

RIVER JAM 2009

The talent is deep and each stage will be a different style to wet your appetite. Tickets are now on sale and will be available at Tony's Music Box, Sue Lawrence Spa and at the Delta. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. ***We still have reserved tables available in the ballroom . These are \$200 for a group of ten and include Nachos at 10.30 .***

River Jam is a signature event in Fredericton. Entering its 7th year the event continues to grow in popularity each year. So mark your calendars and make sure you head to the Delta on July 10th! The event starts at 5.00 with patio entertainment and runs in to the wee hours of the morning. For additional information on the River Jam contact Rick Hutchins@ 363-4538 or via e-mail : hutchr@nbnet.nb.ca

Schedule:

Alex Bailey (8pm at the Pool Bar-outside)
(The) Beaters (12 midnight in DJ Purdy's)
CGI 101 (10 pm in the Governors Ballroom)_
(The) Cathy Hutch Band (9 pm in DJ Purdy's)
Dave Wills (6pm at the Pool Bar-outside)
(The) Downtown Blues Band (11pm in the Ballroom)
Garage Majal (midnight in the Ballroom)
George Street (11pm in the Governors Ballroom)
Kendra Gale (5pm at the Pool Bar-outside)
Lilly Maddison (7pm at the Pool Bar-outside)
Love me three times (8 pm in the Governors Ballroom)_
Mackinaw (10:10 pm at the Pool Bar-outside)
Mandy Silk (9 pm in the Ballroom)_
Rockin Billies (11 pm in DJ Purdy's)
Speak Easy (8 pm in DJ Purdy's)_
Stringers (10pm in DJ Purdy's)
Tallest Band on Earth (12 midnight in the Governors Ballroom)_
Tore Down (10 pm in the Ballroom)_
Vegetarian Hagus (9 pm in the Governors Ballroom)_
Wally McKinnon (9pm at the Pool Bar-outside)

Band Bios:

ALEX BAILEY

Alex Bailey's guitar and mandolin styles are smooth and full of colour, encompassing the passion of flamenco and the rawness of gypsy jazz. Over the past 10 years this Fredericton native performed a variety of musical styles throughout North America and Europe.

Bailey will be accompanied by Matte Robinson on Trumpet, Kelly Waterhouse on Sax, Chris Mercer on guitar, and Scott Culligan on bass. Whether it's the clubs in Paris, Montreal Jazz Festival, Les Franco Folies, River Jam, or Fredericton's own Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival, Alex Bailey will give you as how you'll never forget and leave you smiling!

The Beaters

The Beaters are a 6-piece band from Carleton County who have been in existence in some form for 20 yrs. Formerly The Beechwood Beaters they have evolved into the present group consisting of Steve Morris (Vocals, Harp and Mandolin), Laurie Greenlaw(Guitar and Vocals) Stephanie McDougall (Vocals and Acoustic Guitar), Thayne McLeod(Drums), Roger Whelan (Bass Guitar) and Lloyd Bragdon (Tenor Sax)

Whether at a club, fundraiser or any special event, The Beaters who play there own style of Maritime Blues/Rock are sure to entertain you.

CGI 101

CGI 101 offers a musical journey back to the '50's and 60's and to that unique part of the Rock N' Roll era which saw the emergence of the guitar instrumental. .

CGI 101 (Classic Guitar Instrumentals) brings back the songs first made popular by groups like The Shadows, The Ventures, and other instrumental guitar geniuses. Group members represent a diverse blend of musical experience but share a common love & respect for the music of these guitar pioneers. CGI 101 is made up of Guy Lamarre(Lead Guitar), Charlie Chiasson(Rhythm Guitar), Daniel Grant(Drums) and Hal Pennell(Bass).

The Cathy Hutch Band

The Cathy Hutch Band will knock your socks off with an electrifying mix of original country/rock tunes and classic rock and roll covers. Cathy is the 2008 recipient of the Dianne London Award and also placed a close second for the CBC Galaxie of Rising Stars Award.

Dave Wills

Originally from Saint John, Dave came to Fredericton to study and picked up guitar in his late teens and has been performing ever since in the Maritimes and the eastern States. For over twenty years Dave's main musical genre has been Celtic and Maritime music and the themes in his songs earthy and very human. Joining Dave at the River Jam is Peter Duffy, another native harbour lad, with over three decades of guitar virtuosity to his credit. Watch for Dave's CD later this year!

(The) Downtown Blues Band

The Downtown Blues Band is New Brunswick's premiere party band...with a wild and energetic front line backed up by a rock solid rhythm section, this 10-piece band loves to put out for any crowd, especially those who love to sing and dance. Bring your dancing shoes!

Garage Mahal

A long standing Fredericton based 6 piece band performing 50, 60 & 70's rock, pop, blues, R&B, reggae and just a touch of country.

They are a well seasoned group, made up of Randy Buchanan – lead vocals, Mark Lulham – saxophone and blues harp, Rick Lewis – guitar and vocals

Paul Leger – guitar and vocals, Martin Robichaud – bass and Charles Wilby – drums. Their select material choices are true creative nuggets spanning many genres and generations. Their energy is infectious and their combined talents and friendship brings forth a new sound with unmatched presence.

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George St. Blues Project

Since 2001, the George St. Blues Project has played a diverse repertoire of originals along with cover versions of Bonnie Raitt, Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton, Kenny Wayne Sheppard, Otis Redding, BB King, Coco Montoya and others. Each set offers a mix of electric, Chicago style and soulful blues with the occasional twists of funk and rock. All six members are long-time supporters of the Music-in-Schools program, and delighted to encourage young New Brunswick musicians by supporting Riverjam '09.

