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**Enter to win a pair of tickets to Blues Blowout, February 9 with Lil Ed & The Blue Imperials and Ana Popovic at the Electric Park Ballroom, Waterloo, IA. Share this contest on your timeline and receive one additional ticket for each friend who enters.**



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**13th Annual Chili Challenge!**





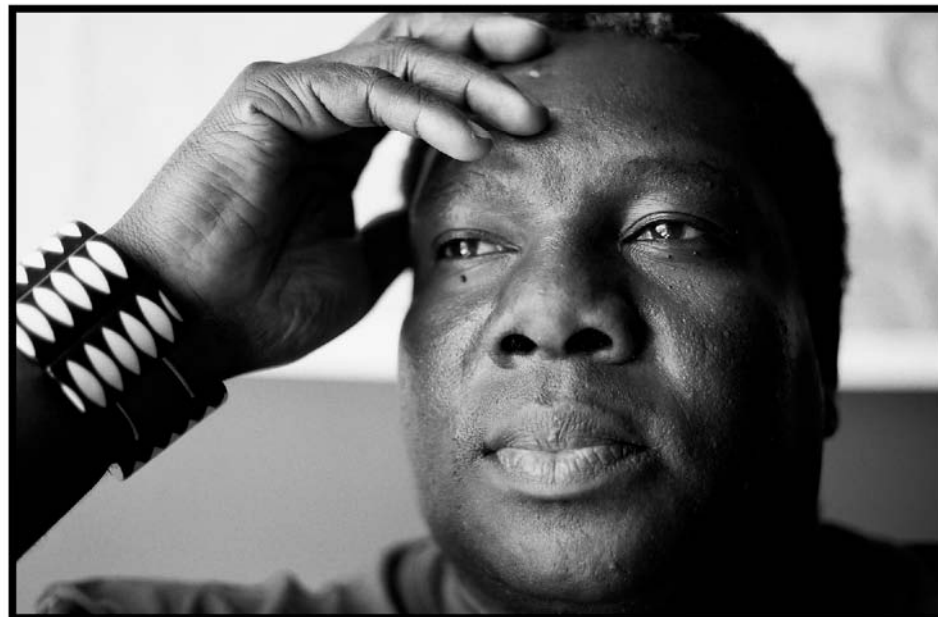
# Vusi Mahlasela at CSPS "The Voice"

Todd Kimm

So distinctive is South African's Vusi Mahlasela, he is known in his country simply as "The Voice," Vusi unites South African folk rhythms with a global palette of pop, blues and soul.

His expressive singing has made him a vocal advocate for social justice since his youth when he was involved in the struggle against Apartheid. This struggle was captured in the documentary Amandla! A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony, which introduced the world to this extraordinary force for beauty and hope.

After the release of Amandla! A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony, and the accompanying soundtrack, long-time admirer and fellow South African, Dave Matthews, signed Vusi to his own ATO Records label and released The Voice (2003), a collection of the best songs from Vusi's catalog. In 2007, ATO released Guiding Star, his first full-length release in the States. The new album, produced by Taj Mahal and recorded at Dave Matthews Band's studio in Charlottesville, VA, captures Vusi's hope for the future of Africa: "Let all those who share in Mandela's greatest wish--to one day see an Africa that is at peace with herself--SAY AFRICA."



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To learn more about the Linn County Blues Society or to join, see the membership form in this Bluespaper or the LCBS website. Your membership includes;

- Discount admissions to many local Blues activities.
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Mcguinn and Mcguire couldn't get no higher, but that's what they were aiming at

# Rev Rants Chili Challenge!

"Reverend" Frank Wilson



This month LCBS is co-sponsoring the 13th Annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge.

The event will be Sunday February 17 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel, located at 1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. The event is from 1pm to 4pm. All proceeds go to the Community Health Free Clinic and the H.D. Youth Center. Admission is \$8, seniors \$5, and you can buy tickets online at <http://blues-buffett.com>.

Part of LCBS's purpose is "provide charitable contributions to other community organizations", and this is one way we do it.

LCBS Vice President, Andy Dergo, is putting together a few items for the auction, and you'll want to check those out. The chili is free!

