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Diplomats of Solid Sound, hands-down, ★ WOW New Bo!



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New Bo Benefit 2

1st Avenue LIVE!

Jim Jacobmeyer

There were no lonely hearts at the New Bohemia Winter Dance Party at 1st Avenue LIVE! on Valentine's Day. The evening featured a silent art auction by New Bohemia 2x2xU artists, a diamond search (provided by Siegle's), classic rock by the Justin Crippen Revival and the incomparable funk, groove, jazz beat of the Diplomats of Solid Sound. The music was infectious and brought love birds to the floor to shake a tail feather and coo into the waning midnight hour.

New Bo would like to thank 1st Ave Live!, LMR Productions, Siegle's, Legion Arts, LCBS and all the New Bohemians who came out to support this event. You're all SWEETHEARTS! We love you!



Justin Crippen Revival kicked off the night. Mike "I'm not dead" Trousdale, was our MC for the night.



Brad Finn at the mixing board. Remember to buy these guys a beer once in a while as they are the ones responsible for how you hear live music. They can make a mediocre band sound good and a good band sound great.

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Greg Stokesberry (left) a big supporter of the New Bohemia Music Festival, enjoys the artwork on display. (right) A scary photo of "Trowse" and Bill Graham having a "Kodak moment".



Vikki Glass and Becci Reedus apparently had plenty of 'how do ya dos' and spent the rest of the night yukking it up.

Big Mo's 
DOG CD 
Pick of the Month

Saffire:
The Uppity Blues Women
Havin' The Last Word
Alligator Records

Release Date—January 27, 2009

Enough Already!!

We all know Saffire: the Uppity Blues Women. They've been around for probably 20-25 years developing an audience and following the same formula. They've always got "the middle aged, menopausal, why'd he leave me, life's a bitch, blues". Man, I'm tired of it. Sixteen novelty tunes all with guitar, bass and piano and maybe a slide or harmonica thrown in. They're not great soloists by any stretch so the short songs get pretty long after a while. It sounds like they sat down and recorded them one afternoon. I'm sure it all works out fine when they perform live, but seeing Saffire at Wolftrap is not high on my concert "must see" list. I'm sure they do nicely at the gate and sell plenty of CD's without me. Besides, I'm a middle aged man so why should I like them. I give it one hot flash for strong, in tune voices.

—John Heim (A.K.A. "Big Mo")

If you don't know the blues... there's no point in picking up the guitar and playing rock and roll or any other form of popular music.

— Keith Richards



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Texas blues sweeps in at Checkers Tavern

Jim Suhler and his band, Monkey Beat

article and photos by Bill Ray

I almost didn't go to hear a really great blues performance. I didn't recognize the band's name and had a case of winter inertia.

But listening to Bob DeForest's radio show on a Saturday night changed my mind. He mentioned that an excellent blues band would be playing at Checkers on a Sunday night. And when Bobby D recommends a band – attention must be paid.

