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2023 Award Recipients – George White and Dennis Cuomo, Founders, Grand River Blues Camp Presented by Bruce Hall (President) and Claude Cloutier (Vice President)

Recognition Awarded at GRBS Blues Camp

The Grand River Blues Award is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have contributed to blues music or the growth of blues in the region.

Their efforts in starting the Grand River Blues Camp and growing it to a music experience that has attracted young musicians locally and from as far abroad as Louisiana and Massachusetts, has been recognized by Blues Societies across the country as a major contributor to the growth of blues in our region.

“I am pleased that George and I have been recognized by the Grand River Blues Society as

co-recipients of the 1st annual Grand River Blues Award”, said Dennis Cuomo when asked about winning the award.

“It has always been about the kids and providing them with the opportunity to learn and perform. We could not have done it without the backing of the Society, our volunteers and sponsors, and especially without the efforts and dedication of the musicians who have mentored our campers over the past 14 years.”

“It is all worthwhile to see the smile on everyone’s face at the performance”, added George White.





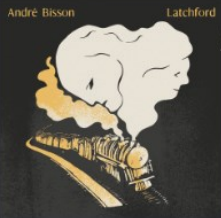
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HAMILTON - FRI. NOV 3, 2023 - WESTDALE THEATRE

LONDON - FRI. NOV 10, 2023 - AEOLIAN HALL

GUELPH - SAT. NOV 25, 2023 - RIVER RUN CENTRE

8:00 PM START (DOORS AT 7PM)



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Behind the Lens

David Parry - Capturing Musical Artistry Through the Lens



David Parry, a seasoned photographer with a lifelong passion for music and the art of capturing its essence through his lens, has spent over five decades dedicated to his craft. At the age of 69, David's journey as a photographer is a testament to his unwavering commitment to freezing moments of musical magic in time.

Early Beginnings: David's photographic journey commenced at the tender age of 16 during his high school years. Inspired by the world around him and the allure of the camera, he embarked on a creative adventure that would shape his life's work. It was in those early days that he realized his penchant for capturing candid moments of musicians in their element, forging a deep connection between music and photography that would endure throughout his life.

Photographic Equipment:

David's trusted companion in his photographic odyssey is his Sony a6000 paired with a versatile 70 to 350 mm lens. This dependable setup has allowed him to effortlessly seize the subtleties and raw energy of musicians, ensuring that every image tells a story, evokes emotions, and captures the essence of live music performances.



Behind the Lens



The Soul Brothers with
Mississauga Mayor, Bonnie Crombie



The Soul Brothers



Angelique Francis

Professional Journey:

David's passion for photography seamlessly integrated into his professional life. For over seven years, he served as a dedicated professor at a local college, where he harnessed the power of photography to enhance his presentations and ignite the imagination of his students. His commitment to education and his love for photography converged, fostering an environment of creativity and innovation.

Capturing Musical Magic:

Now, at the age of 69, David is in the enviable position of semi-retirement, allowing him to fully indulge in his lifelong passion. His camera is his steadfast companion, joining him at countless concerts and music festivals, where he tirelessly endeavors to encapsulate the spirit, intensity, and raw emotion of musicians in the throes of their craft. David's photographs serve as visual symphonies, communicating the profound connection between artists and their audience.

A Tribute to Musicians:

David's work is a tribute to the musicians who grace the stage, sharing their artistry and passion with the world. He sees his role as a photographer not only as a documentarian but as a storyteller, sharing these outstanding moments with the world. His images are a testament to the transcendent power of music and the indelible mark it leaves on the human soul.

As he enters the later chapters of his illustrious career, David Parry remains a steadfast guardian of musical moments, a storyteller through the lens, and an inspiration to all who share his love for the convergence of music and photography. His work reminds us that the magic of music lives on in every frame he captures, and that age is no barrier to pursuing one's lifelong passions with unbridled enthusiasm.



