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Platinum Party Performances at the Polish Hall



The Grand River Blues Society started its 20th Anniversary year of celebrations after it held its AGM with a traditional live music party. And what a Platinum Anniversary high-energy Rock & Roll Dance Party it was! "The Baddest Band in the Land" as the Weber Brothers call themselves most certainly lived up to their billing. The former members of Rockin' Ronnie Hawkins Band tore the roof of the Polish Hall as the dance floor was packed all night long. First on the stage was Felicia McMinn, a solo artist from Port Dover, and her guitar with her powerful vocals. Her choice of songs and her unbelievable rhythmic guitar stylings had folks dancing right from the get-go and that continued through her astounding 45-minute set of covers and original songs. To attest to the evening's celebrations the following messages were received.

"Whatta show! Thanks, GRBS!"

"Felicia can really work and engage the crowd, eh? She allows her personality to entice people. She has lots of power while singing and adds the patter when she's talking with the folks."

"Great evening on Saturday! Really enjoyed the music of Felicia McMinn and The Weber Brothers were amazing!"



"Was a great night of music and time spent with friends. Thank you Fiona for the amazing tribute to Dave Leyland from Poor Folks Deli days and the beginning of The GRBS. I am sure he was smiling down on us all."

Thanks to all for your support of The Grand River Blues Society for the past 20 years. We hope all of you will party and celebrate again on Grand Thursday, Apr 6th at the

Polish Hall yet again for 4 Guys, A Hell of a Racquet. Steve Marriner (Monkey Junk, Colin James Band), Jesse O'Brien (Colin James Band & Tom Wilson), Jimmy Bowskill (Blue Rodeo, Brooks & Bowskill & former Sheepdogs), and Blake Manning (Matthew Good & Tom Wilson), a tastefully delightful mix of exciting multiple Award Winning Allstars.

Thanks for the amazing photo coverage on such a Special Night by Jason Freeze of BScene Media and News Company.



Puzzles by Clyde

ALL MIXED UP

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS IN EACH ROW TO REVEAL THE NAMES OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

R A P H

S M U R D

T I G U R A

P U M T E R T

T A N C I R L E

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R E B O M U N T I A

C I N D O O C A R

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L O B C L E W

D I F D E L

T U L E F

S A B S

LETTER DROP

STROKE OUT THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET IN ORDER FROM A TO Z TO DISCOVER THE OPENING LINE OF A SONG TITLE.

A I B C H D A E V F E G T H I H J E B L K L U E M

N S O B P E Q F R O S R T E S U N U V R W X I Y

S Z E





Angelique Francis & Band

- 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

Waterford Old Town Hall [\(map\)](#)

POSTPONED TO APRIL 8TH

JUNO nominated artist Angelique Francis, is a versatile and exceptionally gifted musician.

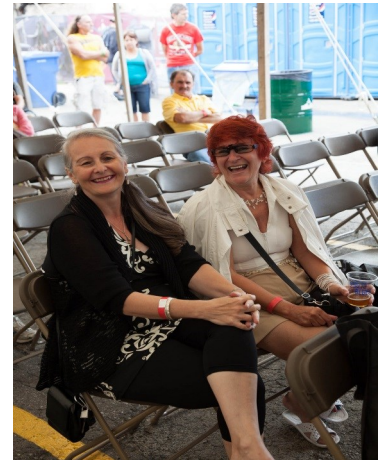
This multi-talented, multi-instrumentalist, multi-genre singer song writer and composer has wowed audiences across the globe with her electrifying performances, instrumental abilities and powerful textured vocals. She is known for her eclectic mix of various musical genres including Blues, Soul, Folk, Jazz, Gospel and Rock.

Angelique has shared the stage/opened for a large roster of well-known musicians such as Gary Clark Jr, Joe Bonamassa, Eric Gales, Keb' Mo', Jimmy Vivino, Beth Hart, Tom ochran, Burton Cummings, Sugar Ray and the list goes on.

Her diversity, passion and love of music can be heard in all of her original compositions.

<https://angeliquefrancis.net/home>

We Can't Say Enough About our Volunteers!



How can we possibly thank our volunteers enough? They're the driving force behind The Grand River Blues Society – as Board of Directors, running events, behind the scenes, and so much more.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 15, 2023



BLUES HALL OF FAME

**The Blues Foundation Honors the
Blues Hall of Fame Class of 2023**

**Inductees include Junior Kimbrough,
Carey Bell, Esther Phillips, John
Primer, Snooky Pryor, Fenton
Robinson & Josh White**

**Landmark Recordings by Little Walter
, Lowell Fulson,
Freddy King, Lightnin' Hopkins, Son
House and Howlin' Wolf**

**Induction Ceremony in Memphis on
May 10, 2023**

Behind The Lens: Highlighting Concert Photography

Retired from the Printing Industry, I've been interested in shooting musicians for many years, mainly in the blues genre. Generally, if you see me at your event it's because I like the music! My style is to catch a moment and accentuate it to focus on the artist. It's not a journalistic style, but more artistic as I will crop, clone, alter the images to suit my style. I'll strive to get the angle that catches your eye and pop it up.