## What is the LCBS Board Listening To?

Here's what some of the LCBS board are listening to:

The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band ([bigdamnband.com](http://bigdamnband.com)); Gary Clark Jr. ([garyclarkjr.com](http://garyclarkjr.com)); Levee Town ([eveetown.com](http://eveetown.com)); Albert Cummings ([albertcummings.com](http://albertcummings.com)); Latest CD "No Regrets"; Grace Potter and the Nocturnals ([gracepotter.com](http://gracepotter.com)); Royal Southern Brotherhood ([royalsouthernbrotherhood.com](http://royalsouthernbrotherhood.com)). Members include Mike Zito, Devon Allman and Cyril Neville. Tedeschi Trucks Band ([tedeschitrucksband.com](http://tedeschitrucksband.com)); Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi! David Hidalgo, Luther Dickinson & Mato Nanji (CD titled "3 Skulls and the Truth" from former members of Los Lobos, The Black Crowes, and Indigenous).

Send me a note at [president@lcbs.org](mailto:president@lcbs.org). Tell me what you've been listening to.

## Weekend Trip To Wausau WI for Blues in March?

We received a note from Mike Tatro, President of the Great Northern Blues Society in Wausau, WI ([gnbs.org](http://gnbs.org)). They are having their annual fundraiser on March 9, 2013. The main stage features Donnie Pick & The Road Band, Kilborn Alley Band, Grady Champion, Magic Slim & The Teardrops, and Corey Stevens. Robert "One-Man" Johnson will be on hand performing between mainstage acts. This event will be held at the Rothschild Pavilion,

on the shores of Lake Wausau. The Rothschild Pavilion is a restored 1911 structure. The GNBS web site bills this as "Five great bands, one low price." Wausau is about a 5 hour drive from Cedar Rapids. This might make a fun weekend jaunt.

Let's all go out and see some live music, and remember to say Hi to the Rev!

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- Waylon Jennings

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☐ Annual Membership Dues - \$20

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Check below if you would like to share your talents with the LCBS in one or more of these areas:

☐ Membership ☐ Bluespaper ☐ Bluesmore ☐ Merchandise ☐ Public Relations ☐ Other

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Contact us on the web at [lcbs.org](http://lcbs.org). Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!



# Local Music 2013

## February Blues Calendar

Fri. 1	Cedar Riv Landing Campbell Steele Speakeasy	Brass Transit Authority, 9-1 Billy Janey Band w/ Dan Johnson 7-10PM JJ Express & Scott Cochran, 8-11 Newton
Sat. 2	Village Market IC Yacht Club	Gayla Drake w/ Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Dennis McMurrin & Demolition Band
Sun. 3	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live Music, 6PM
Mon. 4	Newton Library	Rob Lumbard, Blues, 6:30-7:30PM
Tues. 5	Parlor City Pub	BF Burt hosts jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 6	Shuey's Checkers Tavern	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson 7-10PM
Thur. 7	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub	Jason LeRoy Band, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson 8-11PM
Fri. 8	The Hub Wild Hogs	The Blue Band, Cedar Falls, 6-9:30PM Billy Janey Band, 9PM
Sat. 9 ★	Blues Blowout! Czk Village Market Mr. B's	Lil Ed & Blues Imperials & Ana Popovic, Electric Park Ballroom, Waterloo 8PM Doug Ducey w/ Dan Johnson 11-2PM Billy Janey & Dan Johnson duo 8-12
Sun. 10	Beaver Creek Mr. B's Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM McMurrin & Johnson, 4-7PM Live Music, 6PM
Mon. 11	Newton Library	Nick Knudsen, Blues, 6:30-7:30PM
Tues. 12	Parlor City Pub	Bryce Janey hosts jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 13	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 14	J.M. O'Malley's Java Creek	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12 Bruner, Drake & Johnson, 7-10PM
Fri. 15	Parlor City Pub Speakeasy	The Janey's 9PM JJ Express w/ guests, 8-11PM Newton, IA
Sat. 16	Czk Village Market Chappy's Safari	McMurrin & Johnson, 11-2PM Mardi Gras, Charlie Morgan & The Black Irish
Sun. 17	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Mr. B's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live music, 6PM Bruner & Johnson, 4-7PM
Mon. 18	Newton Library	Fruteland Jackson, Blues, 6:30-7:30PM
Tues. 19	Parlor City Pub	Matt Panek hosts jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 20	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 21	J.M. O'Malley's New Bo Market	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12 Dan Johnson w/ special guest 5-8PM
Fri. 22	Java Creek	Gayla Drake & Dan Johnson 7-10PM
Sat. 23	Czk Village Market Steamboat Gardens Mr. B's Speakeasy, Newton	Jason & Johnson duo, 11-2PM Bob & Jeff duo, Waterloo 7-10PM Jason & Johnson duo, 8-12 Bob Pace Band w/ John Mattingly, 9-1
Sun. 24	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live Music, 6PM
Mon. 25	Newton Library	Jason LeRoy & Dan Johnson, 6:30-7:30PM
Tues. 26	Parlor City Pub	Craig Erickson hosts jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 27	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 28	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM

EVERY

Sat. - Jason-Johnson Blues Duo, Village Meat Market  
Sun. - Parlor City Rocks New Bohemia District!  
Sun. - Beaver Creek - Skeeter Lewis Jams  
Wed. - Shuey's, beer tasting w/ Kevin Burt  
Thur. - J.M.O'Malley's, T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest, 9PM



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The LCBS meets on the 1st Monday of each month!  
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## Finis Tasby suffers stroke Delta Groove artist needs your help!

Blind Raccoon



Delta Groove would like to share with our family that The Mannish Boys lead vocalist and founding member Finis Tasby suffered a severe stroke that has left him with what we hope is only temporary paralysis. Finis does have Medicare but has absolutely no other funds. We are praying for his eventual recovery but it will be a long tedious process. At this time he is at The Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster California. Finis has not been able to eat and cannot move the left side of his body, speech is very limited, and he has undergone surgery to place a feeding tube in his stomach. Any financial help is greatly appreciated either through PayPal or cards can be sent to Finis Tasby in care of Delta Groove Music, 16501 Sherman Way, Suite 100, Van Nuys, CA 91406 Any donation is of great help to Finis at this difficult time. No donation is too big or too small, please give. Flowers and or balloons can be sent to the hospital in his name.

### ABOUT FINIS TASBY:

Powerhouse vocalist Finis Tasby was born in Dallas, Texas in 1940, and grew up immersed in the vibrant Texas blues tradition. As a teenager got his first professional music experience as drummer with the local combo The Blues Blasters. By the early 1960s he'd switched instruments, and was playing bass and singing backup with local legends

The Thunderbirds, working regularly with Z.Z. Hill, and backing Clarence Carter, Lowell Fulson, and Freddie King on regional tours. By the mid '60s Finis had stepped out in front of the band, and began establishing his reputation as one of the most soulful R&B and blues singers on the circuit.

In the early '70s Finis relocated to Los Angeles, and soon picked up where he'd left off in Texas. As a bass player, he worked with many big names, including B.B. King, Percy Mayfield and Big Mama Thornton. But it is as a vocalist that Finis really came into his own, making his recording debut as a frontman in the 1970s. It was during this period that he also formed a life-long friendship with blues great John Lee Hooker, with whom he often performed locally. Finis' reputation as a strong and soulful singer reached new heights with the releases of a series of releases, including "People Don't Care" on Shanachie, from which three songs were used in the film "The Babysitter".

In the late 1990s Finis began his alliance with Rand Chortkoff, when Rand independently produced Finis' CD "Jump Children", which was released to wide acclaim on the Evidence label. Finis and Rand have worked closely ever since, with Finis a charter member of The Mannish Boys, Chortkoff's 'all-star' project at the core of Delta Groove Productions. Together, Rand and Finis have collaborated on numerous recording projects and live performances around the world over the last two decades."