The Trainwrecks to be Showcased in Memphis @ IBC



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The trainwrecks



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Edelweiss Tavern
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TICKETS \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door)

Get 'em here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-blues-challenge-fundraiser-for-the-trainwrecks-tickets-691704265077?aff=oddtcreator>

Let's help THE TRAINWRECKS get to Memphis for their chance to compete in the youth category of the International Blues Challenge!

The Trainwrecks are a Blues focused band that are made up of local high school students from Kitchener - Waterloo. These talented teens found each other through the Grand River Blues Camp and are excited to be able to share their love of the blues.

Together they won the Kitchener Blues Festivals 'Youth Legacy' contest and also recorded their first single, a cover of "Somethings Got A Hold of Me." The Trainwrecks give a fresh take on Blues classics, and you can see them perform live at the Kitchener Blues Festival, Belmont Bestival and are also excited to represent the Grand River Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis as Youth participants!

You can find them on Instagram here: <https://www.instagram.com/the.trainwrecks>



16th Blues Blast Music Award Winners



Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

- Bob Stroger
- Bob Margolin
- John Primer

Contemporary Blues Album

- Taj Mahal – Savoy

Traditional Blues Album

- John Primer – Hard Times

Soul Blues Album

- Annika Chambers & Paul DesLauriers – Good Trouble

Rock Blues Album

- Mike Zito & Albert Castiglia – Blood Brothers

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Blues Blast Award Winners

Acoustic Blues Album

- Charlie Musselwhite – Mississippi Son

Live Blues Album

- John Primer – Teardrops for Magic Slim

Historical Or Vintage Recording

- Bob Corritore & Friends – Women in Blues Showcase

New Artist Debut Album

- Lady J Huston – Groove Me Baby

Blues Band

- Cash Box Kings

Male Blues Artist

- Taj Mahal

Female Blues Artist

- Shemekia Copeland

Sean Costello Rising Star Award

- Dylan Triplett

Producer

- Mike Zito

Electric Guitar

- Christone “Kingfish” Ingram

Acoustic Guitar

- Rory Block

Slide Guitar

- Sonny Landreth

Bass Guitar

- Bob Stroger

Keyboards

- Kenny “Blues Boss” Wayne

Drums

- Kenny “Beedy Eyes” Smith

Harmonica

- Charlie Musselwhite

Horn

- Vanessa Collier

Vocals

- Shemekia Copeland
- **Blues Video Of the Year**
Jimmy Hall – Jump for Joy





Chuck Jackson Blues Legend

For over 50 years of live musical performance and serving as a founder and director of the Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle for 25 years, Chuck Jackson meets the strict mandate to receive this distinction.

In being recognized as a “Blues Legend”, Jackson has utilized his automatic entitlement to recognize Richard “Hock” Walsh and Jane Vasey for the “Blues Legacy” distinction.

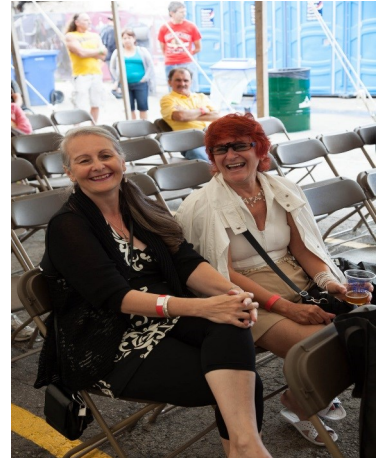


All artists who have been recognized with this distinction will receive written recognition that will be accessible to everyone worldwide via the Blues and Roots Radio website in the upcoming weeks. This initiative strives to educate others about the musicians who have made an impact in the Canadian Blues Collective, and the musicians themselves are the best way to do it.

