



BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY BLUES WEEK in WILLIAMSPORT!

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The Uptown Music Collective, Billtown Blues Association and Lycoming Arts Council have joined forces to celebrate blues music in Williamsport with a week of festivities.

Two iconic long-standing events, the Uptown Music Collective's 9th Annual Blues-A-Thon will open kick off the celebration at 6pm on First Friday June 2nd on Pine St., and the 28th Annual Billtown Blues Festival will provide a climactic close on Saturday June 10th starting at 12 noon.

Recent Blues Music Award (BMA) winning artist, "Steadyrollin' Bob Margolin (Muddy Water's Band and The Last Waltz) will join the "Collective" students in an impromptu performance for the Blues-A-Thon's opening set on Pine St. Later on, Bob will offer a Master Class to the UMC students, and a closing Blues-A-Thon concert at the Michael Ross Event Center on Saturday evening June 3rd. Bob returns the following weekend with his full band to offer a powerful closing set at the Festival with another Muddy Water's alumnus, Bob Stroger and traditional blues harp master, Bob Corritore.

Sandwiched in between, is a week of festivities focused on blues music titled "Bright Lights, Big City Blues Week" and is meant to celebrate blues music as an important American art form, as well as spotlight the many local and regional musicians who have a devoted interest in blues music. The week of events will also feature downtown art galleries, visual artists, and selected films and documentaries about the blues.

Of special note, Williamsport Mayor, Gabe Campana has proclaimed June 2nd thru June 10th as "Blues Week in Williamsport".

See below for a schedule of events, places, and times. **Check back often for new postings.**

www.uptownmusic.org for all Blues-A-Thon information and fundraising pledge information
\$10 advance tickets for the Blues-A-Thon's closing concert is available at the UMC, 144 W 3rd St.

www.billtownblues.org for all Billtown Blues Festival ticketing, lodging, artist info, and roundtrip bus info to and from several Williamsport hotels.

\$25 Discounted tickets for the 28th Annual Billtown Blues Festival are conveniently available at Franco's Lounge, The Genetti Hotel, the Festival's Host Hotel, and the CAC Box office and CAC online.

June 2nd, 2017 – First Friday & UMC Blues-A-Thon Kick Off

Time	Location	Event
6 to 9pm	Gallery 425 (425 Market St.)	Billtown Blues Quilt by Carla & Bernie Strosser and Rhonda Freezer
6pm	First Friday (420 Pine St)	The 3 rd Street Blues Band
7pm	First Friday (420 Pine St)	Bob Margolin (Blues-A-Thon Guest Artist) backed by 3 rd St Blues Band & Student Guests
8pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	The 3 rd Street Blues Band
9pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	The River City Blues Band
9pm	Franco's (12 W 4 th St.)	Impromptu Blues Open Stage
10pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	Blues-A-Thon Jams & Workshops (Closed to the general public, participants welcome!)

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 – UMC Blues-A-Thon

Time	Location	Event
10am	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	Master Classes for UMC Students w/ Bob Margolin
12pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	Doug McMinn
1pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	Miz Ida and The All Nightas
2pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	Shawn Strickland
3pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	Sweeney Blues Revue
4pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	Sean Farley
5pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	The UMC Blues Band Showcase Feat. The Young Blood Blues Band, The Black Strat Blues Company, and The 3 rd Street Blues Band
6pm	Michael Ross Event Center (3 rd Floor of Uptown Music Collective)	Closing Concert Feat. *Gabe Stillman & The Billtown Giants, *A Conversation w/ Bob Margolin, & *Bob Margolin's Closing Set w/ UMC Students & Special Guests <i>Note: This will be a ticketed event. Tickets on sale for \$10.00 in advance at the Uptown Music Collective.</i>

Monday, June 5th, 2017

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
3pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: The Last Waltz (1978)
7pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: The Last Waltz (1978)

