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As heir to the Chicago blues harmonica throne, 2020 Blues Foundation Hall of Fame inductee Billy Branch is perfectly suited to shine a bright

new light on the timeless music of Little Walter Jacobs, a transcendent artist revered by millions and an inspiration to every harmonica player who fol-

lowed in his wake. *Roots And Branches – The Songs Of Little Walter*, his latest on Alligator Records, features 15 songs written by or made famous by the harp genius, each one brought to new life by Branch and The Sons of Blues as they blend elements of soul, funk and gospel into the proceedings while remaining true to the integrity of the originals. Each song is played with equal amounts of Branch's deeply rooted reverence and up-to-the-minute innovation.

Branch first picked up a harmonica at age ten and began picking out tunes on his own. In his words, "I've never been without a harp since." He grew up listening to Motown and classic rock, but it wasn't until he returned to Chicago in 1969 and enrolled at the University of Illinois that he fell in love with the blues after attending a blues music festival in Grant Park organized by legendary songwriter, bassist and "father of modern Chicago Blues" Willie Dixon. Branch immersed himself into the local blues scene, learning from the masters and developing his own signature sound—powerful, melodic, funky, jazzy and contemporary. After receiving his political science degree, Branch began touring with the Willie Dixon Chicago All-Stars.

This was a unique opportunity to travel and work as an understudy for the legendary Carey Bell, who was planning to leave the All-Stars and form his own band. When Bell took his leave, Branch took his place, touring with Dixon for six years.

Since those early days, Branch has played on more than 300 recordings, including 15 albums under his own name. He has recorded with Dixon, Johnny Winter, Keb' Mo', Lou Rawls, Koko Taylor, John Primer, and Taj Mahal, just to name a few. Along with his three Grammy nominations, Branch served two consecutive terms on the NARAS Grammy Board of Governors and founded the First Grammy Blues Committee.

He is considered an ambassador of Chicago Blues, and in that role he has written the forwards to three books, given numerous U.S. State Department cultural exchanges in other countries, given keynote speeches, and presented to the leaders of Turkey's Parliament, teaching them to play harmonica! Branch also does commercial voice-overs and has acted in two major movies.

Billy Branch and The Sons of Blues (SOBs) celebrated their 40th anniversary by headlining the 2017 Chicago Blues Festival, thoroughly engaging tens of

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RD-BEARER BILLY BRANCH

thousands of blues fans for over two hours. Over the decades since their very first gig at the 1977 Berlin (Germany) Jazz Festival, the group has undertaken more than 250 international tours, sharing the cultural legacy of the blues around the world. Current band members include keyboardist Sumito “Ariyo” Ariyoshi, guitarist Giles Corey, bassist Marvin Little and drummer Andrew “Blaze” Thomas.

With his inventive, deeply rooted playing and gritty, soulful vocals, Branch is among the very last living bluesmen to have been tutored and mentored by original blues giants such as Big Walter Horton, James Cotton, Junior Wells, Dixon, Bell and others. A groundbreaking solo artist, in-demand session player and consummate band leader, Branch is a three-time Blues Music Award winner, a two-time Keeping The Blues Alive Award winner (for Education) and a two-time Living Blues Critics’ Award winner.

As a blues education pioneer, Branch was one of the first artists to develop a Blues in Schools curriculum. Since 1978, he has taught hundreds of thousands of children around the world. Branch has taught in the Grammy Museum Music Revolution Project, and his university-level lectures are some of the most popular and well-attended classes.

Billy Branch & The Sons Of Blues continue to perform all over the world, spreading the gospel of the real, living, evolving Chicago blues. Jazz & Blues Florida attended a 2019 benefit show at Chicago’s legendary Rosa’s Lounge that was headlined by Mr. Branch, and that show was the music highlight of the year. More at billybranch.com.



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Ashley Pezzotti

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THE FISH HOUSE
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Born in Queens, New York, vocalist and composer Ashley Pezzotti discovered her love for music when

