

Birthdays Blues

Happy Birthday **Chris Ardoin**, born on April 7, 1971 into a musical family spanning three generations. Born and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana, his grandfather and father were French Creole "la la" musicians Alphonse "Bois Sec" Ardoin and Lawrence "Black" Ardoin. Chris' older brother is also a zydeco musician, Sean Ardoin. Chris' grandfather's cousin was Amédé Ardoin who is considered the father of modern Cajun and Creole



music. Chris Ardoin mixes his "nouveau Zydeco" with rhythm & blues, funk, reggae, gospel and hip-hop. Chris began performing at age 4 with his father and at age 9 at Carnegie Hall with his grandfather and recording by age 13. Fortunately, Chris recovered from a serious senseless random shooting in 2021. Check out Chris Ardoin on his Facebook page Chris Ardoin Music.

Aries

I just can't say enough good things about Aries, probably because that's my Rising Sign! An Aries doesn't see the obstacles ahead, an Aries sees the goal and goes straight for it. Aries begins great enterprises and inspires others to join in to bring them to fruition. No sign is more optimistic than Aries and, if you want a friend to help you see the bright side and find a way forward, Aries is your Huckleberry.

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

4/1/1895 – Alberta Hunter, Memphis, TN
4/1/1897 – Lucille Bogan, Amory, MS
4/1/27 – Amos Milburn, Houston, TX
4/3/51 – Mitch Woods, Brooklyn, NY
4/3/55 – John Mooney, East Orange, NJ
4/4/13 – Cecil Grant, Nashville, TN
4/4/15 – Houdy Waters, Rolling Fork, MS
4/5/60 – Larry McCray, Magnolia, AR
4/6/17 – Big Walter Horton, Horn Lake, MS
4/6/60 – Warren Haynes, Asheville, NC
4/7/15 – Billie Holiday, Philadelphia, PA
4/7/32 – Mr. Bo, Indianola, MS
4/8/1908 – Tommy McClennan, Yazoo City, MS
4/9/1895 – Mance Lipscomb, Navasota, TX
4/10/22 – John Brim, Hopkinsville, KY
4/10/79 – Shemekia Copeland, Harlem, NY
4/11/35 – Johnnie Billington, Crowder, MS
4/11/39 – Luther Guitar Jr., Johnson, Itta Bena, MS
4/12/15 – Hound Dog Taylor, Natchez, MS
4/12/45 – Ann Rabson, New York, NY
4/13/26 – Cosimo Matassa, New Orleans, LA
4/14/48 – Robert Jr. Whitall, Philadelphia, PA
4/15/1894 – Bessie Smith, Chattanooga, TN
4/15/31 – Little Sonny Jones, New Orleans, LA
4/15/36 – Frank Frost, Auvergne, AR
4/15/44 – Dave Edmunds, Cardiff, Wales
4/15/55 – Tommy Castro, San Jose, CA
4/16/31 – Johnny Littlejohn, Lake, MS
4/17/26 – Sam Carr, Friar's Point, MS
4/17/56 – Lonnie Shields, Helena, AR
4/18/24 – Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Vinton, LA
4/18/55 – Lil Ed Williams, Chicago, IL

Taurus

Ruled by Venus, Taurus sees and appreciates the beauty in everyday things. They are artists in every thing they do, from cooking a delicious, beautifully presented meal to decorating their home to their romantic undertakings. Taureans provide a blessed oasis of calm and serenity wherever they go, combined with a wicked sense of how to have fun. If you want a friend to cook and laugh with, Taurus fills the bill.

April 20 – May 20

4/21/38 – Eddie King, Talladega, AL
4/22/58 – James Armstrong, Los Angeles, CA
4/23/29 – Calvin Owens, Houston, TX
4/24/1885 – Lillyn Brown, Atlanta, GA
4/24/44 – Manual Arrington, Collins, MS
4/24/51 – Honey Piazza, Fairfield, CA
4/25/23 – Albert King, Indianola, MS
4/26/1886 – Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Columbus, GA
4/26/26 – J.B. Hutto, Blackville, SC
4/27/1919 – Hop Wilson, Grapeland, TX
4/27/47 – Ann Peebles, St. Louis, MO
4/28/40 – Phil Guy, Lettsworth, LA
4/29/34 – Otis Rush, Philadelphia, MS