In addition to being recognized as a “Blues Legend” and choosing other artists to be recognized for the “Blues Legacy” distinction, Chuck Jackson will be presented with a physical award in person on August 17th at the Beggars Blues Banquet in Port Credit, Ontario. Thanks to Chuck Jackson for his significant contributions to the Canadian Blues music Collective - a Blues Legend indeed!



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.

Behind the Mic



Ken Wallis

Ken Wallis began his media career at CJRN Radio in Niagara Falls. After graduating from Niagara College, Ken accepted a position at CHCH TV as a copywriter and later became On-Air Promotion Director. After 13 years at CHCH, Ken accepted a position teaching at Mohawk College and retired as Associate Dean of Media and Entertainment after 28 years in academics. Ken is a dedicated blues supporter and owner of BluesSource Entertainment.

For 3 years he featured blues bands at Jet Hall in Hamilton. For 11 years he has hosted radio shows, currently BluesSource Canada and BluesSource International airing on INDI 1015 FM and Blues and Roots Radio which airs 2 hours of blues repeated 4 times weekly. He has served as a board member of two different blues societies, is on the Maple Blues Awards Nominating Committee, and has been a Juno award judge.

He has contributed numerous articles to the online magazine, The Sound Cafe. He is now contributing to Hamilton City Magazine, highlighting local blues musicians. His hobby is concert photography, providing media coverage to a multitude of blues festivals.



Puzzles by Clyde

TRIOS

CHOOSE ONE LETTER FROM EACH GROUP OF THREE TO SPELL THE FULL NAME OF A FAMOUS BLUES ARTIST.

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FIND THE TRAIL

STARTING AT THE DARK-EDGED BOX. MOVE UP, DOWN OR DIAGONALLY TO REVEAL THE LINES OF A FAMOUS BLUES SONG. THERE ARE NO SPACES BETWEEN WORDS OR PUNCTUATION MARKS, JUST THE LETTERS IN THE WORDS.

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Puzzles by Clyde

WHAT LIES AHEAD

REPLACE A GIVEN LETTER WITH THE CORRECT SUBSTITUTION TO FIND THE WORDS THAT COME BEFORE "BLUES" IN THE FOLLOWING SONG TITLES.

