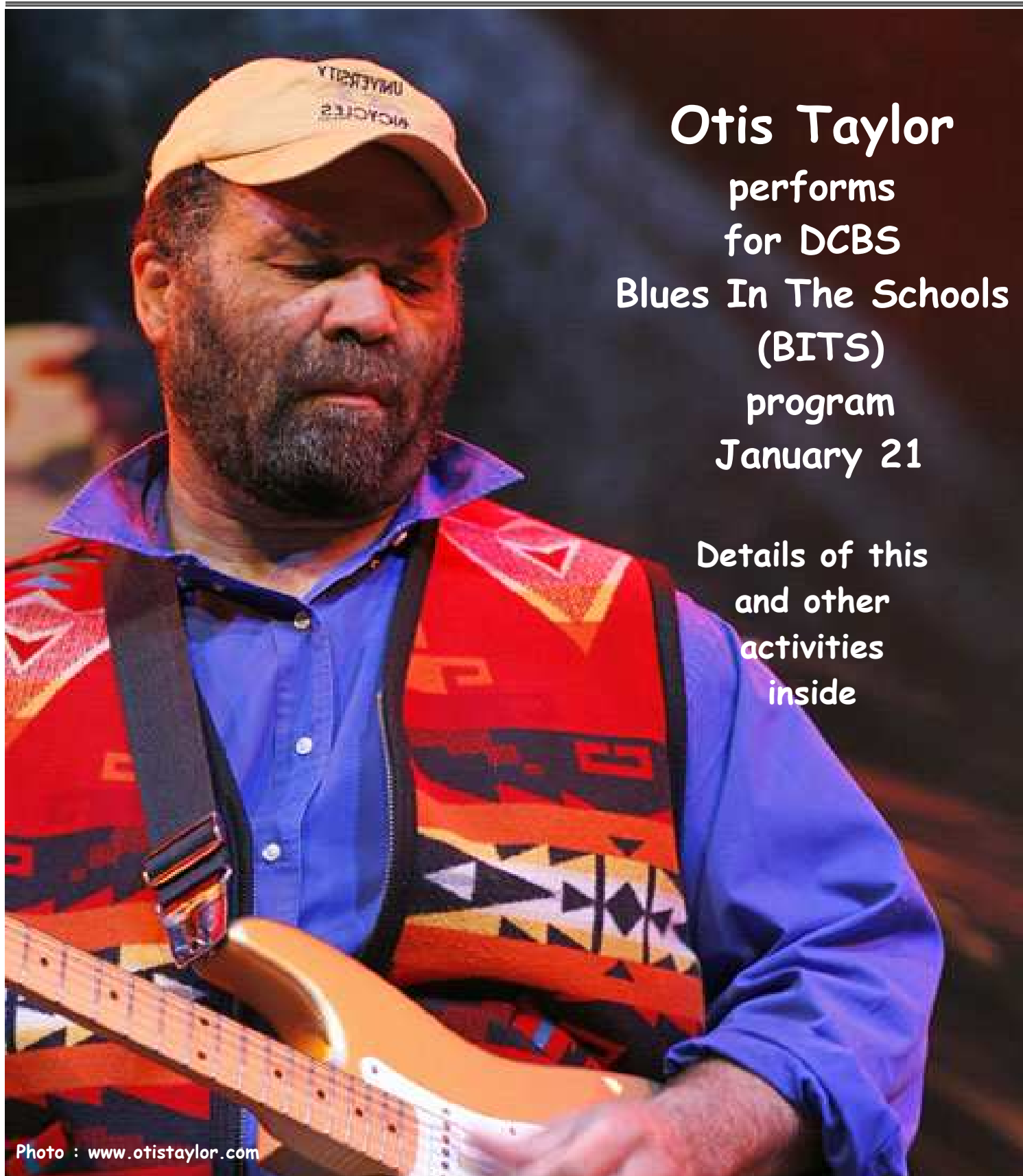


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Blues Calendar January 2010

3	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion
4	Lady Di @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
7	Curtis Blues @ Bangkok Blues; Scott Ramminger and CrawStickers @ JV's; Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley
8	Hot Rods and Old Gas @ JV's; Johnny and Stingrays @ Chapala's; Doug Parks and Lone Wolves @ Glory Days Grill; Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley; Murali Coryell @ Madam's Organ; Brian Gross & Roger Edsall @ Okra's; Sookey Jump Blues Band @ Zoo Bar; Blind Boys of Alabama w/ Preservation Jazz Band @ Warner Theater
9	DCBS Big Boy Little IBC Fundraiser @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Stacy Brooks @ New Deal Cafe; Unruly Blues @ Dog House Pub; Smokin' Polecats @ Zoo Bar; Hard Swimmin' Fish @ Zodiac Grill; Big Tow & Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Bangkok Blues; Brian Gross & Steve Levine @ Sala Thai, Bethesda; Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley; Deb Callahan @ Madam's Organ;
10	Harmonica Convergence (Big Boy Little, Mark Wenner, Allen Holmes, Bruce Ewan) @ Zoo Bar; Mose Allison Trio @ Blues Alley
11	Big Boy Little @ JV's; Lou Jerome Band @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
15	Doug Parks and Lone Wolves @ The Clubhouse; Skyla Burrell Band @ Madam's Organ; Liz Briones @ Zoo Bar
16	Big Boy Little @ Bare Bones; Nadine Rae Fundraiser @ Old Bowie Town Grille; January Allstars (Pete Ragusa, Catfish Hodge, Tommy Lepson, Tom Principato, Steve Wolf) @ JV's; Chris Polk @ Madam's Organ; Roustabouts @ Zoo Bar
17	DCBS and McLean Community Center present Michael Hill's Blues Mob @ Alden Theatre; January Allstars (Pete Ragusa, Catfish Hodge, Tommy Lepson, Tom Principato, Steve Wolf) @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Big Boy Little Band Send Off @ Bangkok Blues
18	Jacques "Saxman" Johnson @ Westminster Presbyterian Church; Carolina Chocolate Drops @ Birchmere; Mavis Staples @ Rams Head
19	Carolina Chocolate Drops @ Rams Head
21	Otis Taylor Band featuring Chuck Campbell @ Blues Alley - DCBS members get in for half price
22	Richard Ray Farrell with Pete Ragusa & Claude Arthur, Andy Poxon Band @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Mike Terpak Blues Explosion, Blues On The Side @ Bangkok Blues; BG & Mojo Hands @ Friday Night Swing Dance Club, Towson; Swamp Keepers @ Zoo Bar
23	Gina Desimone & The Moaners (5-8 pm), Pete Ragusa w/Richard Ray Farrell @ JV's; Retro Deluxe @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Brian Gross Trio @ Sala Thai, Bethesda; Flat Foot Sam @ Zoo Bar; Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner w/ Harmony Band, Black Betty, Charlie Sayles @ American Legion Post #8, Washington, DC
25	Sherwood Blues Band @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
26	Johnny and Stingrays @ JV's
29	Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ; BG & Mojo Hands @ Branded 72
30	Bad Influence @ Music Cafe; Bobby Parker @ Madam's Organ; BG & Mojo Hands @ Zoo Bar
Early February	
