

Edmonton BLUES Society



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Presenting live blues since 2006 – we are a registered non-profit operated entirely by volunteers who are blues fans or musicians themselves!

Our mission is to promote and facilitate local blues musicians and fans coming together to enjoy the music they love by giving amateur, developing and professional blues musicians a chance to play to a supportive audience.

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International Blues Challenge Competition Fundraiser

The Edmonton Blues Society presents a night of hard-drivin' blues featuring Canadian blues icon Paul James and Friends

Saturday, September 11, 2010 ■ Bonnie Doon Hall (9240 - 93 Street)

Doors at 7:00pm – Music at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$25.00 Members | \$30.00 Non Members | \$35.00 at the door

Tickets available at Tix on the Square & Sound Connection on Whyte Ave

The Edmonton Blues Society (EBS) is pleased to announce this kickoff fundraiser and silent auction to sponsor a local blues band to represent Edmonton and EBS in the 2012 International Blues Challenge held in Memphis, Tennessee USA.

A veteran entertainer, Canadian blues icon and Juno Award winner, James' talents as a guitarist, vocalist, band leader, and songwriter have allowed him to produce the music he loves for over three decades. Paul James has worked alongside many of the finest players, including Mink De Ville, Bo Diddley, Bob Dylan, John Hammond, Spencer Davis, Lightnin' Hopkins, Jack Scott and Sunnyland Slim, to mention a few. Paul is also the recipient of Toronto Music awards for Best Club Band and Best Blues Artist.

"Paul James has long been one of the most complete performers on the Canadian roots music scene. This Torontonian is plugged into all the heavy sources, from Muddy Waters and John Hammond to Bob Dylan and Bo Diddley. Paul James is a soulful singer who can lay down a blazing guitar solo, plus he's also the consummate showman and entertainer." -- *Peter North/CKUA*

Joining Paul James will be talented local musicians Scott Anderson (drums), Ron Rault (bass) and Graham Guest (keyboards).

"Paul James is not only one of the nation's finest blues musicians, he's one of our province's most beloved talents. Paul's performance at the Calgary Midwinter Bluesfest was not only sold out, the evening was filled with resounding applause, enthusiastic dancers and joyous smiles." -- *Cindy McLeod, Producer Calgary Midwinter Bluesfest*

All the proceeds from this event go directly towards supporting a local Edmonton blues band to compete in Memphis, Tennessee at the Blues Foundation's International Blues Challenge in February 2012.

Over the next few months the Edmonton Blues Society will organize a competition that will see up to 20 local Edmonton bands compete for a chance to represent the Edmonton Blues Society at the International Challenge. "In order for us to achieve this, we have set a fundraising goal of \$10,000. The funds we raise will be used to offset the costs of airfare and accommodation for the successful band." said EBS President Andy Nikiforuk.

The International Blues Challenge is an opportunity for blues musicians from across the world to compete for prizes and showcase the different styles of blues music being played around the globe. This event is also an opportunity for local musicians to get concrete feedback on their skills, network with other musicians and learn from other blues musicians about the various styles of blues.

EBS will be the first Alberta blues organization to send a local band to the prestigious International Blues Challenge. "We believe Edmonton has local blues talent that can hold its own with the talent in blues-loving communities throughout the globe. We want to showcase Edmonton's talent to the world" said Andy Nikiforuk.

Artist website: www.pauljamesband.com