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SELWYN BIRCHWOOD BAND

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Central Florida Blues Challenge Winners :

The Selwyn Birchwood Band (2009)



In this series you will be introduced to the past and present Central Florida Blues Challenge winners.

Selwyn Birchwood Band received top honors at the 2013 International Blues Challenge coming in 1st place out of over 230 bands from around the world!

Selwyn also received the "Albert King Award" for best guitarist!! IBC- K Stott

Your band had won the International Blues Challenge 2013. How many times did you compete in the IBC and what blues societies sent you?

Selwyn: I competed 3 times. 2009 Orange Blossom Blues Society, 2012 Suncoast Blues Society, 2013 Suncoast Blues Society



How did you prepare for the competitions? What do you think the judges look for at the IBC?

Selwyn: I didn't really do too much out of the ordinary from our usual shows. You have to make sure that you're obviously well-rehearsed. The only thing that we had to consciously work out was the time requirement. So, we made sure to rehearse the actual songs that we were going to perform at IBC against a timer to ensure we were within the limits.

What did the band enjoy most about the International Blues Competitions in Memphis?

Selwyn: The sheer number of bands and amount of music is what is best about the IBC. You get to hear so many different bands and meet so many people from around the world that all love Blues

How are you involved in the Suncoast Blues Society?

Selwyn: I support the events and shows that they put on and promote and they do the same for my band's shows.



What is your performance schedule? Any cds or upcoming performances?

Selwyn: I keep all of my tour dates updated on my website (selwynbirchwood.com). We just finished recording our 3rd CD which will be released this summer! :oD I have 12 new original tunes on this upcoming record.

www.selwynbirchwood.com



Does any artist in particular influence your style of music? Who in your band writes your music?

Selwyn: There's too many artists to count that influence myself and our music. I try my best to pull from several different styles and mix it together to make a little bit different sound. I write the songs and bring them to the band and we kind of work them out from there to fine-tune them.



Who did you previously tour with?

Selwyn: I started touring with Sonny Rhodes when I was 19. I stayed with him off and on for about 3 years

What are your future plans?

Selwyn: We have a heavy tour schedule for the summer and the rest of the year and will be busy promoting the new record.



Who is in your current lineup of the Selwyn Birchwood Band?

Curtis Nutall- Drums

Curtis grew up in Chicago and has played with many legendary musicians from there including Albert King amongst others. He also has toured with many great bands like Joe Louis Walker and The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Regi Oliver-Saxophone

Regi is a world class musician and Berklee School of Music graduate. He has toured with too many bands to name. (I.E. Lucky Peterson and Joey Gilmore)

Huff Wright-Bass

Huff has a degree from University of Florida and has toured with many other acts including Lucky Peterson and Joey Gilmore as well.

Letter from the President



Good Day Blues Lovers and Fans!!!

Hope you all are enjoying the late Winter thaw . . . and the early Spring showers this week! The weather has been very unpredictable, but the LIVE Blues here in Central Florida has been everything but unpredictable!! We've had local, national, and international artist come through in the past few months playing at . . . **The Alley in Sanford, Doc's Streetside Grill in Orlando, Muldoon's in Winter Park, The Beach Shack over in Cocoa Beach, BB Kings and the House of Blues down in the attraction area, The Plaza over on Bumby, The King Center in Melbourne, Cafe Annie and Tangueray's in Downtown Orlando, and even out on Lake Jesup at the Black Hammock!!** All I can say is **WOW** and **THANKS** to all these venues that are consistently supporting LIVE BLUES music in Central FL!!

We got the business of the board elections sorted out and just to refresh your memory, your board members are **Herb Ransburg, Darryl Davis, Karen Stott, Mike Poppademos, Jann Childers!!** We are more than happy and excited to serve you. Please visit our website, www.obbs.org, for additional details and how to contact the entire board or individual members directly. We welcome your input and suggestions. We are always looking for ways to improve in areas such as community involvement, event promotion, and a place where we can set up an information table to spread the word about OBBS!! Keep us in mind and reach out to us often!!!