*Cinderella story. Outta nowhere. A former greenskeeper, now, about to become the Masters champion. It looks like a mirac...It's in the hole! It's in the hole! It's in the hole!*



## Pianoland Blind Pig Records

Release date: August 28, 2012

Deanna Bogart's newest offering is entitled Pianoland, which is very appropriate. It is like walking around Austin or New Orleans; different piano music coming at you from everywhere. There is of course a lot of boogie-woogie style but also jazz, country-swing and blues.

All of this crossbreeding could sound out of place in lesser hands but Deanna has played all of these styles playing piano and sax. She has been the piano player in a western-swing band played in blues bands and has lead her own group for several years. She was a crowd favorite in 2010 at Bluesmore.

The problem people have is trying to package her. Is she jazz, swing, rock or as she is usually identified; blues? I like to think of her as a funky bluesy Norah Jones. She is blessed with a soulful voice, which gives everything on the CD that feel.

She is also a good songwriter; check out; "Couldn't Love You More", or the first song on the disc; "In The Rain". But it is her ability to move from soul filled blues to jazz to up beat country— swing that makes this a very good listen.

She covers a Willy Dixon blues and a Pete Johnson boogie — something you would expect from her. She then does "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as a blues song. She accents the sadness and longing in the song making it something totally new.

This is the disc to play for friends that say all blues sounds the same. This is blues music no doubt but also genre crossing music with broad appeal.

— Bill Graham

*"Avoid contact with any musician who doesn't know how to play Chuck Berry music." - Cub Koda*

Please don't be sad if it was a straight mind you had, we wouldn't have known you all these years



# Blues & Buffett Chili Challenge!

Sunday, February 17

Steve Springer & The Chili Committee

Won't be long now, the 13th annual Blues 'N' Buffett Chili Challenge is just around the corner. Date is Sunday February 17 from 1 to 4 PM at the Cedar Rapids Marriott (1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids). Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, seniors \$5 (65 and over). Taste over 30 chili recipes which includes at least 6 professional entries along with another great silent auction. There will be celebrity judges, including local television and radio personalities who will taste and vote on the Overall Best Chili as well as Best Chili in one of four categories. (Understand however, there are no "losers", all the competitors from both clubs are real winners and the Committee appreciates their loyalty, dedication and support)

A big part of the Chili Challenge has always been the terrific silent auction. We have been able to accumulate many unique and one of a kind items which has helped boost donations to our charities. If you have any new or collectable you would like to contribute, contact Steve Springer at steves@mchsi.com or call 319-395-9516. A few articles that we have to sell so far include many Hawkeye, Cyclone, Panthers, Zach Johnson, Packers, Cubs and Bears items that are signed, tickets to a Cardinal game, Casino overnight stays, numerous food gift cards, hotel rooms with food cards.

Last month there was a LCBS "Call to Arms" asking for two more chili contestants. One of those slots has been filled by new LCBS member Raelene Swore. Our thanks to Raelene and welcome aboard. However, we have one more slot to fill



so if you know of anyone that would like to enter their chili on behalf of the LCBS, please contact Steve Springer at steves@mchsi.com .

All proceed go to the HD Youth Center and the Community Health Free Clinic of Cedar Rapids. The first year for this event was 2001 and that year the profit divided between the charities was \$537. To date, this event has donated over \$57,000. Please attend and help us make this another record year. Again, all profits go to the charities and the charities are located right here in Cedar Rapids. Please attend the event and help us support our community.

HD Youth Center: A non-profit organization in downtown Cedar Rapids, designed to get young people off the street by encouraging a positive attitude, academic progress and promote a drug-free environment. It was founded by Henry Davison in 1997. Proceeds from the Chili event are used to provide school supplies to needy children,

and toward remodel of the new Youth Center to replace the building lost in the flood. When complete, the new Youth Center will provide breakfast for the needy 5 days a week and provide a safe haven for children while their parents are at work.

Community Health Free Clinic of Cedar Rapids: Mission is to provide medical, dental and prescription care for the uninsured and underserved population of Eastern Iowa through the model community partnerships.

It takes a lot of help to support this event, so if you would like to volunteer time on the day of the event, please contact Steve Springer at 319-395-9516 or email at steves@mchsi.com. See you at the event!

Tickets are available on line. Just "Google Blues and Buffett Chili Challenge"

"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore".

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9 PM

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