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## LIMESTONE CITY BLUES FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HEADLINERS!

The Limestone City Blues Festival will once again bring Downtown Kingston alive with the sounds of the blues August 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2010.

This year, the festival is delighted to announce that the legendary **Hubert Sumlin** will headline the Springer Market Square stage Saturday night the 28<sup>th</sup>! Hubert Sumlin is a living legend who grew up playing guitar with harmonica great James Cotton. In 1949, at the age of eighteen, he became Howlin' Wolf's lead guitarist, a position he held down for the next twenty-five years, except for a brief six-month stint in Muddy Waters' band. He has played with Pinetop Perkins, Willie Dixon, The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry and countless others. His biggest fans include Jimmy Page, Carlos Santana, and John Mayer as well as Keith Richards and Eric Clapton, both of whom play on his album *About Them Shoes*. Sumlin was born in Greenwood, Mississippi. At the age of seven, his family moved to Arkansas. Around this time, Sumlin began fiddling around with some string his brother had nailed into a wall. The young boy became so proficient playing this twine (and annoyed his brother so) that his mother took a week's paycheck and bought her son a guitar of his own to play. History, as they like to say, was made. [www.hubertsumlinblues.com](http://www.hubertsumlinblues.com) Opening for Mr Sumlin will be the 2010 International Blues Challenge winner for Best Solo/Duet Artist, incredible guitarist **Matt Andersen**. [www.stubbyfingers.ca](http://www.stubbyfingers.ca)

**Bryan Lee and the Blues Power Band** will headline the Princess Street (at Barrie) stage, Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Bryan Lee is the fabled blind singer/guitarist who held court for years as house band at the Old Absinthe House on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. Everyone from rock stars and politicians to locals and tourists knew that his was the blues gig to catch anytime you were in the Big Easy. Since Katrina, Bryan and his hot band have been on the road nonstop, taking their hard and happy blues gospel to the world. [www.braillebluesdaddy.com](http://www.braillebluesdaddy.com)

Once again, Limestone City Blues Festival promises to be a 'not to be missed' presentation of blues greatness! The heat will be turned up this year as we present more than a dozen participating venues with more than 50 shows (= *over 100 hours of programming*) - three afternoons of concerts in Confederation Park, live blues nightly in many downtown clubs, restaurants and cafes as well as brunch Blues. Get your \$10 admission bracelet from participating venues for all four days of the festival - to the clubs, park, and the concerts on Princess Street and in Springer Market Square - and, with your bracelet, your free blues bucks to redeem at many downtown merchants! Bracelets will be on sale by late June. (Check our website for bracelet sales locations).

Be sure to check out the website for constant updates of the weekend line up and festival highlights!

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