1	David Cole & Main Street Blues @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
4	Bobby "Blue" Bland @ Birchmere; Corey Harris @ Blues Alley
5	Sonny Landreth, Tom Principato @ Birchmere; Buckwheat Zydeco @ Rams Head; Corey Harris @ Blues Alley
6	Corey Harris @ Blues Alley
7	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion
Regular Blues Events	
Sun.	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Bangkok Blues; Paulverizers Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Z Revue Blues Jam @ JV's (first Sunday)
Tues.	Old Man Brown @ Madam's Organ (alternating Tuesdays)
Wed.	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Beach Cove; Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
Thurs.	DCBS Thursday Jam/Open Mic w/Sol @ LA Bar & Grill; Patrick Alban or Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ; Open Mic w/Fast Eddie @ Spanky's Shenanigans; Blues Jam @ Eastport Democratic Club; Big Boy Little Band Jam @ Zoo Bar
Fri.	Glen Moomau & Blue Flames @ Bertha's; Wolf's Blues Jam @ Fat Boys (1 st and 3 rd Friday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe
Sat.	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop; Big Boy Little @ Zoo Bar (1 st Saturday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe



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Otis Taylor Performs For *Blues In The Schools* Program

The DC Blues Society is excited to have Otis Taylor (www.otistaylor.com) visit a local elementary school under the DCBS-sponsored BITS program. Indeed, the students at Savoy Elementary School in Southeast Washington, DC are in for a treat on Thursday, January 21, at 2:00 pm, when Otis will speak and perform as part of this ongoing effort to expose children of all ages to the rich, cultural history associated with the African American music art known as the blues.

Billboard's review of one of Otis's albums described him as "one of the most innovative, thought-provoking blues artists to have emerged in the last 20 years." He is an accomplished guitar player also known for his unique instrumentation — he "fancies" (as his website says) the banjo and cello. His poignant storytelling is grounded on truth and history. In addition to his many accomplishments, Otis also played two songs in the recently released movie, *Public Enemies*, a film set in the 1930s about gangster John Dillinger. Otis has also spearheaded, with his wife, Carol Taylor, a Blues In The Schools program called "Writing the Blues."

Otis will visit Savoy Elementary with band members Larry Thompson (percussion), Nick Amodeo (mandolin and bass), and possibly Chuck Campbell (pedal steel guitar). After his BITS appearance, Taylor has evening performances (8:00 and 10:00 pm) at Blues Alley (www.bluesalley.com). His visit to DC is just one stop in a tour that included fall 2009 performances in the United Kingdom, several U.S. appearances before and after his DC stop, and upcoming trips to Slovenia and Italy. If you get a chance to see Otis at Blues Alley (1/2 price for DCBS members), please give him special applause for his support of the DC Blues Society's BITS program.