Sometimes a Black and White image will convey a feeling better than colour. Being at the mercy of the lights/lighting means dealing with post processing nightmares, but that just gives me incentive for the challenge. I shoot at festivals/events and small clubs and travel to see many blues musicians in many settings.

Having met and become friends with these musicians over the past 20 years they've become comfortable with seeing me and my camera. Shooting mainly Pentax, I've recently entered the compact camera category with a Sony mirrorless which gives me some advantage in low light situations. Either way, I always have a camera with me for that moment.



MonkeyJunk in a small club, The Busholme in Erin 2022. I like to get up close and personal.



Kenny Neal at the 43rd Blues Music Awards, Memphis 2022. A featured performer of the night and a fabulous trip to the home of the blues.



Tommy Castro at the 43rd Blues Music Awards, Memphis 2022. Tommy Castro Was a Triple Winner at 2022 Blues Music Awards. Here he is looking humbled by his win.



Ricky Paquette at the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival 2022 with Angel Forrest, currently featured in Sheepdogs. Great expressions.



David Gogo Band at the 2022 North Bay Blues Festival. Gogo is a force. Shot him many times over the past 20 years. Always entertaining



David Gogo at the 2022 North Bay Blues Festival



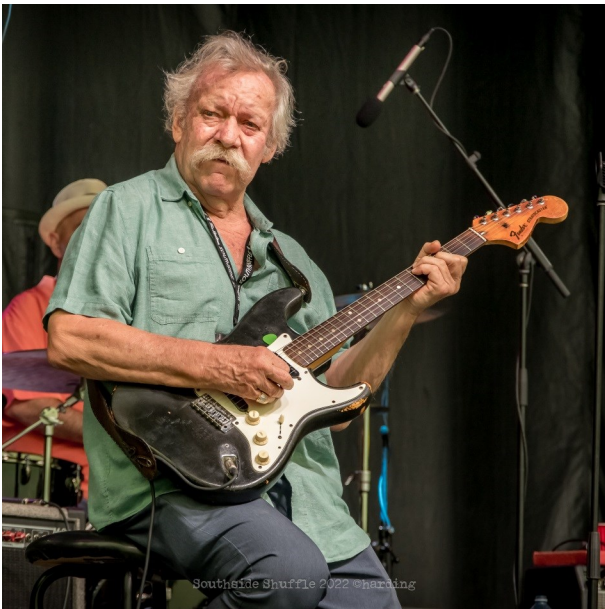
Shaun Verreault (Wide Mouth Mason) 2022 Southside Shuffle. When the stage lighting works to your advantage.



Shaun Verreault (Wide Mouth Mason) 2022 Southside Shuffle



Darcy Yates (Fred Eaglesmith, Bahamas, Samantha Martin, Steve Marriner) 2022 Southside Shuffle. Black and White just seemed right for this.



Donnie Walsh, Mr. Downchild, Southside Shuffle 2022 Port Credit. This man makes it look easy. So comfortable on stage and in his element.



Corey Lueck (The Smoke Wagon Blues Band) Wasaga Beach Bluesfest 2022. Using funky lighting to my advantage.



Tony D - solo at Etwell concerts 2022. Braving the elements at an outdoor gig.



David G. Rose (Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe) Harbour Street fish Bar - Collingwood 2023. This is a local venue to me and makes for a great venue with a party atmosphere.



Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater, Collingwood for Violet's Venue 2018 - two weeks before he passed. A special moment. This bluman on his final gig (unbeknownst to any in attendance)



The Youth Legacy Challenge



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2023 YOUTH LEGACY SHOWCASE
CALLING ON
ALL YOUTH
PERFORMERS

MAY 07, 2023 @ 2 PM | BOBBY O'BRIEN'S IRISH PUB

The Kitchener Blues Community Inc. in cooperation with The Grand River Blues Society is hosting the 2023 Youth Legacy Showcase.

This program helps develop youth talent in the blues genre and gives young artists an opportunity to grow and develop their skills.

The successful performer(s) will be offered the opportunity to perform on the YNC Stage of the Kitchener Blues Festival on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be under 21 years of age as of May 07, 2023
- Artists can perform solo or as a group
- Blues-based performance, 20 minutes in length
- Sequence of performance selected by lottery
- DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS APRIL 30, 2023**

REQUEST AN APPLICATION BY EMAILING:
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Are you ready to perform on the Main Stage of the TD Kitchener Blues Festival in August 2023?