4/30/1896 – Reverend Gary Davis, Laurens, SC
4/30/1915 – Mabel Scott, Richmond, VA
4/30/31 – Jimmy Lee Robinson, Chicago, IL
5/1/1889 – Ada Brown, Kansas City, KS
5/1/24 – Big Maybelle Smith, Jackson, TN
5/1/26 – Cora Mae Bryant, Oxford, GA
5/1/30 – Little Walter Jacobs, Marksville, LA
5/1/37 – Lucky Evans, Estabuchie, MS
5/2/29 – Link Wray – Dunn, NC
5/4/38 – Tyrone Davis, Greenville, MS
5/5/1901 – Blind Willie McTell, Thomson, GA
5/5/38 – Johnny Taylor, Crawfordsville, AR
5/6/39 – Eddie C. Campbell, Duncan, MS
5/7/1905 – "Bumble Bee Slim" Easton, Bruswick, GA
5/9/26 – A.C. Reed, Wardell, MO
5/9/49 – Bob Margolin, Brookline, MA
5/10/1909 – Ted Bogan, Spartanburg, SC
5/11/1905 – Joe "Kansas" McCoy, Raymond, MS
5/12/1919 – Leroy "Lefty" Bates, Pelahatchie, MS
5/13/43 – Magic Dick, New London, CT
5/14/34 – Grady Gaines, Washom, WA
5/15/38 – Larry Johnson, Atlanta, GA
5/17/42 – Taj Mahal, Harlem, NY
5/18/1911 – Big Joe Turner, Kansas City, MO
5/19/53 – Jimmy Thackery, Pittsburgh, PA

Gemini

Ruled by Mercury, a Gemini has something interesting to say about everything. A silent Gemini is a sleeping Gemini. They are interested in all topics and have at least some knowledge of almost all of them and, possibly the friendliest of the signs, they will discuss them with anybody. Spending time with a Gemini will always make you feel sparkly with new ideas and possibilities. If you want a friend to talk to, Gemini delivers.

May 21 – June 21

5/21/20 – Little Willie Anderson, West Memphis, AR
5/21/38 – Lee "Shot" Williams, Lexington, MS
5/21/63 – Dave Specter, Chicago, IL
5/23/50 – Dick Shurman, Los Alamos, NM
5/23/57 – Michael Cloeren, Philadelphia, PA
5/24/41 – Bob Dylan, Duluth, MN
5/26/1883 – Marnie Smith, Cincinnati, OH
5/28/1910 – T-Bone Walker, Linden, TX
5/30/39 – King Ernest Baker, Natchez, MS
5/30/65 – Rick Holmstrom, Fairbanks, AK
6/1/49 – Rich DelGrosso, Detroit, MI
6/2/1907 – Otha Turner, Rankin County, MS
6/2/1917 – Baby Doo Caston, Sumrall, MS
6/2/1917 – Leonard "Baby Do" Caston, Sumrall, MS
6/3/1897 – Memphis Minnie, Algiers, LA
6/3/24 – Jimmy Rogers, Ruleville, MS
6/3/42 – Curtis Mayfield, Chicago, IL
6/4/1916 – Lafayette Leake, Winona, MS
6/4/57 – Tinsley Ellis, Atlanta, GA
6/5/1900 – Washboard Slim, Marshall, TX
6/6/30 – S.P. Leary, Carthage, TX
6/6/36 – Raful Neal, Baton Rouge, LA
6/6/54 – Sugar Ray Norcia, Westerly, RI
6/8/46 – James Harman, Anniston, AL
6/8/53 – Lady Bianca, Kansas City, MO
6/9/1902 – Skip James, Bentonia, MS
6/9/27 – Cedell Davis, Helena, AR
6/9/30 – Jerry McCain, Gladson, AL
6/10/1904 – Clarence "Junny Boy" Brown, New Orleans, LA
6/10/1910 – Howlin' Wolf, West Point, MS



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Got Mojo?

Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine Sampler #35 - 2024

Got My Mojo Working Again!

Been to Louisiana and got me a mojo hand and a John the Conqueror Root. Both are talismans used in the creation of a mojo. A good mojo can attract love, luck and energy. I have three John the Conquerors and they help me to get parking spaces in New York City and Chicago, a miracle indeed! In love you need mojo too. You must have your mojo going to attract love. I have been lucky for 25 years with Sugar.

"Got Mojo?" features my portrait of Muddy Waters at the Stovall Plantation near Clarksdale, Mississippi where he started and where he ended up at Chess Records in Chicago. One of my favorite Muddy Waters songs is "Got My Mojo Workin'" and has inspired this CD Sampler. Take Muddy's word for it and "Get your mojo workin'!"

