

Young Artists In The Spotlight

BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups Reopens with Biweekly Series Spotlighting the Future of St. Louis Blues Music



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St. Louis, MO — [Wednesday, September 23, 2026] — The blues have always been about passing it on. The soul of the blues has been passed down to the next generation through the songs, stories, and sounds that established blues artists have shared as they open doors for those coming behind them. This fall, BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups is bringing that tradition to our historic venue with a brand-new music series designed to put St. Louis' emerging blues talent center stage.

“Marquise Knox presents BB’s Rising Blues Stars” will launch when BB’s reopens this fall, with performances currently planned for every other Thursday. Curated and hosted by acclaimed St. Louis bluesman Marquise Knox, the series will introduce audiences to some of the city’s most exciting young blues artists while giving those performers an opportunity to grow, develop their stagecraft and build a following of their own.

Evenings will feature performances from two or three up-and-coming artists, along with sets by Knox himself. The result will be part concert, part showcase, and part musical mentorship and where St. Louis blues fans can discover the artists who may very well become the next generation of blues stars.

“Marquise Knox presents BB’s Rising Blues Stars.” is rooted in the way the blues has always grown. Throughout the history of the genre, young musicians have learned by sharing stages with more experienced performers, listening, playing, experimenting, and absorbing the influences around them. This exchange of ideas and experience is a fundamental part of the blues tradition — and it is a tradition BB’s and Knox are determined to keep alive.

For music fans, that means an opportunity to hear tomorrow’s blues talent before everyone else knows their names. For the artists, it means a real stage, a real audience and the chance to learn from one of St. Louis’ most accomplished blues voices. For St. Louis, it means investing in the future of a musical tradition that has helped define the city’s cultural identity.

“St. Louis has an incredible history of blues music, but that history only stays alive if we continue to give young musicians a place to play, learn and be heard,” said Marquise Knox. “This series is about creating that opportunity and bringing the artists and the audience together.” With Knox at the helm, each edition promises to be an evening of discovery, collaboration and authentic St. Louis blues — while giving fans another reason to get out, listen closely and experience the next chapter of the music firsthand as it happens.

The blues you know and the blues you haven’t discovered yet are waiting for you at BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups.

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