Kendra Gale

Kendra Gale is a folk/rock/pop singer/songwriter with a unique voice signature and vocal style. Born hearing impaired, this St. Andrews native underwent 3 corrective surgeries and by age 4 had her hearing restored to almost 100%. She started playing percussion at 10 and has played in several local bands since. Introduced to guitar at the age of 12, a year later wrote her first song, 'Second Thought' on her debut album released in 2006. Kendra's new CD "Moments of Nothing" is now out and she's been performing at venues all over the Maritimes to promote it.

(The) Lilly Madison Band

The Lilly Madison Band was once an acoustic duo of Jaclyn Reinhart and Patrick Ouellette. They have teamed up with Nathan Cowen and Tony Patterson forming a creative team to build their music arsenal and produce music that sounds sweet and pleasing to the ears. Their material has been re-energized, is very versatile and plays on themes that their fans can connect with and truly enjoy. You will find the groove running through your veins making you feel like the songs were written just for you.

Love Me Three Times

Pat Flanagan's Love Me Three Times Band was inspired by the need for everyone, everywhere to hear voices singing of love. This set of Songs of Love comes in many colours – blues, country, folk, gospel – from artists such as Leonard Cohen, Eva Cassidy and Willie Nelson. Feelin' rowdy? Go next door please. This is a sit-down-and-groove performance. 3 beautiful voices, 3 supporting keyboards, one measure of percussion, one great set.

Mackinaw

This 4 piece (sometimes 5-piece) band has been recording and playing on and off for the last 15 years at festivals, soft-seaters and pubs across the Maritimes. With 2 full-length albums under their belt, their original material revolves around the wonders of family, friends and growing up in New Brunswick. Their live show is infectious what with their soothing and sweet original material along with carefully arranged, sing-a-long cover tunes from John Prine, James Taylor, Bob Dylan, Neil Young and the Grateful Dead. You'll be tapping your toes and smiling when these folks hit the stage.

MANDY SILK & OVERDRIVE

Mandy Silk & Overdrive is a high-energy, dynamic band playing a diverse mix of originals, new power country, and some old favorites to keep them moving on the dance floor! The group was formed late in 2008 by four experienced musicians from very diverse musical backgrounds which has brought about a distinctive, captivating sound. Check out Facebook group: *Mandy Silk & Overdrive Official Fan Club* for more info and a listing of upcoming events.

Rockin' Billies

This group of four young men have discovered a passion to play authentic rock-a-billy, working hard to replicate that "feeling" yet also make it fresh with their own originals. Mike Bravener, award winning Elvis Tribute Artist joins them for great Elvis songs and a salute to the '68 Comeback Special. The boys dress the part so you'll think you're are watching a group right out of the 50's. The Rockin'

Billies appeared on ECMA Discovery Stage in '08 and were nominated for CBC's Rising Star award, played for Sirius Satellite Radio on the "Canadian Pride Showcase Stage" and headlined at Harvest Jazz and Blues.

SpeakEasy

SpeakEasy's music is a genre that uses vocals and instruments traditionally associated with jazz while having stylistic influences drawn from Pop, Blues, Soul and Folk. This band is the softer side of music covering melodic tunes by artists such as Norah Jones, Eva Cassidy, Leonard Cohen and Sting.

The instruments are electric guitar, acoustic guitar, semi-acoustic bass and jazz drums. The players are Juanita Bourque, vocals and guitar, Sylvia Caissie providing Harmonies, Tony Scott on Guitar, Bill McIver on Drums and Ben St-Pierre on Bass.

(The) Stringers

(The) Stringers are a Fredericton based trio which performs unique acoustic versions of well known R&B, soul, and rock and pop classics. Consisting of Jacqueline Vaillancourt on lead vocals, Dave Nightingale on acoustic guitar and vocals, and John Rosengren on electric bass and vocals, the group draws on a diverse range of material, and covers artists ranging from Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin to the Doobie Brothers and Chicago! The Stringers explore innovative musical territory with their songs, with an emphasis on vocals and driving rhythms.

The Tallest Band on Earth is a seven-piece Funk band from Fredericton, formed in '06 in time to busk for the Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival. The Tallest Band, or TBonE as they like to be called, have been shaping their sound ever since. After a school-year-long hiatus and the shifting around of some members, The Tallest Band on Earth is back and ready for business -- and when we say that, we mean funky business -- don't even mess around with that monkey business!

Toredown

With a wide variety of musical influences and genres, Toredown is creating their own unique sound. Slow to fast, clean to dirty! The group is made up of Marlene Boucher (Vocals), Steve McKay (Drums), Mark Jarman (Harmonica), Shannon Clark (Bass), Michael Thompson (Guitar), and Pete Stafford (Guitar). For the past few years, Toredown has been playing the local music scene, serving up blues, R&B standards and a few originals.

Vegetarian Haggis

Vegetarian Haggis is a talented and lively bunch of high school and university students who apply their youthful energy and fresh perspective to traditional Celtic music. They formed in July 2007 during a tour of Scotland and Ireland by the Celtic Discovery Performing Troupe. Since then they've been entertaining New Brunswick audiences with their clever arrangements and fiddle "choreography." Winners of the 2008 ECMA Soundwaves Battle of the Bands competition, they'll have you clapping your hands and tapping your toes in no time. The band members are Agnes Flanagan, Sophie Flanagan, Kathleen Gorey-McSorley, Keegan Manson-Curry, Jessica Munkittrick and Melanie Richard.

Wally MacKinnon

Wally MacKinnon, Andrew Cogswell and John McCarthy are New Brunswick musicians who are glad to be a part of RiverJam for the first time. A professional actor and musician, Wally has performed across the Atlantic Provinces. The Wizard, Andrew Cogswell on acoustic lead and Firefighter, John McCarthy on bass, are also making their River Jam debut.