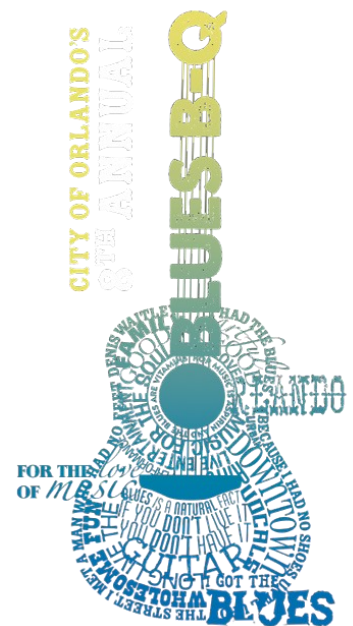
What's next for us this Spring? Well, we are engaged in a few local music events. The current events on the horizon are, BBQ and Blues in Downtown Orlando (<http://www.cityoforlando.net/executive/communications/events/bluesbq/index.htm>) and The Mt. Dora Blues and Groove Weekend (<http://bluesandgroove.com/>). Please check the respective web sites for information on admission, parking, lodging, and artists. **The winners of our Central FL Blues Challenge, Joel DeSilva and The Midnight Howl and our People's Choice Winner, The Paul Stott Group will be playing!!! PSG will be lighting up the stage on Friday night @ 6:30. The Howl will be doing the same on Saturday at 6:30!!** Come on out and support our winners!! OBBS plans to be at both events and we are looking for supportive volunteers to assist throughout the day. Don't hesitate to get in touch and let us know your availability to assist! We will have a table/tent/booth set up at these events so even if you are not available to volunteer, just stop by, chat, introduce yourself, and sign up for another event. We invite all members, guests of members, and non-members to come by and learn more about our vibrant LIVE Blues scene here in Central FL!

As far as our ongoing endeavors go, our Blues in the Schools (BiTS) program could use some support from both musicians and non-musicians. If you want to see smiles that stretch from the Panhandle to the Cape, come experience the BiTS program up-close and personal!! We would like to improve the program and get it on par with programs by the likes of Vasti Jackson, Debbie Davies, and many others around the country. To do this, we need support and volunteers. The smiling faces of all those kids during the program with set your hearts on fire!! We have had some great successes with our local educators assisting and many of our local artists such as Doc Williamson, Joe Caruso, Birddog Bobby, Roadblock, and others. It's the best hour you are ever gonna spend with Blues Lovers under the age of 10 anywhere - I guarantee it!!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!! Get in touch with us and get in engaged!! Our membership numbers are climbing slowly and we want to accelerate this ASAP! The more members we have, the more engaged we can be at events, concerts, charity gatherings, etc. **Our Gary Ingber Musicians' Relief Fund depends on our getting out there and making things happen.** Giving back is part of our mission, so help us live up to it!! We all love the music and sometimes to keep it alive, we need to reach out and lend a helping hand to those less fortunate. It's a community and a responsibility to that community that keeps it going.

Take care **BLUES LOVERS** and we will see you out there **KEEPING THE BLUES ALIVE!!!**

Herb Ransburg
President - Orange Blossom Blues Society



March 1st– Orlando Blues BBQ

Spotlight *By Nedra Goettling*

You gotta just love music, it always evokes memories and experiences buried in our subconscious. Once a year a local woman's club brings a little joy and music to the Winter Park Rehabilitation Center, and that typically means a little blues music! Sharing the blues with the residents of the Center for the past four years have been our OBBS members Doc Williamson and President, Herb Ransburg. They continue every February to participate in the party that the Maitland Woman's Club provides for the residents, one of the several charitable events sponsored by the club in and around Maitland.