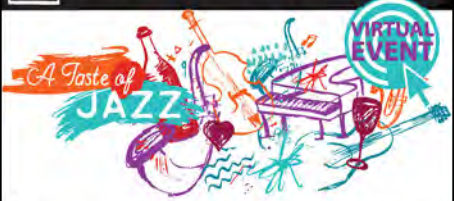
her Dominican father would sing her classic Spanish songs to sleep. She began taking classical voice lessons at age four, and in 2018 she completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music with a full tuition scholarship. Pezzotti has already performed with renowned artists such as Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz At Lincoln Center Orchestra, Jon Secada, and country star Keith Urban. In 2019, she participated in the Betty Carter Jazz Ahead Program and performed her original compositions at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. Her 2019 critically-acclaimed debut *We've Only Just Begun* features an array of original compositions inspired by the Great American Songbook. Pezzotti also showcases her superb ability to tell a story through some of the great jazz standards featured on the album. Featuring a world-class band – Emmet Cohen on piano, Alex Weitz on tenor saxophone, Bob Bruya on bass, and Kyle Poole on drums – the release was accompanied by a national tour. Pezzotti is featured on Wynton Marsalis' latest album release, *The Ever Fonky Lowdown*, along with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. The album is a sweeping Marsalis suite that captures the artist's

insight on culture and society. Her appearances at The Fish House's Backroom Live stage is a uncommon opportunity to experience an intimate performance in a listening room. More at ashley-pezzotti.com.



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DECEMBER 10 | 7:00PM | DAVIS & DOW

Davis & Dow have been performing and touring together for 25 years. While their style is deeply rooted in the classic jazz tradition, they tackle jazz and pop standards with a daring sense of abandonment, and enjoy weaving different genres of music into their repertoire.



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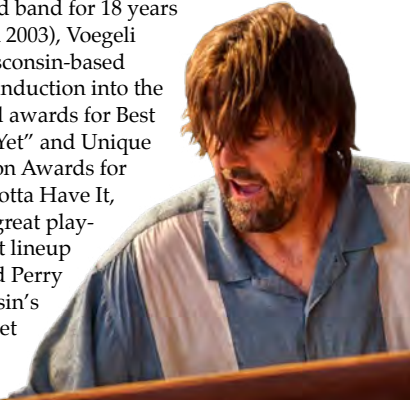
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SARASOTA

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BLUES FEST
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The Jimmys

Keyboardist and vocalist Jimmy Voegeli leads Wisconsin's blues group The Jimmys, a good-time powerhouse band influenced by raw Chicago blues and second line New Orleans funk. The band has been ripping up stages with their blend of blues, soul, funk and R&B for more than a decade now. The current lineup boasts a combined 40+ years' experience touring the world with Clyde Stubblefield, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, B.B. King, and many others. While Voegeli comes from a musical

family, and took up the trumpet at an early age, he ended up flunking band in his junior year of high school. That report card comprised the cover of Voegeli's first CD, 2006's *F Is For Blues*. After playing with the Westside Andy and Mel Ford band for 18 years (including a Grammy nod for Contemporary Blues Album in 2003), Voegeli launched The Jimmys. The group has won a truckload of Wisconsin-based music awards starting in 2012 and culminating in their 2020 induction into the Madison Area Music Association (MAMA) Hall of Fame, and awards for Best Blues Album: *Gotta Have It*, Blues Song: "Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet" and Unique Song: "Grim Reaper." They also received 2020 Best of Madison Awards for Best Local Blues Band and Best Local R&B Band. Of 2019's *Gotta Have It*, Tommy Castro commented, "I love this record. Good tunes, great playing, great band...Marcia Ball, what's not to like?!" The current lineup includes Chris Sandoval, drums; John Wartenweiler, bass and Perry Weber, guitar. Their unique sound is capped off with Wisconsin's best horn section: Pete Ross, saxophone; Mike Boman, trumpet and Joe Goltz, trombone. More at thejimmys.net.



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DARLENE LOVE: LOVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 5 AT 8PM

TICKETED EVENT

browardcenter.org

JAZZAID LIVE with KURT ELLING

DECEMBER 12 AT 8PM

PINECREST THEATER, PINECREST

TICKETED EVENT

jazzaid.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS

DECEMBER 12 AT 8PM

TICKETED EVENT

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NATE NAJAR'S JAZZ HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 18 AT 8PM

THE PALLADIUM, ST. PETERSBURG

TICKETED EVENT

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MONDAYS AT 8PM

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PAUL FILIPOWICZ

FRIDAYS AT 7PM

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BRETT WATERS & THE POOL BOYS

