

What's New with BluesEd?

Our BluesEd students have been busy this November and December playing at McKenna's barbecue restaurant. Crimson Dawn, Us and Them, and Mojo Bag all enjoyed playing on the stage and entertaining the restaurant patrons and friends of BluesEd. A special thank you to Tim Bollinger of McKenna's for the invitations to play!

BLUES ED AUDITIONS COMING SOON!

Believe it or not, it is almost time to ramp up for our 2012

BluesEd season. We will be holding auditions for potential BluesEd students on Saturday, January 21 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at PS Collective (6056 Maple Street). Students interested in auditioning should visit our web site at www.bluesed.com to learn the details of what will be expected in the auditions as well as directions on how to register. Questions should be directed to torrez@bluesed.com.

As always, you can find us on Facebook at BluesEd!

TRUCKERS - SLOWDOWN!!

On October 26 the Drive By Truckers, known by their fans as DBT, rolled into town to hit the stage at The Slowdown. This is the third time I saw the band at this venue. I also saw them open for Tom Petty at the Qwest Center in 2010. For me this is a band not to be missed; I have found every show to be awesome. The makeup of the band is three excellent guitarists, a keyboard, and rhythm section. Some people have identified their music as southern rock. DBT ever so rarely does a cover song as guitarist Mike Cooley and Patterson Hood are prolific song writers. Mike seems to excel in the heavy rockers and some slower almost on the verge of country music type tunes. While it seems Patterson tends to write the more musically unique sounding songs the band does with all kinds of sordid or crazy story lines. The band played loudly and terrifically

for a lengthy set and pleasingly returned for about a 20 minute encore. They totally rocked the house! Fortunately for me they played many of my favorites, including several from their terrific album The Big To Do. They never let their foot off the accelerator all night as they occasionally visited the bottle of Patron and Jack Daniel's parked atop their speaker cabinets. The crowd size was quite healthy, although lighter than the two previous Slowdown shows I attended, making viewing and moving about easier and more comfortable. The prior Slowdown shows were completely packed. The DBT's latest CD is Go Go Boots. I recommend checking out their CDs and to go see them if you get a chance. DBT is a really cool band in my opinion that I have only been familiar with for a couple of years.

--Dan Betts

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