As a member of both OBBS and the Maitland Woman's Club, I get to experience this great event every February. The Club decided it wanted to bring a little happiness around Valentine's Day to those that a having to live, hopefully only temporarily in a Rehabilitation Center. It's awesome to see joy on the residents faces as they realize that the tune Doc and Herb just played was something buried in their memory banks, like "Georgia on My Mind." While some might not think blues music is a good fit for a rehab center where residents have myriad of issues, many of them with limited mobility and memories, the members of the Maitland Woman's Club have found that it is the perfect fit. The residents enjoy the gifts of stuffed animals and useful items such as socks, but what they simply love is the music. This year, Doc and Herb were accompanied by David Duff and Tom Harpell and provided two full hours of music. As the party started to break up, several residents moved closer to the musicians and submitted there own personal requests.

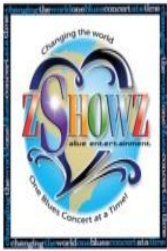
Whether it's through participating in BITS or JAMS or some other outreach program, such as this annual event, the members of OBBS are always gifting Central Florida with a dose of blues music. How wonderful to bring joy, happiness and blues music to others. The Maitland Woman's Club offers their sincere thanks to Doc Williamson, Herb Ransburg, David Duff and Tom Harpell.



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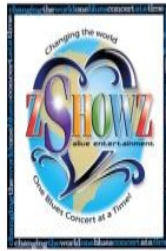
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Around Town

George Linson Stage Comes Alive Again With Kim Simmonds and Savoy Brown

By: LonnieG

Since the closing of McWell's just a few short months ago, the George Linson Stage was alive and well again on Saturday, February 15th 2014. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Zaida Zoller, of ZShowz Alive Entertainment, and the new Friendly Confines, Central Florida blues fans were treated to a rockin' good time. What better way to celebrate the return of a venue to the Central Florida blues scene then to have a blues-rock legend remind us that if your foundation is strong, the house will continue to stand and weather the test of time?



Savoy Brown is one of the longest continuously running blues-rock bands in the world today. Founded by guitarist Kim Simmonds in 1965, Savoy Brown not only led the British blues movement of the late sixties, but they continue to record, tour, and deliver power packed shows. Backed by Pat DeSalvo on bass and Garnet Grimm on drums, Kim Simmonds took the audience for a blues journey 50 years in the making. After opening with *A Hard Way To Go*, the band proceed through past gems including *Black Night*, off of their first album *Shake Down*, released in 1967. After which, Kim apologized for “*getting into such deep blues so early in the night.*” Of course, the standing room only crowd roared with approval and demanded more.

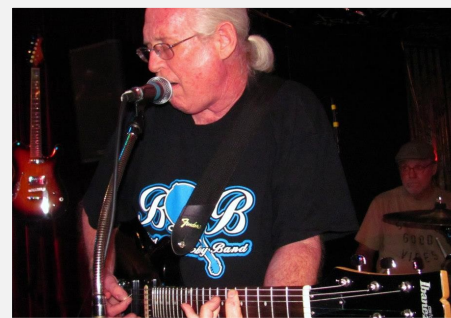
The band then performed several new tunes from their new *Going To the Delta* release and showed why early reviews are so positive. The new tunes embrace the history and roots of Mississippi Delta blues while providing Kim and the band with a boost of energy. Like kids breaking in new bikes on Christmas morning, the mates were all smiles as they took the new songs out for a spin, much to the audience's enjoyment. And, the “old school” fans in the crowd were not disappointed as the journey came full circle with hits including *Hellbound Train*, Muddy Water's *Louisiana Blues*, *Tell Mama*, and a rousing encore performance of *The Savoy Brown Boogie!*

Seeing Kim Simmonds “act like a kid again” reminds us that there is nothing like a live blues show to keep us feeling young and alive. Savoy Brown reassured us that the foundation is strong, the house is still rockin' and it is freshly painted blue!

