

# 75 BLUES NEWS 2009

Monroe County's 22th Annual Black History Month Blues Series  
recipient of the 2009 Blues Foundation Keeping the Blues Alive Award for Education

2 PIANOS + 4 PIANISTS + 1 ROCKIN' HOUSE BAND

## THE BIG PIANO GIG!

STARRING



**HENRY  
GRAY**



**BOB  
SEELEY**



**ANN  
RABSON**



**DARYL  
DAVIS**

WITH **GEORGE  
BEDARD**



& **THE  
KINGPINS**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Monroe County Community College  
La-Z-Boy Center - Meyer Theater  
1555 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe, MI

DOWNTOWN MONROE DOES THE LOUISIANA STOMP!

## THE BIG GIG!

STARRING

**NATHAN & THE ZYDECO CHA-CHAS**



**BILL "SAUCE BOSS" WHARTON**



**REV. ROBERT B. JONES**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

River Raisin Centre for the Arts  
144 S. Monroe Street  
in downtown Monroe

The Big Gigs! begin at 7:00 pm sharp and, as always, they and all Blues Series events are FREE. No tickets are required, general admission seating is first-come, first-served and limited to theater capacity. Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

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## SAMUEL JAMES

Back by popular demand, one of the hottest young stars in the blues firmament (and a jaw-dropper during last year's Blues Series!) returns with another showcase of his raw, rootsy acoustic blues featuring his propulsive guitar, distinctive voice and stellar songcraft.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00 PM**

**Navarre Branch Library 1135 E. Second St. in Monroe, Michigan**



Don't skip the B-side!

**TUESDAYS ARE BLUESDAYS** in February, and the Blues Series features a special **FREE**, intimate concert in a different branch library each and every week. **All shows begin at 7:00 pm**



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**“FREEDOM, SLAVERY & THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC”**  
with **RAY KAMALAY**

Dorsch Memorial Library, 18 E. First St. in downtown Monroe, Michigan

Guitarist and scholar Ray Kamalay traces the development of early American music from its links to slavery up to the early jazz age with this unique “musical lecture” featuring spirituals, blues, ragtime and jazz.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**HOT CLUB OF DETROIT**

Carleton Branch Library, 1444 Kent St. in Carleton, Michigan

More than 7 decades after the innovative “gypsy jazz” popularized by Django Reinhardt, the Motor City’s hottest young combo, led by fast-fingered Reinhardt disciple Evan Perri, offers a fresh take on the tradition with cover versions and originals in the spirit of the masters.

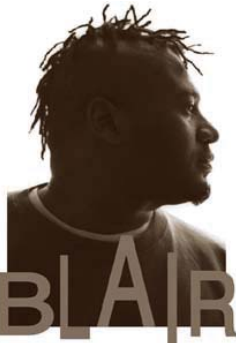


**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**REV. ROBERT B. JONES WITH BLAIR**

Bedford Branch Library, 8575 Jackman Rd. in Temperance, Michigan

Since beginning the Blues Series with his 1988 performance, Detroiter Robert Jones has returned each year to share his unique, engaging approach to roots music from Blues to Gospel. For his first appearance at our Bedford Branch, he’ll be joined by Detroit “Urban Folk, Afro-Punk, Poet, Singer, Songwriter” Blair.



**MONDAY (YES, THE DAY BEFORE TUESDAY), FEBRUARY 23**

**GUY DAVIS**

Ellis Reference & Information Center, 3700 S. Custer Rd. in Monroe, Michigan

This year’s “Bluesapalooza!” headliner, Guy Davis, previews his day of introducing over 1,200 Monroe County “single-digits” to his talent, wit and charm. Blues Revue said “Like the best early bluesmen, Guy Davis is, at heart, a storyteller. A master at setting intimate, richly nuanced tales to stomping acoustic blues backing, he helped revitalize the state of country blues in the 1990s.”



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