

2018
NORTHWOODS BLUES FESTIVAL

One of top five new Blues Festivals in the nation by Blues Scene Magazine
June 29 & 30, 2018
Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, WI

FRIDAY June 29

 Howard "Guitar" Luedtke 1:30 PM	 Becky Barksdale 3:30 PM	 The Jimmys 5:30 PM	 Albert Castiglia 7:30 PM	 Jimmy Thackery 9:30 PM
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SATURDAY June 30

 Dylan Saffer 1:30 PM	 Mitch Kashmar w/ Paul Berry & The Blue Tones 3:30 PM	 Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys 5:30 PM	 Shaun Murphy 7:30 PM	 Coco Montoya 9:30 PM
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All Ticket & Campground Purchases are Available at:
northwoodsbluesfestival.com

Next Week (June 19, 2018)
Brian Naughton

Recording artist/singer-songwriter/guitarist **Brian Naughton** possesses a signature sound, originating far from the Midwest, driven by an energetic mix of Blues, rock, funk, and soul. Though based in MN, Naughton's wails, croons, and soulful emotion are derived from the heart of the deep South. His passionate commitment to pushing musical boundaries has earned him a reputation as one of the foremost guitar players in the Twin Cities.

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Shows begin at 6:30

In case of inclement weather, Tuesday Night Blues is held at the Stones Throw, 304 Eau Claire St.

- May 29: Paul Tweed Band
- June 5: Code Blue featuring Catya & Sue
- June 12: Squishy Mud
- June 19: Brian Naughton Band
- June 26: Tommy Bentz Band
- July 3: Mark Cameron Band
- July 10: Mojo
- July 17: Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max
- July 24: Whyte-Orfield Band
- July 31: Nick Foytik
- August 7: South Farwell (at Phoenix Park)
- August 14: Left Wing Bourbon
- August 21: Joyann Parker
- August 28: Charlie Parr

Find out more about the bands and listen to samples at TuesdayNightBlues.com

Tuesday Night Bluesletter
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June 12, 2018 at Owen Park

Squishy Mud



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Squishy Mud with **Jim Stairs**, an exciting Blues-based band offering an eclectic mix of covers and original compositions, was formed in 1998. This versatile, fun-lovin' "electrified" Blues band has made countless appearances - primarily in Minnesota (receiving third place in **Famous Dave's Minneapolis Battle of the Blues Bands** for two consecutive years), but also in the five-state area.

Joining Stairs (guitar, vocals; of Catapilla/Stairs, Anthem Band, Face First, Mud Brothers) are veterans **Paul "The Bluesman" Wigen** (keys, vocals; of Big Walter Smith, Willie B), **Jim Meier** (drums; of Armadillo Jump) and **Mike Brisson** (bass; of Armadillo Jump), and talented newcomer **Chris Kaufman** (sax). Bringing the fun along with high-quality entertainment, these talented professionals play with intensity and a love for the craft.

Transitioning from Electric Delta Blues, Chicago Blues, Blues rock, electrified traditional Blues and power Blues, along with a wide mixture of dancer-friendly Blues-based songs, Stairs and the Squishy Mud boys are sure to please every type of Blues fan. The band can be found playing at many top Minnesota venues.



Tuesday Night Blues can use YOUR help
If you'd like to help us make these shows happen, stop at the membership tent

The City of Eau Claire has asked that nobody park on the bike path. If you are disabled see us at the tent and we will make arrangements for a permit. Motorcycles are permitted to park on the grass across from the restrooms. The bike path needs to be clear in case of a need for emergency vehicles, and of course use by pedestrians and bicyclists. Thank you.



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A Little About the Blues

The **Alex Wilson Band** will be one of the featured acts at our upcoming **Tuesday Night Blues 10th Anniversary Bash** at **The Metro** (Eau Claire) on September 8th!

Alex picked up the guitar at age five and never put it down. Immersed in the Milwaukee Blues scene, he was influenced by such local luminaries as Stokes, Lee Gates, Jim Liban and Milwaukee Slim. Alex formed his own garage band at 13. At 17, he began to dig deep into the Blues, learning the songs and styles of masters such as Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter, Buddy Guy, Jimi Hendrix, and Magic Sam. By age 21 he'd joined Milwaukee's Blue Rubies, performing regionally while still working part-time with his own band. Playing up to 25 gigs a month, Wilson honed and sharpened his skills as a singer/songwriter, guitar player, and entertainer. In 2005, Alex began to focus solely on his own project, finding the right players from the Midwest music scene to take his show on the road.

Wilson grew up in a family of talented musicians. His grandmother, **Rosa Saviano**, was a renowned jazz singer in Chicago in the 40s and 50s. **Tom Wilson**, Alex's father, is a multi-faceted musician who has accompanied nearly every Blues performer to pass through the Milwaukee/Chicago music scene in the last 30 years. **Marc Wilson**, Alex's uncle, is one of the most sought after drummers in the country, having played with B.B.King, Big Walter Horton, Buddy Guy, Jimmy Rodgers, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Susan Tedeschi, Anson Funderburgh, and Sam Meyers.

With his uncle, **Marc Wilson**, on drums, and his brother, **Matthew**, singing harmonies and playing bass, Alex is performing with one of the best Blues bands on the scene today. It's no surprise that they won the 2007 WAMI (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) Award for Blues Group/Artist of the Year. After playing a series of shows for the Chinese New Year in Beijing, with Grammy-nominated Blues harmonica player Charlie Musselwhite, Alex returned to the US to find himself a triple nominee for the 2008 WAMI Awards, and he was named Guitarist of the Year. In both 2009 and 2011, Alex Wilson Band was awarded best Blues Artist. In 2010, Alex received the People's Choice Award, and was chosen to represent his local Blues society in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, in 2011. Alex and his band finished in the top eight in the IBC finals at The Orpheum Theater.



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