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Hellfish, performing at the 2006 Water Tower Blues-n-Jazz Festival which was held July 7-8.

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KBS MONTHLY MEETING

If you are interested in reviewing new blues releases, come on out to the KBS monthly meeting (held the first Wednesday of each month at **7:00 PM** in **The Germantown Café** at **1053 Goss Ave.**) and take your pick! We receive promo releases from the major blues labels as well as regional and local bands. If you review a CD, it's yours to keep!

LETTER FROM THE PREZ

The blues festival season may be winding down but at least it's going out with a bang. This was my first trip to Ribberfest in Madison, Indiana and I was not disappointed. On Friday Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings were fantastic. It's great to watch Rogers play. He stoops down low and exaggeratedly bends his wrist around the neck of his guitar. It almost seems as if his left arm is coming out from around his back but you can't argue with the results. KBS member Nelson Grube looked up and said "Look at all the guys standing at the edge of the stage watching him." They had to be other guitarists who wanted to study and learn a little something from the man "whose slide riffs could peel a crawfish." Saturday was a jam-packed day with local favorites The Jimmy Davis Band, Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish and from Memphis, Tennessee soul singer Bettye Lavette. This was my first time to see Lavette and she is a truly gifted vocalist. She did several songs off her new album *I've Got My Own Hell to Raise* and she was the crowd favorite that day. She had a large group dancing in front of the stage the whole time she performed. As luck would have it she will be in Louisville a Headliners Music Hall on October 3 with Woody's Roadhouse from WFPK radio. Speaking of Nelson he won the \$5,000 grand prize drawing benefiting the Lide White Boys & Girls Club. To me this is just further proof that God loves KBS members and blues fans and wants us to be happy. If you did not make Ribberfest don't fret. Carrollton's Blues to the Point is coming up fast. Check out their ad in this issue of *Blues News*.

Owing to the fact that we need a little more room and a quieter locale we will no longer have our monthly board meetings at the Germantown Café. We may try out a few locations before we make our final decision. Our first destination will be the River Bend Winery on 10th Street. The meeting will be Wednesday September 6 at 7 pm and all our welcomed to attend. River Bend will also host a benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on Saturday, September 16. Seven bands will play from 4 pm to 1 am all for just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. See the ad for the benefit on page 4.

There are several out-of-town blues artists coming to Louisville in the month of September. Ana Popovic from the Netherlands is making good on her promise to return after playing earlier this year at Jim Porters. She will be at Phoenix Hill Tavern on September 12. Eric Sadinas from Los Angeles will bring his brand of delta blues slide guitar to Phoenix Hill on September 19. Malcolm Holcombe from Weaverville, North Carolina who plays a type of backwoods folk blues and has a voice like "gravel and moonshine" will be at Air Devils Inn on September 7. Stevie Ray's will feature the Eric Tessmer Band from Austin, Texas and the Jon Justice Band from Memphis, Tennessee among others. And a little blues-inspired rock and roll band from England called The Rolling Stones will play at Churchill Downs on September 29. You've got plenty of chances so get out and see some live blues!

Gary

The Kentuckiana Blues Society 2006 Blues Contest Stevie Ray's Blues Bar · Sunday November 5

**Winner receives an automatic berth
in the Blues Foundation
International Blues Challenge in
Memphis, TN, February 1-3, 2007,
\$500 cash, and
local recording studio time.**

**Eligible entrants must be 21 years
or older and have never appeared
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Entry fee is \$25.

**Deadline for application is October 2.
Further details and application forms
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***Stevie Ray's Blues Bar*
230 East Main Street
502/582-9945**

Admission is \$5.

Free for KBS members.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

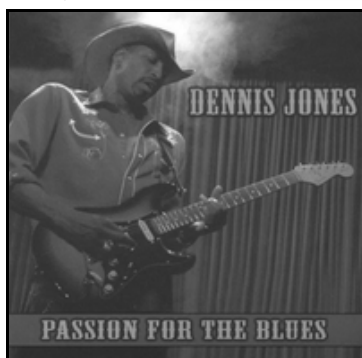
**Dinner will be available
in the Voodoo Garden.**

**Order of play will be decided
by a blind draw at 4:00 p.m.
Competition starts at 4:30 p.m.
with each entrant playing
20 minutes.**





New Music Reviews



PASSION FOR THE BLUES

Dennis Jones
Blue Rock Records

Dennis began to play his music at the age of 13 in Maryland. His guitar talent caught the ear of several musicians and he played back up through out his younger years. He toured and lived in Europe for a while and finally returned to the states and settled in California. His brand of blues is a very smooth blues which we are not real familiar with in the east. However, his rock style is a hit and he writes much of his own material.