The Youth Legacy Challenge provides an opportunity for young blues musicians to develop and showcase their talent in a big way.

Drum kit provided.

Points awarded for musical/vocal talent and musicianship, choice of Blues material, presentation, stage presence, entertainment value, and audience response.

Get Your 2023 Youth Legacy Challenge application form from

grandriverblues@gmail.com



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Membership Has Its Benefits

We are pleased to announce to our members that our friends at **Encore Records** (*Queen Street, Kitchener*) have offered their support to the Grand River Blues Society by giving active members 10% off on all blues CD's. All members have to do to receive discount is show their membership card. This is a great way to spread the blues around and we thank **Encore Records** for their support.

Membership does have it perks, so be sure to keep your membership active!

Visit Our Blues Booth

Come on over and say "Hi" to your Board members and volunteers at our GRBS merchandise table.

Remember your purchases help financially support our programs!

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Grand River Blues Society

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Is this a renewal? Yes No

Membership #: _____

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Grand River Blues Society Seeks a Merchandise Co-ordinator

We couldn't do what we do without great volunteers. There is currently a Merchandise Co-ordinator position in The Grand River Blues Society. We encourage Society members with experience or interest in this important task. If you are a GRBS member interested in becoming a Director and looking for information about how to get involved, please email grandriverblues@gmail.com

GRAND
Thursday
20th
GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY (Est. 2003)
www.grandriverblues.org
Anniversary Celebration

Steve Marriner **Jimmy Bowskill**
Jesse O'Brien

April 6 2023
50/50 & Raffle!
Doors 7pm Show 8pm

\$20 advance \$25 at the door.
Tickets Available at :
Polish Hall, **Eventbrite**
The Brantford Music Centre.

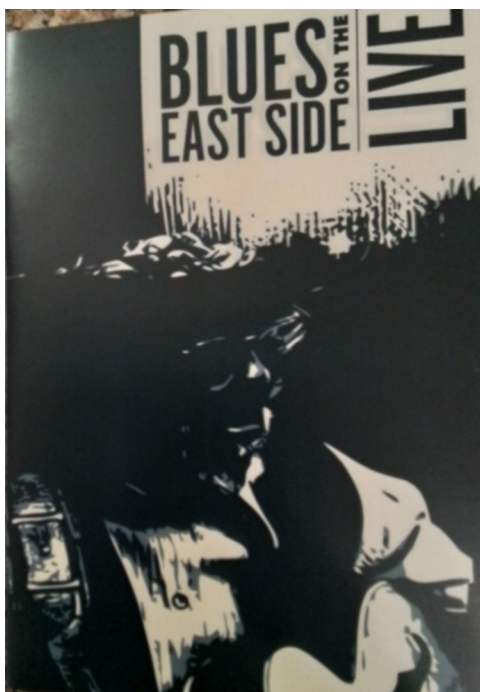
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www.grandriverblues.org

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Your Grand River Blues Society

We continue to maintain strong membership numbers in our Grand River Blues Society with over 150 active members. Welcome to all our new members, and thank you to all who renewed!

Please continue to let people know about the Grand River Blues Society and tell them how to join. Better yet, pass on one of our new membership postcards and sign up some more members. If you need postcards, contact any of the Directors or e-mail the address noted below. You might also consider a membership for a friend or family member as a gift.

Also remember that as a member you are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Board. Contact President Bruce Hall, via e-mail, at grandriverblues@gmail.com and let him know that you would like to attend. Another reminder: If you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let us know and be sure to subscribe to the Blues Buzz!

Grand River Blues Society

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Monthly Raffle Winner!

We have another winner of our bi-monthly draw. Each month one of our members is picked in a raffle for a blues related prize. Dave Wood of Brantford wins 2 tickets to the Grand Thursday Concert at the Polish Hall Brantford on Thursday April 6th. Award winning allstar band with Steve Marriner, Jesse O'Brien, Jimmy Bowskill and David Wilcox drummer Blake Manning taking the stage at 8pm.

Next draw will be held in June 2023. Keep your membership active to be eligible!

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GRAND THURSDAY! 4 Guys, A Hell of a Racquet

STEVE MARRINER

Vocals, Guitar,
Harmonica
(Monkey Junk,
Colin James Band)

JESSE O'BRIEN

Piano/Organ, Vocals
(Colin James Band,
Tom Wilson)

JIMMY BOWSKILL

Guitar, Bass, Banjo,
Vocals
(Blue Rodeo,
Brooks & Bowskill,
former Sheepdogs)

BLAKE MANNING

Drums
(Matthew Good,
David Wilcox)

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Don't delay

Get your tickets today!

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