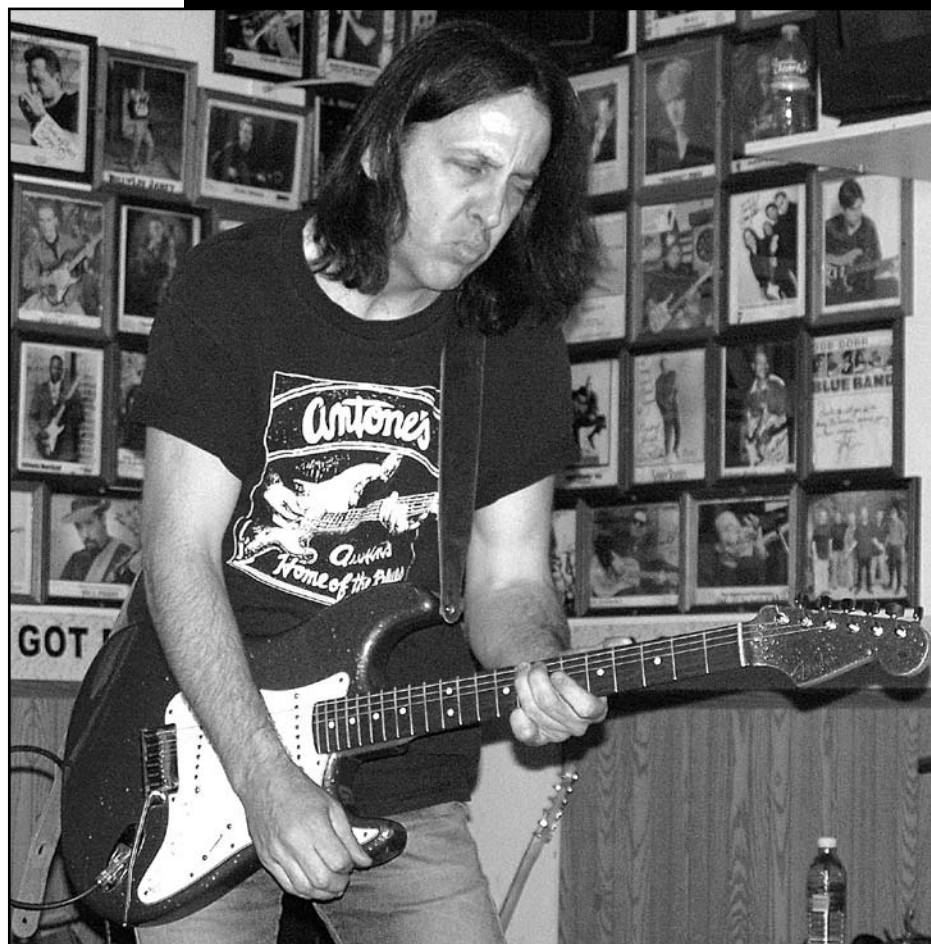
Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat performed their sweeping brand of Texas blues at Checkers on February 8. Just as the band was about to begin, a whole bunch of enthusiastic fans showed up

and stayed through both hour and a half-long sets.

Suhler is a veteran blues guitarist with all the right chops. At one time he was a member of the George Thoro-good band. Based out of Dallas, Suhler plays many original songs that flow easily from one to another – some lasting eight or ten minutes.

Monkey Beat's keyboard player, Shawn Phares, was an equal partner on most songs and played some terrific accordion as a change of pace. Carlton Powell anchored on bass. Jimmy Morgan on drums completed the talented blues quartet.

This band played some wonderful, distinctive and refreshing blues and blues-rock. They sold a lot of CDs to the audience that night. That's always a good indicator of talent appreciated. I'm glad Bobby D clued me in to Jim Suhler's mid-western tour appearance.



Jim Suhler performs his sweeping brand of Texas blues at Checkers.



Carlton Powell on bass



Monkey Beat



(Above) Shawn Phares on keyboards /accordion and Jimmy Morgan on drums (right).