His first CD was Fallin Up and he got a wonderful review in BLUES REVIEW MAGAZINE. WEVL in Memphis picked it up and he got a rave reviews there as well. This is his second CD and it features 8 original songs and two covers. Dennis has been a member of Zac Harmon's band for years and co-wrote a song on "The Blues According to Zacariah" which was reviewed in

this newsletter several months ago. He was in the band when they won the 2004 IBC Championship. He has also played with such notable blues artists as Guitar Shorty and Kenny Neal. He has been written up in BIG CITY RHYTHM AND BLUES MAGAZINE as well as BLUES REVIEW MAGAZINE.

The covers are Willie Dixons I JUST WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU (He did an exceptional job in my opinion) and Drayon Swains SLAM JAM. With Michael Turner on drums, Kenny "Boudro" gray on bass, Jimmy Zavala on sax and harp and Marshall Thompson on piano, the sound is polished and tight. Zac joins in with Dennis on the Willie Dixon cover and they sure jam and wail.

My personal picks are WHEN I DIE, YOU'RE WRONG, and SOMETHING GOOD. He shows great promise not only as a performer but as a song writer. I JUST WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU is one of the best versions I have ever heard and he and Zac (who joins him in this rendition) simply make you feel it was just for you that this song was sung.

Dennis plays several gigs a month and is now attending festivals. Keep an eye out for him at a festival near you.

Martha McNeal

BLUES TO THE POINT 

ON THE RIVER AT POINT PARK IN CARROLLTON KY.

SEPT. 8 & 9

Friday Sept 8 Schedule
 5:00 Graham, Shelton & Smith
 7:30 Frostbite Band
 10:00 Lamont Gillispie

Saturday Sept 9 Schedule
 Noon - Jimmy Davis Band
 2:00 Coupe Deville
 4:00 Sonny Moorman
 6:00 Alabama Blues Brothers
 8:00 Tim Krekel
 10:00 Fingers Taylor

Acoustic Stage Artists
Schedule Not Available At This Time
 Roy Gentry - Tyrone Cotton
 Sandy Pickett - Darryl Hewitt
 Velveeta Jones - Good Sunday Band



Fingers Taylor



Tim Krekel

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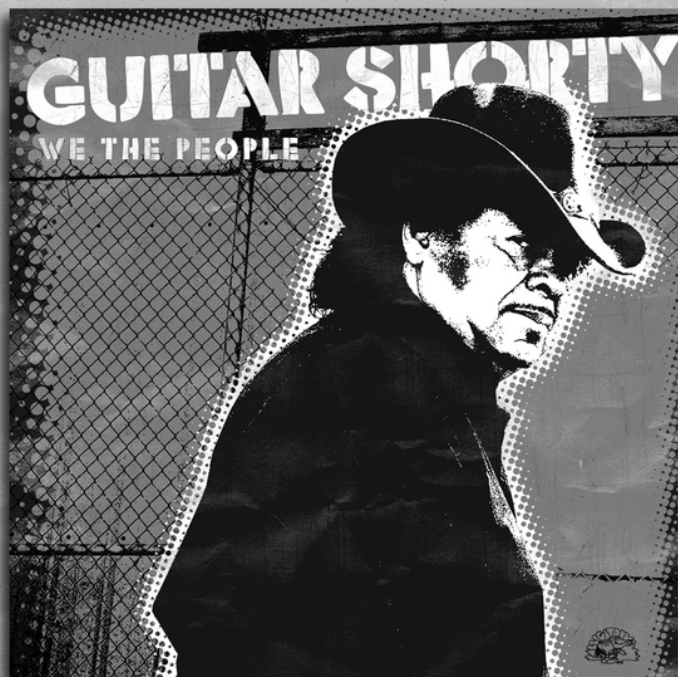
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LOST AND FOUND

John Long
Delta Groove Productions

Robert Johnson, who died in 1938 has been reincarnated. Not only that, he has taken on some of the characteristics of John Lee Hooker and Son House. I have listened to Robert Johnson, Son House and some other older original blues artists and been moved by their music. When I first hear John Long, I thought that someone had made a true digital recording of one of these original blues musicians. John Long is a true original. His music is original old time blues, but in a digital age. The first time I heard it I was mesmerized and wondered why there wasn't more static in the recording. Anyone who likes the original masters, will love this CD.

The music is mostly John, his guitar or harmonica and nothing else. This old time country blues is what most people associate with old music. But this is new stuff. His skill at writing and recording music that is both new and old is eerie. There are twelve songs on the CD, all originals. This CD has been getting a lot of air time on XM radio and been high on the request list. One of the songs is on the Blues Revue sampler (Blues and Boogie Woogie). His intonation at the end of some stanzas is reminiscent of John Lee Hooker (the way he stretches out the "nnnnnn" in the end of his lines).

Take it from me. Don't read this review and try and determine if you want (need) this CD. It is an extraordinary recording and you should not be without it. This is destined to be a classic.

