverend Ware, a popular Evangelist in Buffalo, performing for various church events across New York State.

Thomas has been known to credit his music teacher at LaSalle Junior High School, Mrs. Smith, as one of his greater influences. At the age of 16, Thomas joined other teenage musicians at LaSalle Senior High School to form the group Supreme Soul, lending his vocals to the talent. At that time, he also joined the group London Fog.

From 1968-1974, Thomas provided lead vocals and bass for the local bands Purple Gas, Earth Family, the Shredded Wheat Band, 4 Way Street, Liberation & Brimstone. Playing at all the city high schools, Rec & CYO dances, a variety of fraternity and sorority events, night clubs, public, private and corporate events in Niagara Falls and Buffalo New York, Thomas worked diligently to promote and inspire positive integration for musicians of color in the local music scene.

Thomas has considerable touring experience: As a member of Terry Dee's Rock and Roll Circus, in 1974 he toured throughout Canada and the United States College-University circuit, and opened for Peter, Paul and Mary at the Ohio Folk Festival. In 1978, with Colleen Peterson, a Canadian country folk singer, he performed in festivals in Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa, Ontario, as well as opening for the Gordon Lightfoot Spring Concert Series for nine evenings at Massey Hall in Toronto.

As a member of the group Unity, Thomas performed in a 1980 New Year's Eve celebration in Madeira, Portugal. He toured extensively with the group, Mark Haines and the Zippers for four years in various venues located in Toronto, Halifax Nova Scotia and St. John's Newfoundland. In 1984, he received recording credits on Mark Haines and the Zippers'.





# TOMMY Z BAND

Tommy Z is a multi award winning guitarist, vocalist and Radio Host from Buffalo N.Y. 3X Best Blues Vocalist, 7X Blues Guitarist, 3X Best Blues/Crossover Blues Band, 2X Muddy Waters Award "Artist of the Year" and Buffalo Music Hall of Fame inductee.

The son of a Vietnam era veteran, he brought a taste of home to U.S. troops overseas starting in 2003 with Blues based concert tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrian, Qatar, Japan, South Korea, Djibouti, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Turkey, Guam, Alaska, and other distant locales on behalf of USO/AFE. Tommy has performed and/or written, recorded, co-billed with some of the world's top artists including B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Johnny Winter, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Jimmie Vaughan, Robert Cray, Jeff Healey, Colin James, Blues Traveller, Derek Trucks, Joe Bonamassa, Peter Frampton, John Mayall, Elvin Bishop, Ian Gillan and many, many more!

Tommy Z is a chart topping, guitar driven electric blues based artist experienced and extremely well versed in traditional Blues, Jazz, Funk and Rock Styles. He puts soulful feel into all the music her performs or creates, and is definitely an act not to miss.





# WATERSTREET BLUES BAND

Waterstreet Blues Band serves up original modern blues with a rockin' party groove - and a side order of Louisiana spice!

"They're ready to party right out of the gate!" - (Hot Wax Album Review)

They've performed at every major blues festival in Ontario and shared the stage with local and national blues luminaries as Big Dave McLean, Delta Moon, Little Ed and the Blues Imperials, Marcia Ball, Maria Muldaur, Mel Brown and more.

Waterstreet was a finalist in the 2020 International Blues & Roots Songwriting Competition and released a new album "Talkin' About" to great reviews and independent radio play across North America and Europe. The full band consists of lead singers Silvia Dee (keys/vocals/accordion) and Paul Sapounzi (bass) with guitars and background vocals by Rob Deyman, Chris "Junior" Malleck on harmonica and drums by Jonny Sauder. Silvia & Rob perform as "Silvia Dee & the Boyfriend" for an up close musical experience with a rootsy vibe.

