

Young blues singer comes to the Borderland

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Will Tilson is an old soul. Despite being only 15-years-old, he is already taking the blues world by storm. Tilson tells KFOX14 he got his start playing in his uncle's band and listening to the Beatles. But there was something about the blues that called to him.

"The blues was kind of the gateway into rock 'n' roll and that's what started it. I kind of felt an instant connection with the blues you know, just the power of the music. It's really powerful," Tilson said.

Tilson played with his band, the Will Tilson Trio at Neon Desert this weekend. The band normally plays in Chicago, where blues is as part of the culture as deep-dish pizza. He said he wanted to expose El Paso to his passion.

"My main focus is just to expose it and play it but we're going to do today is going to give it our all. That's all you can do, you know," he said.

Tilson isn't worried about becoming famous. To him, it's all about the music.

"It's less about my name and it's more about the music. It's more about the fact that people are really drawn to this music and it's something I really feel passionate about. It's something I would love for people to really understand and have it on their iPods," he said.

From what he can see, that trend is already coming to El Paso.

"It seems like there are a lot of young people and all the young people are really open-minded to new music," he said.

The Will Tilson Trio heads back to Chicago this week. They will join Dave Specter and Jimmy Johnson on stage in June.

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