I am typing this review as I listen to the CD and it is hard for me to type since the music draws my attention to it. It makes you want to listen to the vocals and the nuances of the music rather than do anything else. I highly recommend this CD as it is the best one I have reviewed this year.

Bob Brown

BLUES BRUNCH AT THE MART

Michael Coleman and the Delmark Allstars
Delmark Records

Every June, thousands of blues fans flock to Chicago for the Chicago Blues Festival. During this kickoff to the summer, Delmark's Jazz Record Mart also hosts the coinciding "Blues Brunch at the Mart" with live performances from various Delmark artists. In 2005, Michael Coleman and the Backbreakers were the house band and host of the blues party. The Allstars that year consisted of Little Arthur Duncan, Lurrie Bell, Willie Kent, Bonnie Lee, Steve Freund, Zora Young, Steve Behr, Shirley Johnson, Tail Dragger, and Aaron Moore.

This "brunch" is more of a jam session and is recorded live and therefore gives the spontaneity of a live performance. The trick is for several artists to come onto the stage and for Michael Coleman's band to keep it "tight". Surprisingly, he does and this is an excellent recording. This live recording makes you feel as if you are there experiencing the music.

Bob Koester, founder of Delmark records knows his artists and lets them show their stuff. I listened with interest and felt like the artists were playing for me in my basement (where I am now). The musicianship is excellent, the recording superb and even the audience is great in support of the music. If ever there were a CD that took you to a Chicago bar without actually going to one, this is it.

The style of music is sort of in the Otis Rush vein-Coleman, Freund and Bell's guitar work is not overpowering, but ever present in the songs. It is traditional blues here.

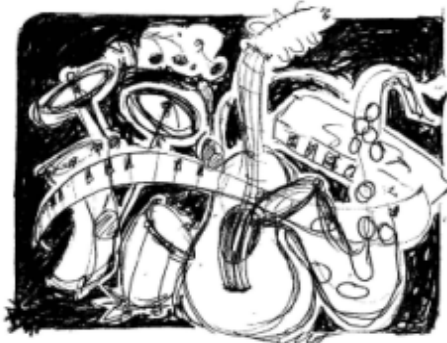
Little Arthur Duncan opens the CD with some great harp and vocals. Next, two songs by Lurrie Bell showcase this axe wielding blueser. My favorite on the CD is the song "Something New" with Willie Kent on vocals and bass. His voice is unmistakable and interesting. Unfortunately Willie passed away this year.

I would like to point out one of the artists on this CD as exceptional, but they all perform flawlessly with good old blues from the Chicago Bars. You need this CD for those Saturday nights when you wish you could get out to a bar and can't.

Bob Brown

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4:00 - 6:00 Dave and Simon
8:00 - 10:00 Joe DeBow

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September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Vito's Place - Blues Jam 8:00 to midnight - \$1	28	29 Longshot Tavern - Blues Jam 9:30 n/c Zena's - Big Poppa Mark Stampley 10:30 n/c	30 Jim Porter's - Jimmy David Band Lisa's Oak St Lounge - Blues Jam 9:30 \$2 Wicks Pizza Dixie Hwy - Blues Jam 8-11	31 Joey G's - BBQ & Blues w/Barbeque Roy 7-11 & the Nail Driver 5-6-9 PM n/c Stevie Ray's - Studebaker John & the Hawks 8:00 - \$5 Zena's - Mississippi Adam Riggle 10:30 n/c	1-Sep Caesar's - Robbie Bartlett 9 PM-1:45 Dutch's Tavern - Bluestown Jim Porter's - Bootleg Radio River Bend Winery - Joe Debow 8-12 n/c Stevie Ray's - Lamont Gillespie & 100 Proof - 7:30 Tony-O - 10:30 - \$5 after 8 Wicks Pizza Baxter - King Sonic 10:00 Zena's - Don Harris R&B Band 10:30 \$5	2 Caesar's - Robbie Bartlett 9 PM-1:45 Eva Mae's Creekside Inn - Mary Driver & Cruzin' Bluz 7-11 Galt House Grand Ballroom - Sheryl Rouse & her Louisville All Star Band 9:00 Jim Porter's - Bootleg Radio River Bend - Double Dog Dare 9 PM n/c Stevie Ray's - Lamont Gillespie & 100 Proof - 7:30 Tony-O - 10:30 - \$5 after 8 Zena's - Don Harris R&B Band 10:30 \$5
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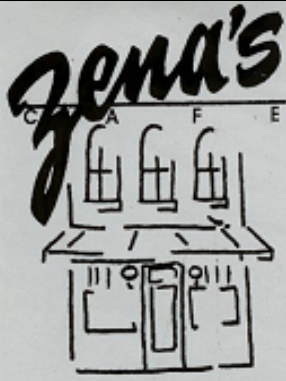
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