

Music Listings

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Rick & Donna's, The Galt Line
Rick&Donna's, The Galt Line & Captain Ronzo
Riverside Theater, Louis CK: Word
Rooters (Waukesha), Choogy w/Cherry Pops
Shank Hall, 2MorroW EvR After w/The Bends
Showtyme Saloon & Hall (Allenton), Cindy Wasley Cancer Benefit w/Dan Kirkland, Cory Jacobsen, It Is Written & Hoochie Koo
Six Points Pub, The Dave Miller Band
Smokin' Joe's, Stoneship Eden
Sugar Maple, Antler Antennas w/Trees Fall & DJ Boost
The Grove Restaurant, Sue Russell, Ray Tabs & Friends
Trinity Three Irish Pubs, Zachary Wade Project
Turner Hall Ballroom, Present Music
Unitarian Church North, Wisconsin Singer/Songwriter Series: John Gorka
Up & Under, The Bel Airs
Vnuk's Lounge, Brandon McHose

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Art Bar, Open Canvas Artist: Rebeca Dietmeyer
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra - Stabat Mater
Circle-A Cafe, "Alive at Eight": The Commuter Exit (8pm); DJ: Publique (10pm)
Gene's Lanes, Marvelous Mack & Friends Open Jam
Jokerz Comedy Club, Michael Winslow
Mario's, Classic Rock & Blues Open Jam w/The Avengers
Shank Hall, Big Sandy and his Fly Rite Boys
Showtyme Saloon & Hall (Allenton), Open Jam w/Rick Holmes

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Frank's Power Plant, Gary's Monday Night Open Mic Forum
Jazz Estate, BOB
Linneman's Riverwest Inn, Poet's Monday w/host Timothy Kloss & featured reader Steve Anderson (8-10pm)
Up & Under, Open Mic w/The Big Shuffle
Vintage, Alex Wilson Band
Vnuk's Lounge, MAMN Jam

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Bay View Brew Haus, Open Jam
Brocach Irish Pub, Open Irish Music
Chic Lounge, Tina Moore w/Open Jam
Frank's Power Plant, Welcome Home Walker w/The Van Buren Boys, The Sleazybeats & The Spectras
Jazz Estate, The Erotic Adventures of the Static Chicken

Linneman's Riverwest Inn, Sigmund Snopek III
Mamie's, Open Blues Jam w/Rick Holmes
Miramar Theatre, Acoustic Music/Spoken Word Open Mic w/host Sandy Weisto (sign up starts 7:30pm)
Rave / Eagles Club, Kottonmouth Kings w/Blaze Ya Dead Homie, Big B & Bliss N Eso (all-ages, 6:30pm)
The Gig, The Riverwest Beer Club w/host Whispering Jeff (6pm), Colin O'Brien Bluegrass and More (9-11pm)
The Stage, Marcell & Charles Open Jam
Transfer Pizzeria & Cafe, Neal Charles, Bill Martin & Friends w/Dennis Fermenich
Turner Hall Ballroom, Rogue Wave w/Midlake