"BGFFSML RIH" BLUES

"RIPTQNG" BLUES

"BIACSCH" BLUES

"TFGEEFGILE" BLUES

"KISAQGXEM" BLUES

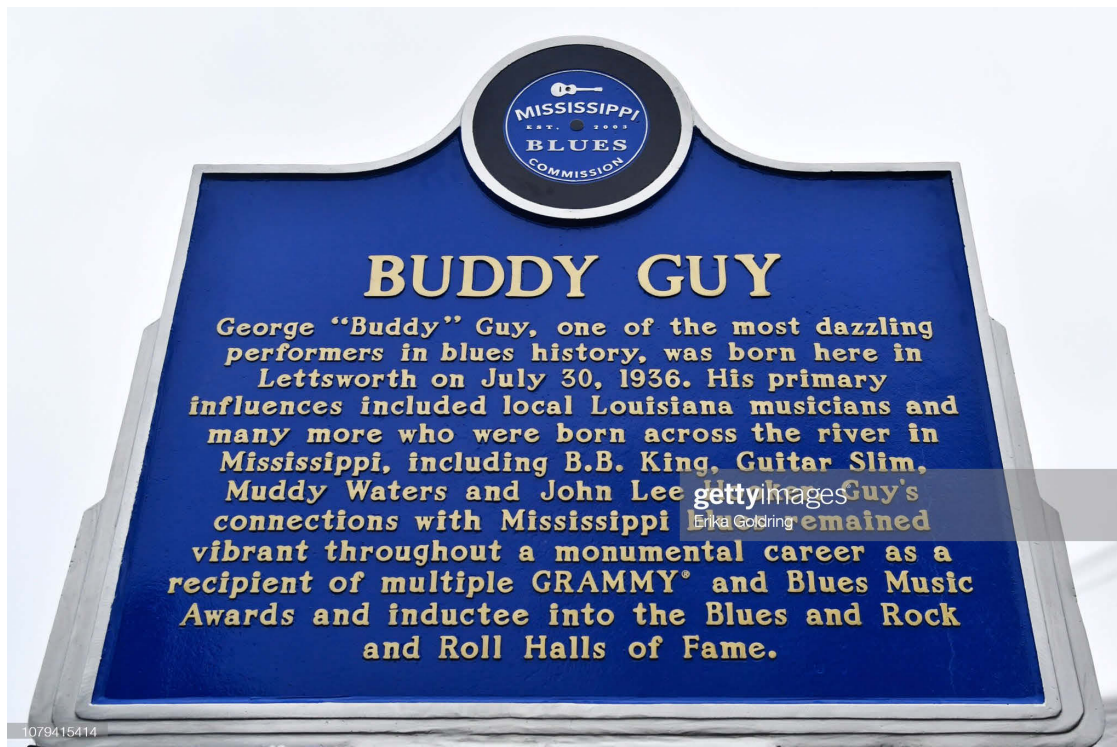
"LMMUFSYMF" BLUES

"EIPMENGFG" BLUES

"ZGFPW-ZGXF" BLUES

"QGB AGHD, QGB AGHD" BLUES

"MYMFW LIW S QIYM PQM" BLUES



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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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!

Become a Member or Renew Your Membership
Grand River Blues Society

Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ Prov: _____
 Country: _____ Postal Code: _____
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 Email: _____

Membership Fees in Cdn Funds (Select one):

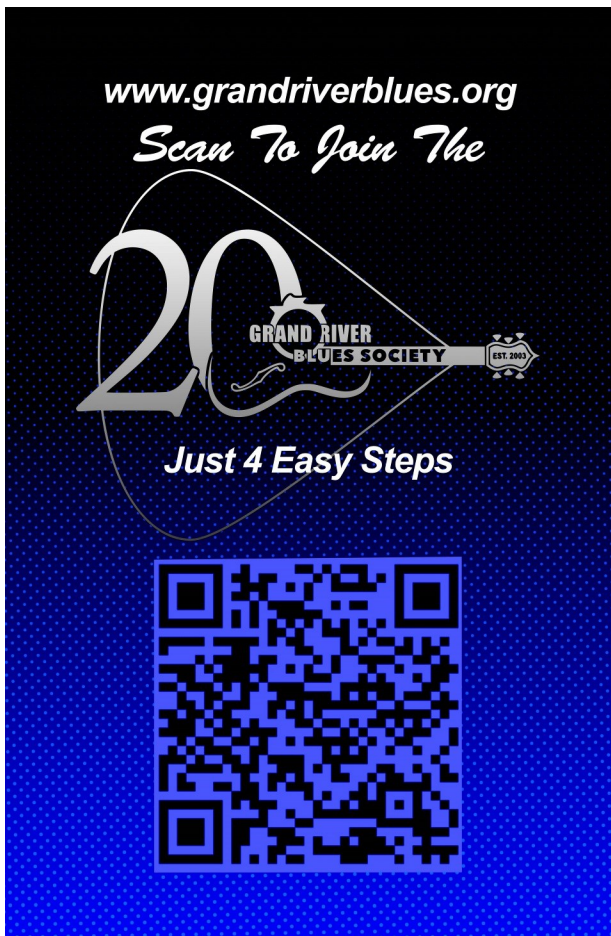
	1 Year	3 Year
Regular Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
Family Membership (two adults and two children under 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
Student Membership (student ID or under 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	---

Is this a renewal? Yes No
 Membership #: _____

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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. Ruth Adams from Etobicoke wins tickets to the Sue Foley Concert at Mule Skinner Friday, Oct 27th . Next draw will be held in November 2023. Keep your membership active to be eligible!

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(TDKBF Youth Showcase Band)



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