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President Cleveland Kurtz

From the President's Desk

She Rock's Too . . .

Tish Adams has earned her reputation as one of the area's best jazz singers- if not the best. Tish is a **keeper of the sacred flame** once held high by the likes of Billie Holliday, Sarah Vaughan, and Diana Washington. Tish Adams is appropriately classy, polished, and sophisticated, but don't let that fool you. She can rock, too. I found that out, a while ago, when I attended one her concerts; and saw her and her boys, **Bluz You Can Use**, set the place on fire with high-energy, booty-shaking, dance music that had people dancing in their seats.

Of course, she and her high-class band of distinguished musicians did it with class and polish; and I loved every minute of it. I never saw Tish work up a real sweat before, and that alone was worth it. It was one my most memorable concerts ever.

I spent the last year or so trying to arrange things so Tish Adams can share her musicianship with us all. Well, good news. Tish and the fabulous band, **Bluz You Can Use**, will bring their fire and soul to our **9th Annual R&B Heritage Month Festival on August 12th**. Bring your dancing shoes because you are going to need them.



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R&B Heritage Month Festival Concert

Featuring

***Tish Adams
& Bluz You Can Use***

Saturday, August 12, 8 o'clock

Music * Dancing * Raffle * Cash Bar * Food

\$10 @ Door

CV Club, 329 Grosvenor Ave. E Providence

Vice President / Music Director – Max Whiting



August marks our **9th Annual R&B Heritage Month Festival** with a twist. This year's signature event will be a fundraiser for both the **Instruments for Children Program** and the **East Providence Mohawks Youth Organization**. The **East Providence Mohawks Youth Organization** aims to provide a safe, structured, and positive environment for the development and growth of youth from East Providence and surrounding communities through team sports, academic activities, and social programs. They aim to encourage the academic success and physical fitness of all participants in a safe and fun atmosphere. Youth are taught the values of teamwork, accountability, sportsmanship, and scholarship that will ensure they have the fundamental tools necessary to be successful in sports as well as in their future careers and personal lives. Services are provided to all youth equally regardless of economic status, sex, race, sexual orientation, religion or national origin. Both of our organizations have similar goals regarding the development and growth of youth; a logical fit for this collaboration.

RIRBPS **R&B Preservation Hall Band** was selected to perform at **National Governors Association Summer Convention** on July 13 in downtown Providence from 6-10 PM. The event features a variety of outdoor street activities running concurrently including a Marching Band parade, Art Walk, & Dance party culminating at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

🎵 OF INTEREST

'STRAIGHT OUTTA TAPA'

On May 9 the students from the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (TAPA) performed '**STRAIGHT OUTTA TAPA**', Senior Thesis Presentations to a lively audience of parents, students and community supporters. RIRBPS Board members were able to see students using instruments donated by our organization, a highlight of this event. Some of the student performers also participated in Master Classes conducted by Max Whiting, Bassist and Randall Ashe, Sax during their

STRAIGHT OUTTA TAPA



Billy Osborne, 2017



senior year. Eight graduating seniors performed solos, duets and various band configurations to such tunes as **Bold as Love** by Jimi Hendrix and **Obsession** by Aventura. Rihannas' tune, **Higher** was clearly a hit with the audience. Congratulations to the student performers for a successful end of their High School career event.

Billy Osborne, 2017 Inductee RI Music Hall of Fame

Rhode Island's own Billy Osborne was inducted into The Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame on April 30th in Pawtucket, RI. His concert performance at the Greenwich Odeum Theater on Sunday April 23rd was the highlight of the week-long celebration and featured RI musicians accompanying Billy who played keyboard

and vocals. The audience rocked to tunes highlighting his long career with Ray Charles featuring his version of **Georgia** with a Rhode Island twist sung as **Rhode Island My Sweet Rhode Island**. A highlight of the performance was **Check it Out**, an original he wrote for the group, Tavares. The tune rose to national prominence several years ago. Singing one of his brother's tunes, **Back in Love Again**, the audience was on their feet. To end the show, Billy returned to the stage with 2017 RIMHOF inductees featuring Dan Moretti, and Frank Potenza. Other performers included Joe Potenza and John Allarud along with Billy's band of local musicians.