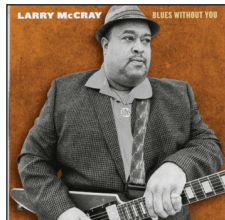
"Got Mojo?" CD Sampler #35 helps the participating musicians to get their "Mojo Workin'" with their music on the sampler. "Got Mojo?" has artists from Mississippi, Pennsylvania, the UK, Florida, Saginaw, Michigan, Detroit, Indiana, Wisconsin, New Orleans, California and Burdickville, Michigan. Please support these hard working musicians, check-out their work on their websites and buy their music.

Thank-you for subscribing and I hope you enjoy "Got Mojo?" as much as we do. See you down the road, take the high road, if you come to a crossroads - take it, may the river be with you, may the wind be at your back, surf's up, mahola, aloha and don't forget to boogie.

Hope, peace, love & happiness,
Best, Robert Jr. Whitall

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We "Got Mojo?"
Yes we do!



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Larry McCray's title track, that memorializes his manager Paul Koch who died suddenly, is a classic.

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Deep Rush Records
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Bobby Rush lifts us up with "I'm Free," his opening track on his new record "All My Love For You."

3. Larry McCray

"Blues Without You" (5:07)
Blues Without You
Keeping The Blues Alive Records

4. The Kinsey Report

"Nobody's Fault" (3:05)
I'll Be Standing
RDK Records
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Released a few years ago, "Nobody's Fault" is dedicated to our brother - drummer and artist Ralph Kinsey who died on 1/16/2024.

5. Billy Davis

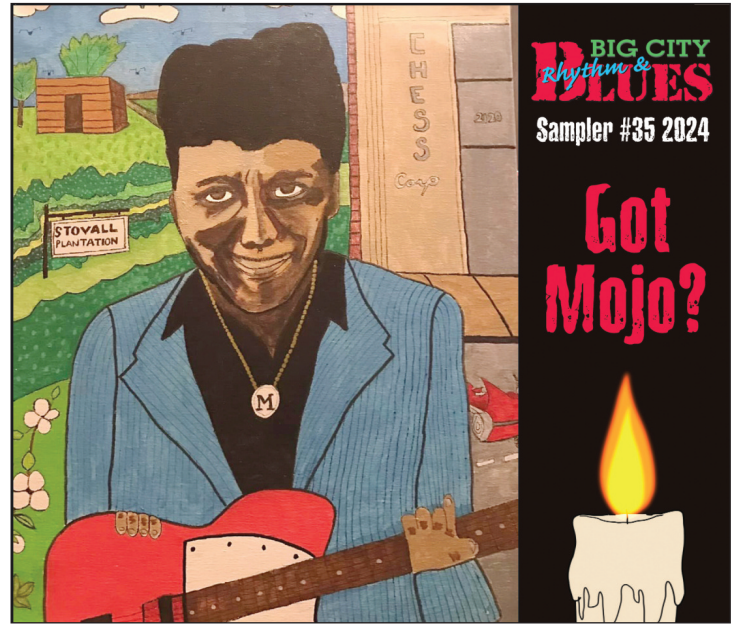
"Troubled Shoes" (5:04)
Detroit Blues Factory Vol. 1
Blues Factory Records
The Billy Davis Rhythm Machine Band FB



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6. Anthony Rosano and the Conquerors

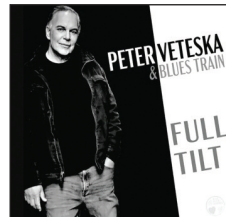
"Rosanita" (4:44)
Cheat The Devil
Whiskey Bayou Records
www.anthonyrosono.com



Produced by Tab Benoit, Anthony Rosano's "Rosanita" connects with his beautiful voice and fluid guitar.

7. Peter Veteska & Blues Train

"Slow Down You Crazy Fool" (3:59)
Full Tilt
Blue Heart Records
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abluestrain.com



Pete Veteska reaches way down in the blues with this original and accentuates with his excellent guitar work.

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"Last Call For The Blues" (4:04)
Last Call For The Blues
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A powerful trio, Hex



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"Old Time Superstition" (4:06)
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 "Little Failure" (3:48)
Live At The Old Miami
 Melody Lane Records
 www.winestonedcowboysfb.com

15. Burdickville Boys
 "Leave My Water Alone" (3:07)
Tuesday Night
 Records
 www.fortheloveofwater.org

16. Robert Thibodeau & the Detroit Jewels
 "Happy Birthday You" (2:51)
New Hippy Love
 Lucky Dog Records
 www.mayflowerbookshop.com

17. Luck and Trouble
 "One Hit Blunder" (3:43)
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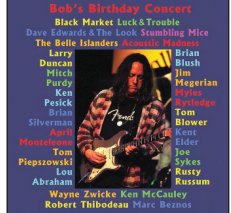
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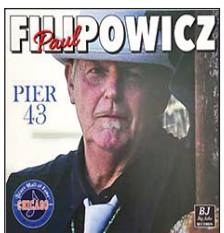
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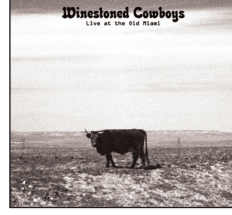
Rare Union's new "Time
 They Always Change" is
 their second release – a per-
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 gem.

