

#### Greetings blues lovers,

Richard MacLaury here from The Golden Gate Blues Society reporting to you on our latest news! We are so excited to share with you our <u>First Annual Fundraiser and Auction</u>. We hope you will attend--see details below. We are including in this newsletter photos of auction items, such as a cool Tommy Castro autographed band jacket, 4 tickets to a Joe Bonamassa concert on October 18th, 2019 @ 8 PM, @ Oakland Paramount Theater, and more!

TGGBS wants to create an inclusive blues society that truly represents this awesome Bay Area blues family. We appreciate your support.

Richard MacLaury, President

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We are also announcing that TGGBS is giving out awards for the first time in the 10-year history of this blues society.

Our first Lifetime Achievement Award went to Paula and Ronnie Stewart at the 20th and last Hayward Russell City Blues Festival.



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At the fundraiser on August 25th we are presenting the following new awards!

The Living Legend Award: Fillmore Slim

The Ambassador of the Blues Award: Tia Carroll



Remember that you can save when you join TGGBS.

#### **COME TO OUR FUNDRAISER!**

The Golden Blues Society's 1st Annual Fundraiser, Auction, & Awards Ceremony with Fillmore Slim, Tia Carroll, Paula Harris, & Sean Carney. August 25, 2019
3-7 PM
1984 Bonita Ave, Berkeley, CA

Save \$5.00 on your tickets if you are a TGGBS member.

Tickets are on sale here: <a href="https://www.tggbs.org/store">https://www.tggbs.org/store</a>

Members will get a discount! Go to "TGGBS 1st Annual Fundraiser & Auction, Member, Will Call" and click on the ticket link.

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# **COME TO OUR 2ND SUNDAY BLUES JAM!**



Our 2nd Sunday Jam is a big hit! This is a diverse and all-inclusive environment for musicians and blues lovers alike. Everyone is welcome. On July 14th, The Hayward Russell Blues Festival brought the after party to our jam, and it was spectacular. Everyone said they had a great time.

The World-Famous Turf Club 22519 Main St, Hayward, CA 94541 Sunday, August 11, 3-7 PM is our next jam with Alabama Mike!

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# **SOUTHERN AVENUE TICKET CONTEST!**



**TGGBS** is giving away two pairs of tickets to attend a show by the award-winning Memphis based band, Southern Avenue.

Email Richard MacLaury at: <a href="mailto:contact@tgqbs.org">contact@tgqbs.org</a> for your chance to win.

# MEMBERS ONLY (THE FIRST TWO EMAILERS WILL WIN THE TICKETS)

25% off for all other ticket purchases! The code is "KEEPON".

Purchase the tickets with the code HERE:

Southern Avenue Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 8 PM Sweetwater Music Hall 19 Corte Madera Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Learn more: <a href="https://www.southernavenuemusic.com/">https://www.southernavenuemusic.com/</a>

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# Details about our performers at the FIRST Annual Fundraiser and Auction on August 25, 2019 from 3-7 PM

#### FILLMORE SLIM: VOCALIST/ SONGWRITER/ GUITARIST

Born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Fillmore has been singing and playing blues for over 50 years. He is "The American Pimp" and famous for his exploits in the Fillmore district of San Francisco. Fillmore Slim's songwriting talents, and musicianship have garnered him several awards, including being inducted into the Bay Area's West Coast Blues Hall of Fame in 2008, and the Lowell Fulson "Jus' Blues" Award in Memphis in 2011. Since his musical resurgence, Fillmore has found his largest fanbase to be in Europe, where he's played the Zurich Blues Festival and the Blues Estafette in Utrecht, Holland, and France, among others.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fillmore Slim

### TIA CARROLL: VOCALIST/ SONGWRITER

Over the last twenty years, Tia Carroll has quietly accumulated one of the most impressive entertainment resumes in the Bay Area. She toured Canada, France, and Italy with legendary blues icons Jimmy McCracklin and Sugar Pie DeSanto and left such a great impression on the audiences that they asked her back under her own name. Tia Carroll was featured during the Jazzkaar festival in Tallinn Estonia, and the Switzerland at the Lucerne Blues Festival. She was awarded "West Coast Female Blues Vocalist of the Year" in 2007, the Jus Blues Music Foundation's "Traditional Blues Woman of The Year" award in 2008, and the Jus Blues Music Foundation's "Band Leader of the Year" award in 2009. For over a decade Tia has also toured to Brazil to sing at festivals with the Igor Prada Blues Band, and she has made several recent appearances on Brazilian TV.

"A powerful singer with brassy, full-throated delivery, Carroll is no youngster, but in the past few years she's quickly gained recognition as one of the most exciting new voices on the scene."—Andrew Gilbert, San Jose Mercury News

Website: <a href="http://www.tiacarroll.com">http://www.tiacarroll.com</a>

#### PAULA HARRIS: VOCALIST, SONGWRITER

Paula Harris burst into the scene when she brought home third place honors in 2012's International Blues Challenge. She also won the Monterey Blues Festival's "Battle of the Bands" competition the very same week. Her debut release "Turning on the Naughty" from 2013 garnered her a Blues Music Award nomination, a Blues Blast Music Award

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nomination, the Sean Costello Rising Star Award nomination, and an invitation to kick off the prestigious Blues Music Awards Ceremony that year. Notable appearances include two artist residencies at Canada's "Blues on Whyte," Regular performances at the Iconic "Top of the Mark" in San Francisco, multiple monthly appearances at "Savanna Jazz," and a decade-long stint as the front person of the Carere Orchestras in Georgia.

"She's a sassy singer with a remarkably wide range, near perfect intonation and amazing breath control. She knows the value of subtlety when the material calls for it and she achieves an uncanny balance between tenderness and virtuosity"

—Living Blues

http://www.paulaharrismusic.com

#### **SEAN CARNEY: GUITARIST, VOCALIST, SONGWRITER**

The Sean Carney Band won the "Albert King Best Guitarist" award and took first place at the 2007 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Onstage locally he mastered his craft backing a wide array of local and national R&B greats such as Christine Kittrell and Jimmy "T-99" Nelson and making it known that he was a skilled and tasteful guitarist and vocalist. He gained exposure and experience serving as vocalist Teeny Tucker's musical director and co-writer. Offstage he was a tireless advocate for those same artists, writing articles, being a DJ, promoting concerts, and serving three terms as the President of the Columbus Blues Alliance. Sean has toured and performed with major historical figures in blues such as Big Joe Duskin, Duke Robillard, Charlie Baty, Columbus standby Willie Pooch, Hank Marr, Joe Weaver, Johnnie Bassett, "King Saxe" Gene Walker, & Sir Mack Rice.

"Sean Carney is the real deal---echoes of T Bone Walker and Pee Wee Crayton permeate his tasty guitar solos, while his songwriting and singing reveal an artist of depth and class."—Cam Hayden, Producer of Edmonton Blues festival

http://www.seancarneyblues.com

Tickets are \$25 general admission, but \$20 for TGGBS members. Children under 12 are free.

https://www.tggbs.org/store

Doors open at 2:30 PM. The Back Room accepts cash only at the door (ATMs are nearby).

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