LonnieG is a Central Florida musician and founding member of the blues-rock band, *Don't Scare The Dog*. www.dontscarethedog.com



LOCAL BANDS AND JAMS





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May 16-18

Friday Night

Paul Stott Group

William 'Big Bill' Morganfield

Jimmy Thackery

Saturday Night

Triple Shot Band

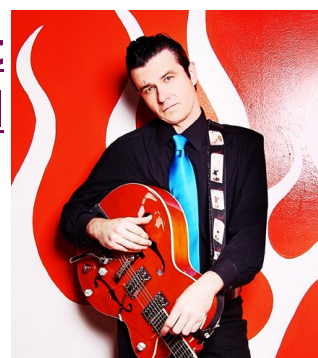
Joel Da Silva and the Midnight
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Selwyn Birchwood - 2013 IBC
Winner

Ana Popovic

Sunday Afternoon
Pat Travers Band

Mount Dora Community Building Theater
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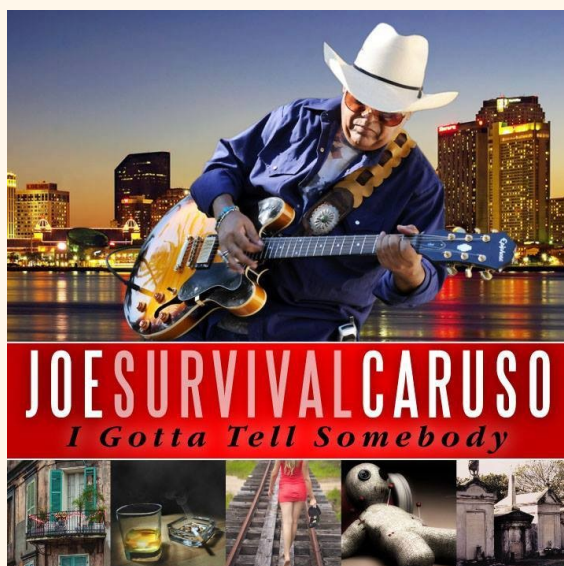
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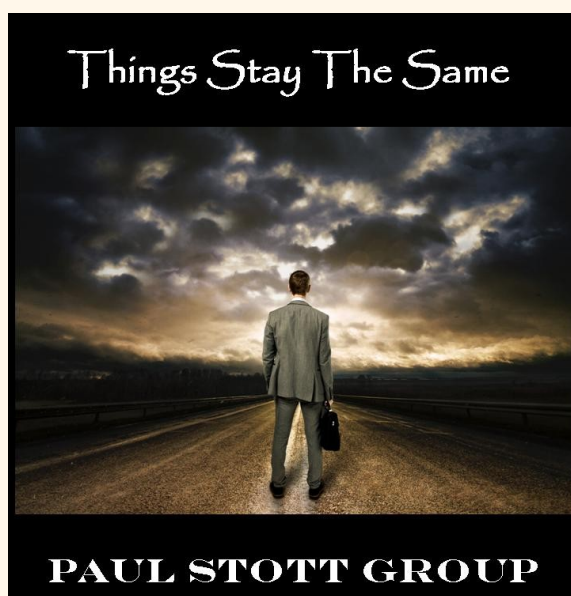
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Joe “ Survival” Caruso : I Gotta Tell Somebody

Released January 2014

www.reverbnation.com/joesurvivalcaruso



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Released February 2014

www.paulstottgroup.com

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Thank you to Hillary Fenner for the pictures of the event.





As part of our ongoing dedication to community service, the OBBS sponsors Blues In The Schools (BITS) programs on the local level. Based on The Blues Foundation's Blues in the Schools program, BITS is designed to introduce students to the blues and educate them about the origins, styles and history of the music through exciting, interactive presentations at elementary, middle & high schools levels.

OBBS is looking for musicians and volunteers to help out with the BITS program.

This entails volunteers receiving training on the BITS program and attending the school programs throughout the school year. (Our goal is once a month). The programs are during the school day, so you will need to be available at those times.