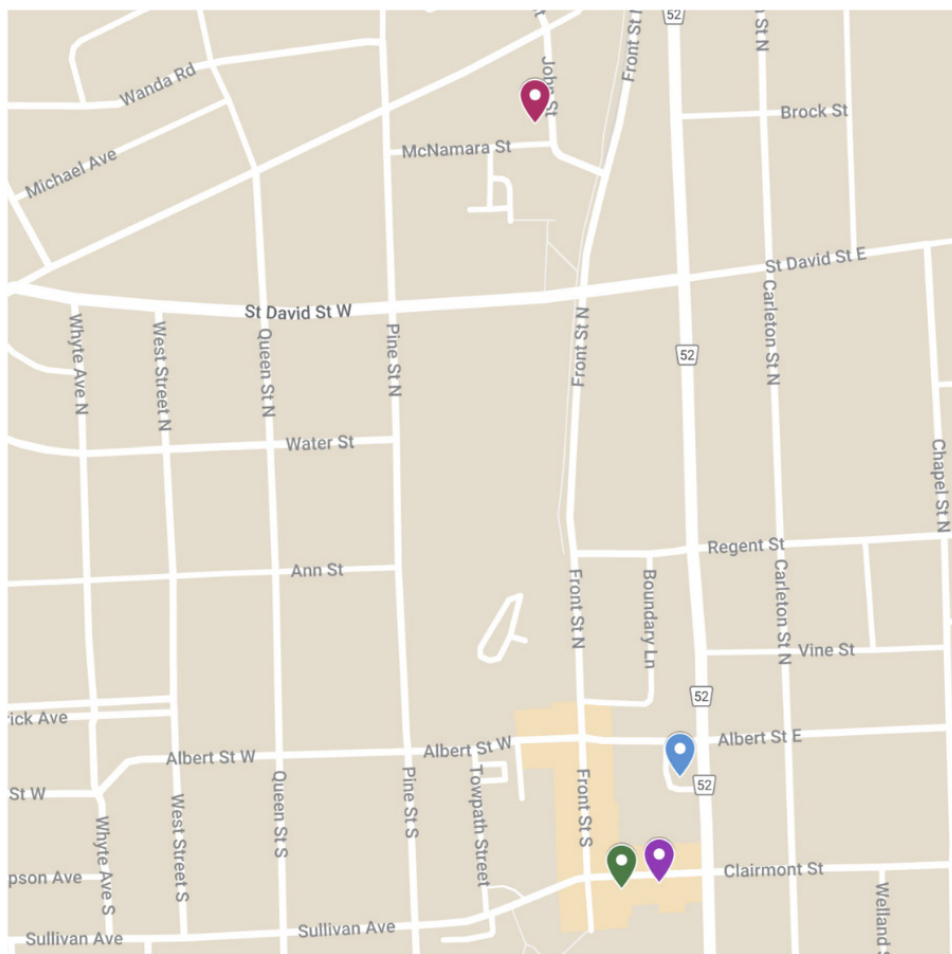
## WATERSTREET BLUES BAND HIGHLIGHTS

- Number 4 on the list of the Top 25 Blues Albums of 2022 in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada The X"
- Charted 62 of top 200 Blues Rock albums in North America 2022
- New album "Talkin' About" released and gaining momentum with positive reviews across Canada, US & Europe
- Finalists for International Blues & Roots Songwriting for "Riverside Child" from new album "Talkin' About" (2020)
- Launched successful weekly livestream "TALKIN ABOUT LIVE" with guests; Bobby Rush, Jack DeKeyzer, Shawn Kellerman, Mark Johnson (Delta Moon) and more. - featured on CTV here. Facebook and Youtube Playlist with Highlights too.
- "Great Lakes Tour" from Pelee Island to Goderich to Niagara Falls
- "Niagara Music Week" live blues feature with special guest Maureen Brown.
- Silvia Dee & the Boyfriend (Rob & Silvia of waterstreet) selected as Via Rail "artists on board" and represented Grand River Blues at Memphis International I Blues Challenge (duo category)



## waterstreet BLUES BAND





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## CANAL BANK SHUFFLE SCHEDULE 2024

THUR OCT 17	VENUE	ARTIST
7:00-10:00 pm	Donnelly's Pub	Thomas Nelson Band
7:45-10:45	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	Billy the Kid & the Regulators
FRIDAY OCT 18	VENUE	ARTIST
4:30pm-6:30pm	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	Al Lerman
4:30pm-7pm	Royal Ontario Legion (upstairs)	Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne
6:00pm-8:30pm	Canadian Corps (Down)	Spencer Mackenzie Band
7:00pm-10:00pm	Donnelly's Pub	Danny Boy Phelan
7:00pm-9:30pm	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	Miller And the Other Sinners
8:00pm-10:30pm	Royal Ontario Legion (upstairs)	Johnny Max Band
9:00pm-12:00am	Canadian Corps (Down)	Jack de Keyzer Band
SATURDAY OCT 19	VENUE	ARTIST
1:45pm-4pm	Donnelly's Pub	Brant Parker Band w/ Mark Crissinger
2:00pm-4:00pm	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	Waterstreet Blues Band
3:00pm-6:00pm	Club Belvedere	Joel Dupuis Band
3:00pm-6:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion (upstairs)	Jay Bleus Trio
3:00pm-5:00pm	Canadian Corps (downstairs)	L TZ ( Lescom, Taylor, Zehr)
4:15pm-6:30pm	Donnelly's Pub	Maria Aurigema Band
4:30pm-7:00pm	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	Big Dan Jeffares Band
6:00pm-9:00pm	Canadian Corps (downstairs)	Tommy Z Band
7:00pm-10:00pm	Club Belvedere	Joshua Arden Miller and Pappy Johns Blues Band
7:00pm-9:30pm	Royal Canadian Legion (upstairs)	Rene' Huard Project
7:00pm-9:30pm	Donnelly's Pub	Alfie Smith Duo
8:00-10:30pm	Canadian Corps (upstairs)	James Anthony Band
10:00pm - Late	Royal Canadian Legion (downstairs)	Super Jam
SUNDAY OCT 20	VENUE	ARTIST
3:00pm-6:00pm	Canadian Corps (downstairs)	Krista Blondin Band ( Janis Joplin Tribute )



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