Samantha King & the YEG Trio EDMONTON BLUES SOCIETY

Samantha King was born to sing the blues. This soulful, raw, vocal powerhouse has stage presence to match. Her band, the YEG Trio, consists of Marc Beaudin on bass, Sandro Dominelli on drums, and Jimmy Guiboche on guitar. All three musicians from



the Great White North complement Samantha's presence with ease. Samantha King & the YEG Trio, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, will evoke the edge, the grease, and the unforgettable vibe that is the blues.

Sammy Eubanks & the Work'in Class

WASHINGTON BLUES SOCIETY

Sammy Eubanks' name alone speaks volumes as does his music. Quite possibly the most reputable musician in the Inland Empire, Sammy Eubanks delivers a quality performance every time he takes the stage. Ever the skillful vocalist and guitar player, he is a leader in the Northwest music scene. The Work'in Class is a merger of some of the Northwest's finest musicians. Each of them brings a unique and proficient blend that is pure musi-



cal magic. Sammy Eubanks & the Work'in Class are sure to bring a smile to your face and get you off your seat and on to the dance floor.

Scotty & the Wingtips

CENTRAL IOWA BLUES SOCIETY

Scotty and the Wingtips were formed in 1989 to host a jam session in downtown Des Moines, Iowa and have been playing ever since. Scotty decided after nine years to add some horns to give the band some pop. The Wingtips brand of blues is headboppin', body-shakin',



fun-loving music with lots of soul, funk, Latin, and swing for all ages to enjoy. All the guys spend time together even when not performing resulting in staying in "tune" with each other. This is probably one of the reasons the band has stayed together for more than 25 years and is hoping to keep the blues alive for as long as possible.

Shadetree Mechanics Band

JERSEY SHORE JAZZ AND BLUES FOUNDATION

Shadetree Mechanics Band was formed in 1996. When this five-piece band locks into a bluesy groove they make you "wanna call yo' mama." The band consists of guitarist Mark Schmalzried (Redman), bassist John Lawson (Elmo), drummer Ray Gwiazdowski, and keyboardist Pat Gregor.



Rounding out this high-energy band is vocalist Michael Rochelle (The Rev), originally from Chicago, now residing in New Jersey. The band has two self-produced CDs under their belt with a third one currently in production.

Shake Anderson & My Last Nerve TRINITY RIVER

BLUES SOCIETY

Sam "Shake" Anderson's music is unpredictable and always real. Real life isn't



neat, and certainly isn't predictable. Everything about Shake is nothing if not real. His lyrics tell universal stories about making mistakes, learning lessons, and rebirth. Shake develops melodies that provoke emotion, using vocals and instrumentation that elicit rawness from those who play and listen along. He's collaborated with Hall of Famers who recognize his talent and have taken him from greatness to legend. Shake is a singer, a songwriter, a multi-instrumentalist and producer. Shake is the real deal.

Sheba the Mississippi Queen & the Bluesmen

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA BLUES SOCIETY

Born in Mississippi, this uniquely talented singer/ songwriter joined forces with four seasoned blues players to present the music as intended - raw, real, and with none of the overkill so prevalent today. Out of Ocala, Florida, they are known for powerful real-life storytelling coupled with music that



packs the dance floor. Anchored by a solid rhythm section and 1950s Chicago influenced keyboards and guitars, the group breathes as one, delivering the dynamic ebb and flow that has always informed the art of the blues. The usual influences are there, but what you will experience is singularly Sheba!

Slim Butler & the SlimCuts

Slim Butler hails from the unfamiliar hot bed of Finland 's blues scene, Arctic Circle. While Slim is showcasing his talents as a guitarist, he is also handling vocal duties on stage. The SlimCuts consist of hardcore blues veterans from exotic Lapland: guitarist Harri Raudaskoski, drummer Jartsa Karvonen, and Hannu Lehtomaa on bass. Slim Butler has released three seriously hipsounding albums: Slim



Butler 's Inner Blues (2012), Bad Intention (2016), and the latest, Big Freeze (2018). These albums are breaking exciting new ground sonically with styles ranging from blues, blues-rock, and funk to a Hendrixian vibe.

Smooth Gentlemen

GERMAN BLUES NETWORK

The Smooth Gentlemen are three veteran musicians from the Polish music scene. Their music is a blend of blues and soul, sometimes smooth, sometimes explosive, but always energetic! The band consists of Bartek Szopinski, (acclaimed pianist, Hammond organist, composer, and 11-time winner of "Pianist of the Year" statuette awarded in the "Blues TOP" survey), Milosz Szulkowski



(drums), and Piotr Bienkiewicz (guitar). This combination of musicians creates an exciting new band with lots of depth and experience.

Soul Box

BOSTON BLUES SOCIETY

Soul Box is a band with chemistry. All the members lock in together effortlessly and that kind of connection



draws the audience in and makes them a part of it. Songs are always evolving and changing during every performance. The band just lets what happens happen. Drawing from influences of blues, funk, soul, rock, and reggae, Soul Box creates a sound that is simultaneously new and classic.

Stan & the Chain Gang

BLUES SOCIETY OF OMAHA

Americana/soul/blues/gospel Nebraska based band, Stan & the Chain Gang is the latest project of Stan Spurgeon, a veteran of the Omaha music scene. Growing up as

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