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Art Bar, Gabriella Papale
Bad Genie Rock Lounge, Local & Aesthetic@
Bremen Cafe, Mid-Week Mountain Music
Caroline's Jazz Club, Big O & the NiteOwls Blues/R&B Open Jam
Chez Jacques, Dick Eliot
Chic Lounge, Dave Miller w/The Neal Charles Band
Conway's Smokin' Bar & Grill, Open Blues Jam w/Big Johnson & the Thrusters
Dock of the Bay, Open Jam
Frank's Power Plant, Rockabilly Night
Fuzion Cafe & Lounge, Acoustic Open Mic Night w/host Laying Tracks & Jimmy, Dick, Bob
G-Daddy's BBC, Open Mic w/host Rigel Mitchell
Jazz Estate, Evan Christian
Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall, Polka Open Jam
Linneman's Riverwest Inn, Acoustic Open Stage w/feature Paul Setser (sign-up 9pm, start 9:30pm)
Main Street Depot (Oconomowoc), Acoustic Open Mic Night w/host Laying Tracks & Jimmy, Dick, Bob
Miramar Theatre, Family Power Music Presents: Grassroots Wednesdays, Weekly Open Mic and Artist Showcase
Mo's Irish Pub (Downtown), Pat McCurdy
Mo's Irish Pub (Wauwatosa), Greg Gerard
Paulo's Pizza, Jimmy "Big Bopper" Prince
Potbelly's (Brookfield), John Criston Widule
RJ's Sports Pub & Grill, Tomm Lehnigk
Rave / Eagles Club, Leaves Eyes w/Blackguard (all-ages, 8pm)
T.G.'s Sports Bar, Acoustic Open Mic w/Mark Paffrath
The Gig, The Dim Peepers
The Grove Restaurant, Warren Wiegratz & Friends
Von Trier Tavern, Adekola & the Jazz Giants w/Berkeley Fudge, Allen Johnson, John Price, Bob Hobbs & Ken Kostur

Local Music

Paramount Blues Festival Celebrates Grafton's Legacy

BY JAMIE LEE RAKE

Grafton's status as a hub for one of America's greatest musical exports remains rooted in history. It's that connection to the past, nurtured by people who care about maintaining that legacy, which fuels the Paramount Blues Festival, held this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at Lime Kiln Park at 2020 S. Green Bay Road.

The event, now in its fifth year, is named for the record company run as a subsidiary of a furniture company in this Ozaukee County city from 1918 to the mid-'30s. The label's greatest commercial success came from its "race" records line, which included some of the earliest recordings of such luminaries as Alberta Hunter and Charley Patton.

Grafton Blues Association President Kris Raymond assures attendees that the genre's diversity is represented at the Paramount fest more than it is at many other blues outings. From the acoustic sounds by which its namesake label made its reputation to more contemporary manifestations, Raymond promises, "We offer all types of blues over the weekend, from country blues, Delta blues and gospel to what some call 'blues rock.' You will find something you like no matter what you consider to be blues music."

The variety should be an ideal fit for Milwaukee's wide range of blues lovers, including those who listen to the weekday afternoon and Saturday morning offerings on WMSE-FM and the DJs on African-American talk/blues/gospel AM signal WMCS.

Newbies and aficionados will not only be able to experience a wide breadth of blues over the weekend, but they also will get it at a bargain price compared to other events of similar size. Paramount has gone so far as to buck economic trends because of its bang for the bucks.

"Our attendance has always gone up, despite the economy," Raymond says. This year, two-day passes to the festival are \$20 in advance; Friday-only passes are \$10.

In addition to getting their fill of music, attendees coming from across the country and overseas will get some local flavor. Nationally known acts like folk blues duo Joe Filisko & Eric Noden, long-time sideman guitarist/singer gone solo Zac Harmon and colorfully electric

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and eclectic veterans Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials are rounded out by some Wisconsin players. Milwaukee's Leroy Airmaster will take the stage with two of the city's senior bluesmen, Greg Koch and Jim Liban. Among other Milwaukee-area acts taking the stage are October Soul, Maple Road and Robert Allen Jr. & The Zoot Suits. Making the trip from Madison are hard-touring Aaron Williams and The Hoodoo, hailed recently by readers of the city's *Isthmus* as the state capital's favorite hometown blues band.

At the same time people will be coming from all around to attend and play at Grafton's current contribution to blues culture, the burg will be honored Saturday for its past. A historical marker to be placed at the site of Paramount Records' original factory locale will be unveiled at the fest as part of the national Blues Trail project.

Paramount has been gaining international notice as it brings accolades to the state. "We are getting more and more recognition from the blues community," Raymond says. "The press increases each year. We feel it's our responsibility, given the history, that we include music recorded here on a regular basis. Those that understand the relevance of the history have been with us since the beginning."

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