Local Music



March Blues Calendar

Sun. 1	Mahoney's Irish Pub	TBA
Thur. 5 ★	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern & Eatery CR Landing	Charlie Morgan Band, 9-1 Robert "One Man Band" Johnson, 7PM The Mike & Rob Show
Fri. 6	Checkers Tavern & Eatery Ernie's Shawn Ryan's 3 Street Saloon	Dave Schultz & Dry Heat, 9PM McMurrin & Johnson, 6-8:30PM McMurrin & Johnson, 9-12 O'Connell Brothers Band
Sat. 7	Firehouse- JAM, 4-8PM Yacht Club, Iowa City 3 Street Saloon	Dan Johnson & various players McMurrin & Johnson Demo Band, 10-1 Stranded In Iowa
Sun. 8	Mahoney's Irish Pub	The Right Now, 6-10PM
Wed. 11	Next Door	McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM
Thur. 12	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern & Eatery	Flying Carp. 9-1 Comedy Hypnotist, Gabriel, 8PM
Fri. 13	CR Landing, 8-12 Checkers Tavern & Eatery Chrome Horse Saloon Shawn Ryans	McMurrin & Johnson Band w/ Skeeter Lewis Pair A Dice Band, 9PM Large Midgets Gary Gibson, 8-12
Sat. 14	Mulligans Firehouse- JAM Odies Bar, Ely Chrome Horse Saloon	McMurrin & Johnson, 9-12 Gary Gibson, 4-8PM The Mike & Rob Show 5 Of Hearts
Sun. 15 ★	Mahoney's Irish Pub Checkers Tavern & Eatery	Blueheels, 6-10PM Johnny Rawls Revue, 6PM
Tue. 17	Ernie's- St. Pat's! 3rd Street Saloon ★ 1st Avenue LIVE! Chrome Horse Saloon	McMurrin & Johnson, 3-6PM Flat Cat & Irish Drums of Passion 4PM Wylde Nept (Irish music) Well Lit, 3PM
Thur. 19	Checkers Tavern & Eatery J.M. O'Malley's The Firehouse	Jason Ray Brown, 7PM Gibby's Jam The Mike & Rob Show
Fri. 20	Checkers Tavern & Eatery Ernie's Next Door C & D Lounge, Mt. Vernon Chrome Horse Saloon	Boogie Woogers, 9PM Billy Janey & Dan Johnson, 6-8:30PM 4Box O Rocks, 9-1 The Mike & Rob Show Black The Sun
Sat. 21	Firehouse- JAM Next Door Dam Bar & Grill, Troy Mills Chrome Horse Saloon	Gary Gibson, 4-8PM Billy Janey Trio, 9-1 The Mike & Rob Show Gibbs Brothers
Sun. 22	Mahoney's Irish Pub	How Far To Austin, 6-10PM
Thur. 26	J.M. O'Malley's CR Landing Checkers Tavern & Eatery Bushwood, CR	Gary Gibson, Gibby & Friends, 9-1 McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM Matt Gogel, 7PM The Mike & Rob Show
Fri. 27	Checkers Tavern & Eatery Ernie's Pub Mitchell Chrome Horse Saloon	Strangely Familiar w/ Kathy Hart, 9PM Tom Bruner & Dan Johnson, 6-8:30PM Tom Bruner & Dan Johnson, 9-12:30 Jeff Bruner
Sat. 28	Chappy's Safari Firehouse- JAM, 4-8PM Chrome Horse Saloon	4 Box O Rocks, 9-1 Various players Super Size Seven
Sun. 29	Mahoney's Irish Pub	Useful Jenkins, 6-10PM
Mon. 30	George's, Iowa City	CannonSaul, Kilowatt & The Count, 8-11PM

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EVERY

Sat. - The Firehouse- Jam with various players 4-8PM
Sun.- Checkers Tavern-Blue Sunday-6PM
Sun.- Mahoney's - Various artists-Never a Cover, 6pm
Sun.- Charlie's, Coralville-Blues Jam
Wed.- Checkers Tavern-Kevin BF Burt solo 6-9
Thurs.-J.M.O'Malley's-T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest

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Flashback

...and now, for something completely different



the editor

For those of you over 50, you'll appreciate the lyrics to this tune written back in the early 70's by Roger McGuinn and Jacques Levy. There was so much great music written at that time. I was just graduating high school and playing in a rock & roll band. That was the thing to do back then. Anyway, I thought this might be a great tune to sing in the shower or when you're doing your taxes. Remember your taxes? With all the uncertainty in our country right now, it might be apropos to remember just who got us here. Hats off to the bankers, lenders and investors on Wall Street. As David Lee Roth said; 'go ahead and jump!'

I want to grow up to be a politician
And take over this beautiful land
I want to grow up to be a politician
And be the old U.S. of A.'s number one man
I'll always be tough but I'll never be scary
I want to shoot guns or butter my bread
I'll work in the towns or conserve the prairies
And you can believe the future's ahead
I'll give the young the right to vote as soon as they mature
But spare the rod and spoil the child
to help them feel secure
And if I win election day I might give you a job
I'll sign a bill to help the poor to show I'm not a snob
I'll open my door I'm charging no admission
And you can be sure I'll give you my hand
I want to grow up to be a politician
And take over this beautiful land

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I'll make you glad you got me in with everything I do
And I'll defend until the end the old red white and blue
I want to grow up to be a politician
And take over this beautiful land

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