DECEMBER 5 9PM

RACHEL HILLMAN BAND

DECEMBER 12 AT 9PM

BRETT WELLMAN & THE STONE COLD BLUES BAND

DECEMBER 19 AT 9PM

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RUSTY WRIGHT BAND

DECEMBER 23 AT 8PM

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DECEMBER 23 AT 8PM

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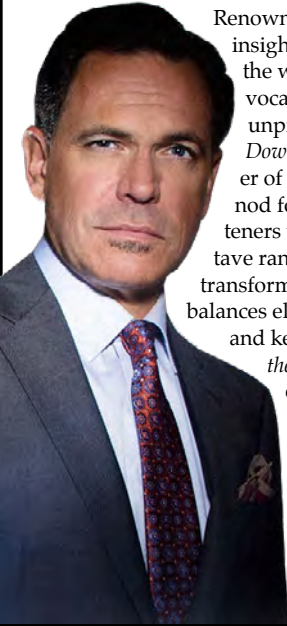


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Kurt Elling



Renowned for his singular combination of robust swing and poetic insight, Grammy winner Kurt Elling has secured his place among the world's foremost jazz vocalists. Declared "the standout male vocalist of our time" by *The New York Times*, Elling has garnered unprecedented accolades, including a 14-year run atop the *DownBeat* Critics Poll, eight Jazz Journalists Association awards for Male Singer of the Year, and more than a dozen Grammy nominations including a 2021 nod for Best Jazz Vocal. Elling's voice is instantly recognizable, embracing listeners with his warm, rich baritone and navigating the full span of his four-octave range as a virtuoso instrumentalist and a compelling storyteller. Whether transforming timeless standards or crafting his own enthralling originals, Elling balances elegant lyricism and technical mastery with wry humor, emotional depth, and keen observations into the human condition. His current release, *Secrets Are the Best Stories*, continues the explorations begun on his Grammy-nominated *The Questions*, delving deeper into life's most challenging philosophical puzzles. This time he's joined by renowned pianist Danilo Pérez, whose own work embraces a global vision of unity and acceptance. While *The Questions* was undoubtedly a learning experience, Elling never expected to find definitive answers. That embrace of mystery is reflected in the new album's provocative title, a keen insight that he gleaned from one of his daughter's childhood friends, whose naïve wisdom recognized the profundity of the unknown. More at kurtelling.com.

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Here is the current short list of what gets us through the week. How do we choose? By listening, and connecting with the host's attitude, voice, knowledge, presentation and music selections that 'hit home' on a consistent basis. We've been listening to some of these for well over a decade... possibly two! All Times EDT.

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- 12:00PM-1:00PM** **Blue Plate Special with Red Hickey**
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- 5:00PM-8:00PM** **Jazz from the French Market**
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- 6:00PM-8:00PM** **Mo' Blues Monday with Larry List**
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First two hours also LIVE on Facebook.com/gil.anthony.3
- 7:00PM-12:00AM** **Gil Anthony's Blues Power** (2013 Keeping the Blues Alive Award Winner)
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- 9:00PM-5:00AM** **All Night Jazz hosted by Mike Cornette, Jackson Harper & Steve Splane**
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TUESDAY

- 6:00AM-8:00AM** **Black Jack's Blues Train - Good Morning Blues Part 1**
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- 8:00AM-10:00AM** **A.J.'s Kitchen - Good Morning Blues Part 2**
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WEDNESDAY

- 8:00AM-10:00AM** **Blues Therapy Show & Dance with Stagga' Lee Henzel**
Good Morning Blues Part 2
Atlanta GA • WRFG • wrfg.org • TUNEIN
- 3:00PM-5:00PM** **Sittin' at the Crossroads with Big D**
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THURSDAY

- 2:00PM-4:00PM** **Living Room Blues with John Van Lent, Netherlands**
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- 3:00PM–** **The Blues Breakdown** with **Valerie “The Problem Child” Kacprzak**
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- 9:00PM–** **Johnny Mack’s Friday Night Blues Attack**
3:00AM Knoxville, TN • WDVX 89.9 • wdvx.com • TUNEIN

SATURDAY

- 1:00PM–** **Main Street Blues** with **Kevin Hardy**
3:00PM Kansas City Online Radio • kconlineradio.com • TUNEIN
- 8:00PM–** **Smokestack Lightnin’**
11:00PM Orlando, FL • WUCF 89.9 • wucf.org • TUNEIN

SUNDAY

- 10:00AM–** **Sunday Morning Blues**
1:00PM Tallahassee, FL • WVFS 89.7 • wvfs.fsu.edu • TUNEIN
- 3:00PM–** **Howlin’ the Blues** hosted by **The Blueshound & Baby Girl**
5:00PM Houston TX • 90.1 KPFT • kpft.org • TUNEIN
- 7:00PM–** **Gil Anthony’s Blues Power**
12:00AM Enterprise, AL • WVVL • weevil101.com.
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