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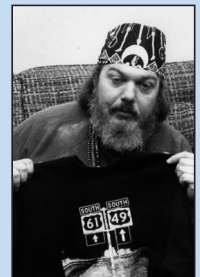
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Danielle Nicole got her mojo workin'!
#40 LRBC, 1/31/24.



John Boutte celebrating Bywater Bakery's owner Alton's birthday with Oscar Rossignoli, 2/10/24.



The extraordinary Eric Gales -
#40 LRBC, 1/29/24.

Monster Mike Welch, Shemekia Copeland, Daryl Davis, Victor Wainwright & The Train, Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, Mitch Woods, Keb Mo' and Mr. Sipp. Monday was "Bluesin' at Sea." Music began at 11:30 am with a returnee party at the World Stage and Sugar enjoyed the virgin party at the Lido Mid-Ship Pool Stage showcasing all the women musicians on board-Ana Popovic, Danielle Nicole, Kelly Hunt, Gracie Curran, Dawn Tyler Watson, Shemekia

And I Ain't Lyin'!

The 40th **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise (LRBC)** was epic, setting sail on the luxurious MS Holland America's Nieuw Statendam on Sunday, January 28th at Port Everglades. Congratulations **Admiral Roger "Bluesy" Naber** who booked the first LRBC twenty years ago! For #40 music began at 2:15 pm

with Reverend Billy C. Wirtz at the boogie-woogie dueling piano bar followed by two Mississippi bluesmen performing together - **Super Chikan & Terry "Harmonica" Bean** at the Rolling Stone Lounge. Two sail away parties also began on newly-built stages - Seaview Pool Aft (back of ship) and Lido Pool Mid Ship with **Tommy**

Bob O Walesa's birthday dinner party with John Primer & Dick Shurman, #40 LRBC, 2/4/24.



Castro and Ana Popovic. **Toronzo Cannon** kicked off the beautiful World Stage and **Dwayne Dopsie** had a Zydeco dance party at B.B. King's Blues Club. Music was nonstop with **Eden Brent & Bob Dowell,**

Big Chief Monk Boudreaux's glowing new suit on Mardi Gras day, New Orleans, 2/13/24.





Winner of '23 IBC from Australia, Frank Sultana, took off his boots and got to work on the #40 LRBC, 1/31/24.

Copeland, Eden Brent and Deanna Bogart. That afternoon there were many musical choices on eight different stages beginning with Mr. Sipp's Gospel Show, Frank Sultana ('23 IBC Winner), Jason Ricci, Matthias Lattin, Daryl Davis' "Klan Whisperer." presentation, Dawn Tyler Watson with The Ben Racine Band, Mike Ancona & David Julia, Dave Gross & Pat Harrington, Bette Smith, Eric Gales, John Primer, Taj Mahal & The Phantom Blues Band, King Solomon Hicks, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Albert Cummings and Chuk Barber. The ship docked at Costa Maya, MX on Tuesday. With all the musicians on board it is special to see them performing with each other like Billy Branch jamming with Jason Ricci, Curtis Salgado singing with The Phantom Blues Band and Ana Popovic with Keb Mo'. On Wednesday the ship anchored at Roatan, Honduras; Thursday another fun-filled day of "Bluesin' At Sea;" Friday was a day at Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Saturday was the big finale wrap-up day with twenty performances, Sailin' On

The High Seas Silent Auction and Legendary Awards Party! Check out www.bluescruise.com and let's go bluesin'! Sugar & Junior arrived in New Orleans just in time for the Mardi Gras. Thank-you Big Chief Monk Boudreaux! Love & Happiness! Sugar Mae

Beautiful Ana Popovic is smokin' hot on guitar, #40 LRBC, 2/1/24.



Bette Smith knows how to shake that thang! #40 LRBC, 2/1/24.



Jason Ricci! #40 LRBC, 1/31/24.



Victor Wainwright & Roger Naber celebrating #40 LRBC!

A former baseball all star, Mississippi hill country bluesman Terry "Harmonica" Bean, #40 LRBC, 1/30/24.



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