

Check out our Artist Showcases during IBC Week!
ROAD DAWG TOURING CO.



**Ghost Town
Blues Band**

1/18 Blue City Cafe - 10:30
 1/20 Blue City Cafe - 10:30
 1/19 Lafayette's Music Room - 10p
 1/20 Blue Hall - 10p



**Andy T Band
feat Alabama Mike**

1/20 High Rock Cafe - 9:30p
 1/21 High Rock Cafe - 9:30p
 1/22 High Rock Cafe - 9:30p



Tas Cru

1/14 Ram Boogie Cafe - 7-11p
 1/15 Ram Boogie Cafe - 7-11p
 1/16 Ram Boogie Cafe - 8p-2p
 1/17 Ram Boogie Cafe - 8p-2p
 1/18 Blue Hall - 10:30
 1/19 Blue Hall - 10:30

CONGRATS & GOOD LUCK
**Dirty Red & the
Soul Shakers**
 CHEYENNE BLUES SOCIETY
 25.000 PERSHIRE



CONGRATS & GOOD LUCK
**Tony Holiday
& the Velvetones**
 METLAKOFT BLUES SOCIETY
 25.000 PERSHIRE

Representing Award-Winning Blues Artists from Across the World!

David Young
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Ray Wilson
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Black Stone
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Bluddy Blatters
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Paulie North
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Louis Ross
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George Mack
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Andrzej
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Jackie & John
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Ray Walker
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**Dirty Red & the
Soul Shakers**
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Ray Walker
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**Big Al & the
Bluesmen**
 25.000 PERSHIRE
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Shannon
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David
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**Van Clief & the
Band of
Harlem**
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Robert
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**Andy T. Band feat
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Mark
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Chris
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The Blues Doctors
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Harry
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Scott
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Dawn Tyler Watson

2017 IBC BAND WINNER
 The Montreal Blues Society

The Opheum Theatre, February 4, 2017. We had just performed our asses off, as they say, and when they announced that Ben Racine (band leader and front man for my band) had been named Best Guitarist in a Band, we freaked! Of course we were all backstage awaiting the big announcement, and the excitement mounted with every passing minute. What was taking so long? The competition was tight. All really high-quality blues acts... and me... I was so nervous! When they finally announced the runners-up, and then called my name as the first place winner, I could hardly believe it! Three months prior to the day, I had undergone open heart surgery that had threatened our entering the competition at all, not to mention my

very existence on the planet! I had to undergo some major life changes. And now my career was about to change as well, and in a pretty big way.

Someone told me that winning the IBC is like getting a \$100,000 PR campaign. I don't know about that, but as a Canadian, it certainly broke down the elusive "border barrier." We were invited to play numerous U.S. festivals that until then, despite winning multiple Canadian and international blues awards through the years, were impossible for us to get. The 2017 touring season fled up, and off we went myself and the seven of Montreal's finest who were in the winning band.

"Please welcome to the stage this year's IBC first-place winners"—the warm reception we received everywhere we go.

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