

## **Suncoast Blues Festival & Evie's Holding FREE Blues Concert Series**

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**Nov. 6, 2016 (Sarasota, FL)** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Suncoast Blues Festival being held at the Sarasota Fairgrounds Jan. 27 and 28 is set to whet your appetite for live blues with a FREE Concert Series at Evie's Tavern on the Range prior to the main event. Located at 4735 Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota, Evie's has a delicious late-night menu and family-fun activities. Family Promise, the event's beneficiary, will be on hand at each concert to sell tickets to the Suncoast Blues Festival.

Kicking off the **Evie's Tavern Free Concert Series** is:

**Randy Stephens and the Groovemakers** from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11.

On Friday, Dec. 9, **Justin Layman** will be playing from 6 to 9 p.m.

**The Allstar Blues Band** will be blastin' the blues from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

"We are thrilled to have Evie's as a sponsor of the Suncoast Blues Festival," said Roseanne Herndon, event manager. "Their concert series on behalf of the Festival is going to be a lot of fun. We hope to see a lot of people come out and enjoy this free festival along with great food from a wonderful venue. It is also a great time to purchase tickets to the festival from Family Promise Sarasota. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to this amazing charity."

### **TICKETS**

Tickets are available at the following locations (as well as on the website at [www.suncoastbluesfestival.com](http://www.suncoastbluesfestival.com)).

**American Momentum Bank** (5 locations): 5221 Clark Road, Sarasota (next to Walgreen's corner of Honore and Clark Road); 5851 Fruitville Road, Sarasota (in front of Sam's Club); 3939 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, (corner of McIntosh and Bee Ridge); 544 S Washington Blvd, Sarasota (diagonal from Sarasota Ford); and San Marco Plaza, 9121 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch.

**Lakewood Ranch-Classic World Travel**, 8346 Market Street, Lakewood Ranch.

**Fogt's Music Center**, 4209 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

**Family Promise of Sarasota**, 2185 Wood Street, Suite 7, Sarasota.

Tickets to the Suncoast Blues Festival are:

Friday \$15 advance, \$20 gate. Saturday \$25 advance, \$30 gate.

Two Day Passes \$35 advance, \$45 gate. *Reserved Seats* Two-Day Passes \$60 in advance.

**Camping:** RV sites are available for \$40 and includes water, 30-amp power and dump stations. Tent camping is \$25. Restroom facilities are available but do not include showers.

### **THE SUNCOAST BLUES FESTIVAL LINE-UP**

**Friday, Jan. 27, 6 to 10 pm** (gates open 5 pm)- Balkun Brothers, Jordan Patterson and Chris Duarte.

**Saturday, Jan. 28, noon to 9 p.m** (gates open 11 am): Tommy Z, Charles Wilson, Annika Chambers, Studebaker John, and Selwyn Birchwood.

**After Parties:** The 5'O Clock Club at 1930 Hillview, Sarasota and Aces Live at 4343 Palma Sola Blvd. will be the spots for more live music after the concerts. Bands are to be announced, but word has it that the Blues Fest musicians often pop in to these shows for an up close and personal experience.

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**About Evie's Taverns:** Evie's has eight locations between Ellenton and Osprey where you can enjoy great food, drinks and recreational activities with a full late-night menu available. Stop in and get your car washed while you hit balls at the driving range and enjoy a round of mini golf at the Bee Ridge location. Visit the downtown location for a two-lane bowling alley or The White Buffalo Saloon for weekly line dancing lessons and live National Act Concerts.

### **For More Information**

If you have questions about sponsorship, being a vendor, or tickets, call: (941) 758-7585. Visit [suncoastbluesfestival.com](http://suncoastbluesfestival.com) for up-to-the-minute information.

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