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
1 to 5pm	Gallery 425 (425 Market St.)	Billtown Blues Quilt by Carla & Bernie Strosser and Rhonda Freezer
3pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: Muddy Waters & The Rolling Stones at The Checkerboard Lounge (1981)
7pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: Muddy Waters & The Rolling Stones at The Checkerboard Lounge (1981)
7pm to 10pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	Open Mic Night w/ Sean Farley

Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
1 to 5pm	Gallery 425 (425 Market St.)	Billtown Blues Quilt by Carla & Bernie Strosser and Rhonda Freezer
3pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: Full Moon Lightnin': A true story of Floyd Lee and Joel Poluck
7pm	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	FILM: Full Moon Lightnin': A true story of Floyd Lee and Joel Poluck
7:30 to 9:30pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	BBQ N' Blues w/ Gabe Stillman
8pm	Old Corner Hotel (328 Court St.)	Sean Farley

Thursday, June 8th, 2017

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
1 to 5pm	Gallery 425 (425 Market St.)	Billtown Blues Quilt by Carla & Bernie Strosser and Rhonda Freezer
3pm	TBA	FILM: I AM THE BLUES
7pm	TBA	FILM: I AM THE BLUES
7pm to 10pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	Uptown Music Collective CPG Showcase Feat. The 3 rd Street Blues Band

Friday, June 9th, 2017

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
5pm to 8pm	Genetti Taphouse (200 West 4 th St.)	Mystery Trayne feat. Cheryl Miller, Jay Short, & Jack Reed
8pm to 10pm	Barrel 135 (135 West 3 rd St.)	Uptown Music Collective student Gage Avery MOVED from the June 7 th spot.
8pm to 11pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	Nate Myers & The Aces
8pm	Genetti Taphouse (200 West 4 th St.)	The Twin Sinners
8pm-10pm	The Old Corner	The Doug McMinn Blues Band
9pm	Franco's (12 W 4 th St.)	Impromptu Blues Open Stage

Saturday, June 10th, 2017 – 28th Annual Billtown Blues Fest

Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, Pa - 12pm to 10pm (Gates open at 11am)

Susquehanna Trailways bus service to & from the fairgrounds. Visit www.billtownblues.org for info on the line-up, lodging, ticketing, & bus schedule.

Time	Location	Event
12pm	BBF Main Stage	The Uptown Music Collective's 3 rd Street Blues Band
12:45pm	BBF Main Stage	Greg Burgess & Friends feat. Steve Mitchell, Bill Stetz, Doug Sherry, & Len Cagle
2pm	BBF Main Stage	Jeff Fetterman Band (2017 Audition Band Winner)
2pm	BBF Acoustic Tent	Dave Brumbaugh's Guitar Workshop
3pm	BBF Main Stage	The Billy Price Band
3:15pm	BBF Acoustic Tent	Doug McMinn & Hannah Bingman: The 10 th Anniversary Celebration
4:30pm	BBF Main Stage	Mississippi Heat
5pm	BBF Acoustic Tent	The Twin Sinners (2017 Audition Solo/Duo Winner)
6pm	BBF Main Stage	Mike Zito
6:30pm	BBF Acoustic Tent	Bob Margolin w/ Special Guests
7:30pm	BBF Main Stage	The Chris O'Leary Band
9pm	BBF Main Stage	The 3 Bob's of the Blues feat. "Steady Rollin" Bob Margolin, Bob Stroger & Bob Corritore

\$25 Discounted Advance cash tickets available in downtown Williamsport at Franco's Lounge & The Genetti Hotel, CC online at www.billtownblues.org, and with check, by mail to Billtown Blues Festival, PO BOX 2, Hughesville PA 17737 (inc SSAE)

Saturday, June 10th, 2017 – Billtown Blues Fest After Party

Time	Location	Event
9pm to 12am	Bullfrog Brewery (229 West Fourth St.)	Gabe Stillman & The Billtown Giants