Review our website to see the impact this is making on students in the community and the fun the musicians are having with this program. www.obbs.org/blues-in-schools.html

For more information or volunteering, please contact the OBBS at obbs4u@gmail.com.



Preserve Promote and Present the Blues

The Gary Ingber Memorial Fund was created by the Orange Blossom Blues Society in April 2008 in honor of our dear friend, Gary Ingber, who passed away in February 2008. The mission of the fund is to offer modest financial aide in a timely and practical manner to any deserving area musician (or their immediate survivors.). The range of assistance is from \$100 - \$500 and the types of assistance that will be considered are medical, prescriptions due to illness, accident, emergency needs and burial/final expenses.



The fund is available to active, professional musicians (or an immediate survivor) in the Central Florida area. A recipient does not have to be an OBBS member to receive funds, but requests for assistance must come from an OBBS member. Assistance is limited to one application per person each six months, or a one-time request for funeral expenses. Please click on the below email link to email the board for further details.

All inquiries are confidential. Please email us at info@obbs.org for more information



OBBS holds fundraisers featuring the Ladies of the Blues a few times a year.

Please email or check our calendar for updates to these events.

Order your copy of the Ladies of the Blues—info@obbs.org








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Band Listings

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Bird Dog Bobby Band	http://www.birddogbobby.com/
Black Top Blues Band FL	www.facebook.com/.../Blacktop-Blues-Band/
Daniel Heitz Band	www.facebook.com/pages/...Daniel-Heitz-Band
Paul Stott Group	www.paulstottgroup.com
The Smokin Torpedoes	www.orlando-blues.com
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Bobby Blackman	www.facebook.com/.../Beautiful-Bobby-Blackmon
Robert Top Thomas	www.wildrootsrecords.com/RobertTopThomas
Selwyn Birchwood	www.selwynbirchwood.com
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	Michael Pappademos	Vice President	director@obbs.org

The Orange Blossom Blues Society (OBBS) was founded in 2004 and is comprised of volunteers including board and committee members and a paid membership devoted to the preservation, promotion and presentation of the blues.

This organization has been established for it's membership and the advancement of education and charities related to blues music, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes and particularly to preserve, cultivate, nurture and promote one of America's indigenous artistic cultures in support of the blues in Central Florida and throughout the State of Florida.

This society provides a forum for exchange of current blues news and events while increasing awareness of and appreciation for the blues through educational efforts, sanctioned by the OBBS, while providing a network of association for Florida blues lovers and it's supporters.

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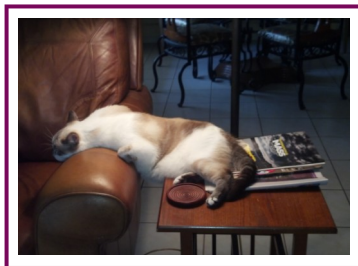
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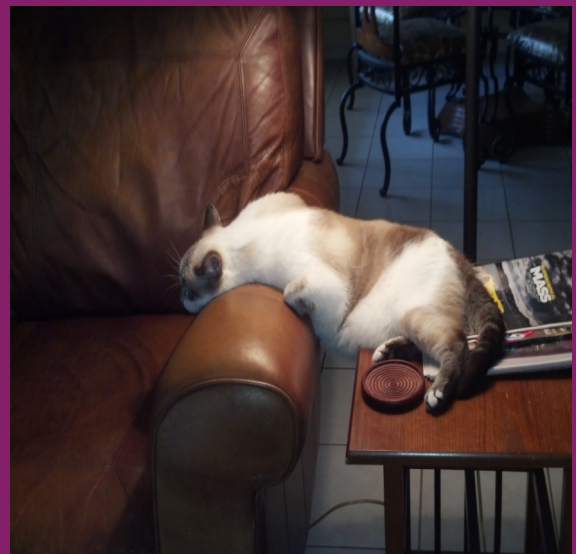


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