

## Blue Wing Blues Festival features Musselwhite, Muldaur

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UPPER LAKE &ndash; The Tallman Hotel and Blue Wing Saloon and Caf  in Upper Lake, along with co-sponsor Ceago Vinegarden, are pleased to announce the lineup for this year's four-day Blue Wing Blues Festival, planned for Aug. 6 through Aug. 9.

Starting at 5:45 p.m. each evening, two great bands will perform on the veranda of the restored Tallman Hotel with the audience gathered in the intimate garden between the hotel and saloon. It's a great time of day and a great spot to enjoy world-class music with a tasty barbecue dinner included in the price of admission.

Advance tickets are \$40; \$45 for the Saturday night performance. Tickets are available for purchase by calling the Tallman Hotel at 707-275-2244. Any tickets still available at the gate will be subject to a \$5 surcharge.

The following is the festival's performance lineup.

&ndash; Wednesday, Aug. 6: Kathi McDonald backed by Rich Kirch and David Hayes to open followed by Twice as Good (featuring Paul Steward) with special guest appearance by the legendary Charlie Musselwhite, winner of the 2006 award for blues album of the year (Delta Hardware). Sponsors: ReMax Realty, AlloraDa Car Productions, and radio station KNTI.

&ndash; Thursday, Aug. 7: Kathi McDonald and Rich Kirch followed by the great blues and soul singer Bettie Mae Fikes and the BMF Band with Levi Lloyd and Robert Watson. Sponsors: Lake Lock and Safe, Windrem Law Firm, and Zoom Wines.

&ndash; Friday, Aug. 8: Lake Blues All-Stars featuring Mike Wilhelm, Jim Williams and NEON, then the Ford Blues Band with Patrick Ford and Volker Strifler. Sponsors: Strong Financial Group and Moore Family Wines.

&ndash; Saturday, Aug. 9: &ldquo;Mighty Mike&rdquo; Schermer plus the incomparable Maria (&ldquo;Midnight at the Oasis&rdquo;) Muldaur and her Red Hot Bluesiana Band. Sponsors: Blues Express Records, Kelseyville Lumber, UCC Rentals and Ink Spot.

The Blue Wing Saloon has become &ldquo;the spot&rdquo; in Lake County for regular live music. In addition to music in the garden at Sunday brunch, great local bands appear in the Saloon every Monday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The August lineup for the &ldquo;Blue Wing Monday Blues&rdquo; includes:

- Aug. 4 &ndash; Blues Farm with Dave Broida
- Aug. 11 &ndash; The Dan Meyer Band
- Aug. 18 &ndash; The Mark Weston Band
- Aug. 25 &ndash; Memphis Exchange with Randy McGowen
- Sept. 1 &ndash; Twice as Good with Paul Steward

For more information on the Blues Festival or other musical events at the Blue Wing Saloon and Caf , call 707-275-2244 or visit [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com) or [www.bluewingsaloon.com](http://www.bluewingsaloon.com).

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