



BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY BLUES WEEK in WILLIAMSPORT!

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

Two iconic long-standing events, the Uptown Music Collective's 10th Annual Blues-A-Thon will kick off the celebration at 6pm on First Friday June 1st on Pine St., and the 29th Annual Billtown Blues Festival will provide a climactic close on Sunday June 10th starting at 12 noon and closing at 11pm.

Recent Blues Music Award (BMA) nominee, Tas Cru, will join the "Collective" students in an impromptu performance for the Blues-A-Thon's opening set on Pine St. Later on, over the next 24 hours, Tas will offer a Master Class to the UMC students. Tas is on the bill for several performances throughout the region while in town, and, will be featured at the Billtown Blues Festival at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds on Sunday June 10th with his band, "The Tortured Souls".

Sandwiched in between, is a week of festivities focusing 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, and visual artists. A special surprise film is "in the works"!

See below for a schedule of events, places, and times. Check back often for updates on www.uptownmusic.org, and www.billtownblues.org, as new events are added.

Friday June 1st, 2018 – First Friday & UMC Blues-A-Thon Kick Off

Time	Location	Event
6 to 9pm	Gallery 425 (425 Market St.) Available for viewing Month of June.	Billtown Blues Quilt by Carla & Bernie Strosser and Rhonda Freezer
6pm-7pm	First Friday (420 Pine St)	UMC Blues
7pm-8pm	First Friday (420 Pine St)	Tas Cru and an impromptu "getting to know you" concert with the 3 rd St Blues Band & Student Guests
8pm-11	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	UMC Blues

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 – UMC Blues-A-Thon

Time	Location	Event
10am	Uptown Music Collective (144 West 3 rd St.)	Master Classes for UMC Students w/ Tas Cru
12pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	TBA
1pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	TBA
2pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	TBA
3pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	TBA
4pm	Pine Square Stage (343 Pine St)	TBA
5pm	Mid-Town Landing Stage (behind UMC)	TBA
6pm	TBA	Closing Concert Feat. TAS CRU and UMC students
8-11p	Pine St Stage/Brickyard	Family Ties
TBA	Bullfrog Brewery	The Jeff Fetterman Band

Monday, June 4th, 2018

Time	Location	Event
All Day	Marriott Residence Inn (150 W Church St)	Billtown Blues Photo Exhibit by Tom & Lori Butler
TBA	Bullfrog Brewery	Tas Cru Duo

Tuesday, June 5th, 2018

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
7pm to 10pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	Open Mic Night w/ Sean Farley

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018

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
7-9p	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	BBQ N' Blues w/ Mini Mojo

Thursday, June 7th, 2018

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
7pm to 10pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	Uptown Music Collective CPG Showcase Feat. The 3 rd Street Blues Band
TBA	The Old Corner	Sean Farley

Friday, June 8th, 2018

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.)	TBA
8pm to 10pm	Barrel 135 (135 West 3 rd St.)	TBA
8pm to 11pm	The Brickyard Restaurant & Ale House (343 Pine St)	RAY FULLER and the Bluesrockers (Pre – Fest appearance)
8pm-10pm	The Old Corner	The Doug McMinn Blues Band
9:30pm	Franco's (12 W 4 th St.)	The Gabe Stillman Band

Saturday June 9th

Time	Location	Event
8-11p	Brickyard	Nate Myers and the Aces
9:30p	Bar on Market	TBA
9:30p	Bullfrog Brewery	Tas Cru and his Band of Tortured Souls

Sunday June 10th, 2018– 29th Annual Billtown Blues Festival, Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville PA

Time	Location	Event
12n	Billtown Blues Festival	Chris LaRose
1pm	Billtown Blues Festival	The Gabe Stillman Band
2pm	Billtown Blues Festival	Tas Cru and his Band of Tortured Souls
3:20p	Billtown Blues Festival	Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers
4:40	Billtown Blues Festival	Dawn Tyler Watson
6p	Billtown Blues Festival	JW-JONES
7:20p	Billtown Blues Festival	Rory Block
8:40p	Billtown Blues Festival	C.J. Chenier & his Red Hot! Louisiana Band
10p	Billtown Blues Festival	The Legendary John Primer

Travel to www.billtownblues.org for all information. Discounted adv tickets available at Francos Lounge & The Genetti Hotel; Also by mail and online. Gates open at 11am. Free bus service from several downtown hotels.