Woonsocket Middle School Spring Concert

On June 1st the Woonsocket Middle School Band Program Student Musicians performed the **'Spring Concert' Evening of Music**. This was a remarkable achievement after the music programming was eliminated a few years ago due to budget constraints. RIRBPS has been instrumental in helping to rebuild the program through musical instrument donations. Teachers, Nicole Worzel and Amy Carnes acknowledged that RIRBPS helped to ensure that music continues in Woonsocket and is an integral part of the growth and the future of music performance for local students.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Skills Needed

**Almost Any Area - Especially
Technical /Accounting/Finance**

Secretary/Treasurer - Sylvia Whiting

Our Annual celebration/fundraiser is **August 12 @ the CV Club**. Tickets are just \$10 each for an evening of swinging R&B, dancing, raffles (remember the guitar we raffled off last year?), cash bar and food available. It's also **Membership Renewal**. The young musicians who benefit from our programming greatly appreciate your support and we ask that you consider renewing your membership. Your membership helps us continue our programming, support our events and bring music to the community. See page 6 for a copy of the **Membership Application**. Donations may be sent to RIRBPS or made on our website. All donations are tax deductible. For information, volunteer opportunities, musician listings, programming and donations please visit us at www.bluespreservationsociety.org.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

**Support RIRBPS
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OUR PROGRAMS

Instruments for Children

Instrument donations are coming in at a steady pace as we replenish our inventory for the fall. The Valley Breeze and surrounding publications continue to 'get the word' out and we are very grateful. Throughout the run of **Theatre by the Sea performances of Music Man** audiences are requested to bring unwanted musical instruments for donation to our Instruments Program. Even if you are not able to see the show, musical instruments may be brought to the **Theatre Box Office window, 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield, RI** during Theatre hours (Mon 11-6PM, Tues – Sat 11-8PM, Sun 12PM –curtain). Providence Schools, Woonsocket, West Broadway and TAPA are the main recipients of instruments and we are pleased to be able to keep up with their needs and requests.

Anyone with a musical instrument to donate or information on a school or program in need of our assistance, please contact Tom at 401.793.1281 or Cleveland at 401.461.0012. We will arrange to pick up the instruments, if necessary.

MUSICIANS CORNER

RIRBPS R&B Preservation Hall Band, RI Governor's Association Festival, Thursday evening, July 13th, Downtown Providence Street Festival, Mathewson Street, **6PM – 10PM**, featuring Paul Williams, Guitar/Vocals, Max Whiting, Bass, Randall Ashe, Drums, Paul Duquette, Keys. Enjoy an evening of outdoor arts.

Tish Adams Jazz Trio

EVERY THURSDAY Nite, 6:30 - 9PM, Live Jazz @ Simone's, 275 Child Street, Warren, RI. 401.247.1200. No Cover, Amazing Food, off-street free parking.

Meanwhile, on the radio... Join Tish for her "**VOCALISTS & LOCALISTS**" show, Thursday mornings, 8-10 AM, 90.3 FM, WRIU Kingston...a COMMERCIAL-FREE broadcast service from the University of Rhode Island, staffed by VOLUNTEERS!!!

Cheryl Albright

SATURDAY, July 15th, 7PM, Ella 100! Celebrating and Remembering the 1st Lady of Song. Pump House Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI. Tickets: \$20, www.pumphousemusicworks.com. 530.727.8748.

Becky Bass

EVERY SUNDAY, 8-11PM, Newport Blues Café, 286 Thames Street, Newport, RI, No Cover, Caribbean Soul Trio featuring Becky Bass, Vocals & Steel Pan, Jhony Keys, Keys & Bass, Matt Williams, Drums, (401) 841- 5510

Tom Colantonio

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-10:30 – BAILEY'S OPEN JAM! Bailey's Pub, 1910 Smith Street, N Providence. **July 12 and 26.** Blues and More! Host, Andy Rizzotti and the South Street Blues Band. Best 'musician friendly' jam! Guitar players bring an amp. Bass Amp and Drums available!

Max Whiting

Jazz @ Haley House Café, 1st Thursday, 12 Dade Street, Roxbury, MA featuring Fulani Haynes Jazz Collaborative, 7PM, great food, music, ambience.

WHERE IT'S AT - - - Where music lovers may go to satisfy a healthy R&B craving !!!

133 Club, Sunday, April 23rd, 29 Warren Ave., East Providence 401.438.1330 - Mac Odom Band.
Motown R&B - NO COVER

Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI, 401.568.4102. Blues Jam, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
<http://www.cadystavern.com/#!ricks-roadhouse-blues>, no cover.

Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard 162 W. Main Rd, Little Compton, RI, 6:00PM, \$10 cash per car load and \$10 voucher for estate wine selections, 401.635.8486, www.sakonnetwine.com.

Fifth Element, 111 Broadway, Newport 401.619.2552 - Jazz in bar - Sat., Sun., Mon.

Knickerbocker Café 35 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, RI. 401.315.5070. **Events featured every night.** Open Mike every Thursday, 8-11PM, classic blues, R&B, Rock, Oldies, Pop. <http://www.theknickerbockercafe.com>. No cover.

Landing Restaurant and Bar, Dockside, Bowen's Wharf, Newport 401.847.4514 Live music outdoors every afternoon and evening, dancing inside Season opens end of April.

Murphy's Law 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI. 401.724.5522. Blues jam Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. No Cover.
<http://murphyslawri.com/events>.

Norey's, 156 Broadway, Newport, RI 401.847.4971 - Big Band jazz - Thursdays NO COVER

OceanCliff Resort Ocean Drive, Newport 401.841.8868, Summertime live jazz Monday afternoons outside.

Ocean Mist, 895 Matunuck Rd, Wakefield, RI 401.782.3740) Soul, R&B NO COVER

Purple Cat, 11 Money Hill Rd, Chepachet RI – April 22nd Jesse Dee - R&B, Soul.

Sardella's Italian Restaurant, 30 Memorial Blvd., Newport 401.849.6312 Wed. nights live Jazz
4/26 Dick Lupino, Mary Andrews, Pat Cordeiro, and Jeff Fountain

Simone's 275 Child Street, Warren, RI. 401.247.1200. Great food, Thursday nite Jazz featuring Tish Adams.

Tarragon Bar 311 Westminster St., Providence RI, Blues and jazz Sunday nights at 7:30 PM. No cover.

The Parlour, 1119 N. Main Street, Providence, RI. Wednesday nights at 10PM. Eric Bloom & the Funky Autocrats.
<http://theparlourri.com/events/eric-bloom-the-funky-autocrats> or www.facebook.com/FunkyAutocrats.

The Pub on Park 661 Park Ave., Cranston RI - Vintage R&B Ensemble, Wednesday nights, 8:00-10:00 PM

The Revolution 2190 Broad Street, Cranston, RI, 401.780.8700. "Excellent Food + Good Music = Fun", Check their schedule for Blues Greats.

Villa Restaurant 272 Cowesett Ave, W Warwick RI - Vintage R&B Ensemble. Every Sunday 5-8 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your support is valuable to us in many areas. Here are some ways you may help:

- Promotion and advertising
- Bookkeeping and banking
- Social media coordination (website, twitter, etc.)
- Producing and staging shows
- Coordinating and compiling our history projects
- Bucket carrier (handling incidental tasks)

***INTERESTED IN DONATING
Musical Instruments Needed
Violins, Violas, Trumpets, Flutes,
Trumbones, Clarinets, Saxophones,
Call Tom @ 401.793.1281***

Our needs have grown along with our organization and we could really use your help. We are easy to work with; we have a lot of fun; and we serve our community. Now, you can't beat that. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Membership Application

Join/Renew RIRBPS Membership Today!

Become an active member or simply enjoy the variety of events and concerts we have to offer. RIRBPS is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization committed to preserving and promoting the blues in the African American tradition. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

To Join or Renew:

Complete the Application and mail with a check or money order made out to

RI Rhythm & Blues Preservation Society to:

Sylvia Whiting, Treasurer, 125 Cliff Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152 / 617.539.3951 / sylmax99@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Company/Organization: _____

Membership Categories:

New Application _____ Renewal _____

		Quantity	Fee
Student	\$ 5/year	_____	_____
Individual:	\$15/year	_____	_____
Couple:	\$25/year	_____	_____
Non Profit:	\$50/year	_____	_____
Venue/Club	\$75/year	_____	_____
Corporation	\$100/year	_____	_____

Voluntary Donation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Volunteer Information (optional):

In addition to supporting RIRBPS with my Membership, I would like to volunteer in the following way:

**Membership renewal year runs from June 1 to May 31.
Applications are pro-rated quarterly for the first year.**

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have an on-going need for **volunteers** to assist with public relations, expanding our membership and programming and to help with serving on the Board, contacting organizations for support, outreach and phone calls or helping with events. Contact Cleveland at 401. 461.0012 or Max Whiting at 617.539.3951 for more information.