Photo: www.otistaylor.com

Help Send the DC Blues Society Representatives to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN January 20-23. Attend One or More These Fundraisers!

Benefits for International Blues Challenge Band Category — Big Boy Little Band

Saturday, January 9, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am
Big Boy Little Band with Special Guests:
Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner
Bobby Joe Owens of Retro Deluxe Band
Tom Maxwell of Hot Rods & Old Gas Band
Tall Richard "The Cape Code Legend"
Old Bowie Town Grille
8604 Chestnut Avenue
Bowie, MD 20715
www.oldbowietowngrille.com



Photo: Bret Littlehailes

Sunday, January 10, 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Harmonica Convergence with Harmonica Wizards: Bret Littlehailes, Mark Wenner, Allen Holmes and Bruce Ewan
Zoo Bar
3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008
www.zoobardc.com

Benefit for International Blues Challenge Solo/Duo Category — Curtis Blues

Thursday, January 7, 7:30 to 11:00 pm
Bangkok Blues Restaurant
926 West Broad Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
www.bangkokblues.com



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For more information about IBC go to www.blues.org

Attention bands:
Email your February & March gigs to
calendar@dcblues.org
by January 15

Neither Rain Nor Snow Nor Ice Could Deter Blues Fans From The Final 2009 DCBS Parties



Photos: Crawl'n' Kingsnake

Photo: Ken Bransford

The 2009 DCBS Holiday Party, postponed for a week due to a massive snow storm, was a huge hit. Party-goers got to see and hear one of the Washington area's finest musical gifts — The Hardway Connection. The group delivered cool Blues and hot Southern Soul (including their hit song "Dirty Old Man") and kept dancers on the floor all night.

Then there was the DCBS New Year's Eve Party — another sold-out event. CW Harrington and The Blues Messengers provided revelers with rockin' blues, R&B, jazz and

a few seasonal favorites. CW (aka Pops) knows how to entertain and the band backed him all the way. Dr. S.O. Feelgood worked the sound system and provided music during the band breaks. The dance floor pulsated all night long as dancers said "hello" to a new year and a new decade.

To see more photos from these and other DCBS events, go to www.dcblues.org and click on the link to the DCBS Flickr page.

A hearty thanks to all DCBS volunteers for their continued support during 2009 and especially to those who made the New Year's Eve event so special.



Photos: Mary Knieser

To all our members and friends, Happy New Year and thanks for supporting the DC Blues Society in 2009. Stay in touch with DCBS through its website www.dcblues.org for news and information about the exciting events planned for 2010.

7th Annual McLean (VA) Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration — Sunday, January 17

In cooperation with the DC Blues Society, this special Martin Luther King event will feature the Michael Hill's Blues Mob band. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ed Jackson, Jr., Executive Architect of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc., which is based in Washington, DC.

The celebration takes place Sunday, January 17, 2010, from 3-5 pm at the Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA 22101 (703-790-0123). General admission is \$5 for adults/\$3 for children (age 10 and under) and includes a dinner buffet. For more details, go to www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.



Photo: www.michaelhillsbluesmob.com

At the 2009 Annual DC Blues Festival, Michael Hill's Blues Mob had the audience on its feet begging for more. DCBS is delighted to welcome the band back to the area for this event.

Hill has performed and recorded with numerous music greats, including B.B. King, Little Richard, Carla Thomas, Harry Belafonte, and Archie Bell. Recognized as one of modern blues "most talented songwriters and guitarists" (*Living Blues*) and known for "uncompromising musical and lyrical integrity (*Goldmine*), his recent double album, "Electric Storyland Live" summarizes his career.

Michael Hill's Blues Mob, featuring drummer Bill McClellan and bassist Michael Griot, ignites stages around the world with its unique, high energy expression of New York-style blues. Hill's powerful singing, dazzling guitar playing and engaging personal blend of warmth, conviction, and humor are guaranteed to excite.

Nadine Rae Fundraiser — Saturday, January 16



Photo: Nadinaeae.com

Nadine Rae, a well known vocal artist in the Washington, DC area, was involved in a serious car accident on December 24. She is now at home resting. Many of you know Nadine through her performances at DCBS events such as her 2008 performance with the Allstars at a Memphis Gold benefit.

Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark and the Blues Allstars are having a fundraiser for Nadine on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at The Old Bowie Town Grille, 8604 Chestnut Dr., Bowie, MD 20715 (301-464-8800). The event is from 7:00 pm — 1:00 am. The line-up of performers includes Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner, "Swamp Dog," Capital Blues Ensemble, Dean Rosenthal, and Stacy Brooks. Other acts may be added.

Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner & The Harmony Band, with guest artists Black Betty and Charlie Sayles — Saturday, January 23

The doors open at 8 pm and the show starts at 9 pm at the American Legion Post #8, 224 D St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. Tickets are on sale for \$15 through January 15; \$20 after January 15. For more information, call 202-543-9163.

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