

About the KBF

Every year in August the Kitchener Blues Festival plays amazing music all weekend at various free stages throughout downtown, and at several paid events. The festival attracts top blues musicians from all over North America, such as Mel Brown, Koko Taylor, and the Jeff Healey Band. For several years the festival has graciously invited swing dancers to perform and participate, and each year we build up the dancing a little more!

About Dancing at the KBF

There are many unpaid and paid venues during the Kitchener Blues Festival, but the two main stages are the Main Stage in front of city hall and the Tent Stage, 3 blocks further south. Both of these stages have space for dancing. At the Main Stage the space often shrinks down with the standing audience and with pedestrians, but there is always at least a bit of room. At the Tent Stage there is generally tons of space to dance, due to the layout.

Although the music is amazing all weekend, as dancers we've found that we can add even more to the event. Instead of spending the whole time out in the sun, we'll take a break Saturday afternoon to enjoy the shade and calm of Victoria Park, while we eat and dance by the gazebo. Then Saturday night, we give your knees and joints a break by moving back on to a nice hardwood dance floor, and bring the live music along with us! With these events, we try to break up the weekend a bit and give you the energy to enjoy the whole festival with each other.

Thanks

The *Kitchener Blues Festival Dance Weekend* is brought to you by the Kitchener-Waterloo Swing Dance Society. A big thanks to **Rob Deyman** – president of the Kitchener Blues Festival – for his support of the local swing and blues dance scene.

Thanks as well to the **Waterloo Swing Crew** for leading a swing dance demonstration at the festival on Friday night.

Waterloo Swing Crew

Questions? Comments?

To find us during the weekend, or to RSVP for Saturday dinner, call Martin at:

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For any more information about the *Kitchener Blues Festival Dance Weekend*, or to ask any questions about swing and blues dancing in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, please contact the KWSDS at:

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the Kitchener-Waterloo Swing Dance Society presents

THE KITCHENER BLUES FESTIVAL DANCE WEEKEND

A guide to music and dancing at the Kitchener
Blues Festival



AUGUST 7-9, 2009

Weekend Summary

There are tons of great bands playing this weekend all over downtown, so unfortunately there isn't time to see everything. We've put together a list of the best bands to see, based on music and on danceability.

We also have **dance events** scheduled to fill out the weekend! On Friday we have a **swing dance demonstration** at 7:30, and a **weekend pre-party** after the main stage shuts down. Then on Saturday, we have a **picnic dinner and dancing** in the park at 5:00, and then after the main stage closes we're getting together again for a **live band late-night** with blues and lindy, and snacks for everyone to enjoy.

Notes

Remember, most surfaces will be concrete so don't bring your good dance shoes (except to the late-nights!).

Attendees of the Saturday dinner MUST sign up beforehand so we can arrange food! Let the organizers know before 3:00 that day.

In general it can be very useful to bring earplugs, water, a hat, and sunscreen.

Costs

Concerts	Free!
Swing demonstration	Free!
Fri party *	By donation
Sat dinner/dancing	\$14
Sat live band late-night *	\$20

* BYOB (Drink responsibly, alcohol not provided)

Friday

6:30	JW Jones	TS
7:30	Swing Demonstration	TS
8:00	Elliott Brood	TS
9:15	Rhinoceros	MS
11:00	Weekend Pre-Party	MP

Saturday

2:00	Canned Heat	MS
3:30	Ellen McIlwaine	TS
5:00	Picnic Dinner and Dancing	VP
7:00	Studebaker John	MS
7:30	Leon Redbone	TS
8:30	Tab Benoit	MS
9:20	Elvin Bishop	MS
11:00	Live Band Late-Night	IS

Sunday

12:30	Douglas Watson	TS
2:15	Caught Away	TS
4:00	Guitar Shorty	TS
6:00	Homewreckers	MS

MS	Main Stage
TS	Tent Stage
VP	Victoria Park (see map)
MP	Martin's Place (591-A Park St)
IS	Impact Studios (161 King St West)

Site Map



Note: Victoria Park (dinner) and Impact Studios (late-night) are marked with pushpins.