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**Fronted by Shaelyn Mulberry – a singer and poet who can wail**

like Joyce Kennedy, charm like Aretha Franklin, and soliloquize like Erykah Badu – the Jacksonville, FL-based Shaelyn Band ably flavors their blue-based tunes with influences from soul to funk to rock. The daughter of a pastor, Mulberry grew up in the church singing gospel in the choir and on the praise

team. She met her husband Tim Mulberry at the University of Florida where he was the music director of the gospel choir (UGC). Prior to UF, Tim spent years touring with international groups such as the Black Eyed Peas, 112 and The Wailers. The couple launched House of Berry Productions in 2019, then began to assemble their team.

**The band formed in 2020 when Tim met lead guitar player Erik Guess.** The two quickly added bass player Curtis Harris and background vocalist Mark Barner (who released an EP, *My Hat My Blues*, via House of Berry Productions in October). The group's newest addition is keyboardist Johnny Lobo. As demonstrated in their highly energized live shows, The Shaelyn Band's stated goal is to ... "spread blues awareness to the younger generation. Not by changing the blues, but by claiming the blues. We believe everything



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*In September 2022 The Shaelyn Band released their self-titled debut*, demonstrating their range on songs that lead listeners to dance their cares away, reclaim their lives and destiny, and enjoy moments to reflect on the joys of love and life. And while supporting the release has kept them busy, Tim also continues to serve as Music Director for Kat Riggins and Her Blues Revival.

*Now with the brand new release of their second album Juke Joint*, The Shaelyn Band is continuing to move and

groove the hearts of the music lovers with intricate lyrics, dynamic intros and smooth harmonies. Their meteoric rise finds them representing The Villages Blues Society at the 2024 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN next month. Of their fast moving career, Shaelyn says, "It has been a whirlwind of attention lately and for that I am truly grateful, but I believe staying faithful to the work, the grind and the true love of music and blues is finally allowing us to reach places we have been working towards... our hard work and dedication to continuing to make ourselves better and unique is being recognized and appreciated."

We agree! More at [shaelynband.com](https://shaelynband.com).



# Larry Brown

As leader of his eponymous trio, pianist Larry Brown heads a terrifically accomplished straight-ahead jazz group, boasting performances at An Die Musik, Blues Alley, the Meyerhoff, the Kennedy Center, the Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival, and many others. The band reprises the hard-bop style of the legendary Blue Note era, and was recognized by WAMA (Washington Area Music Association) for the Best Jazz Recording for 2006 with a Wammie award for their celebrated release *Hard Bop Café*. They were also recognized with Wammies for Best Jazz Group for 2006, 2008 and 2009. Brown himself received a Wammie for Best Jazz Recording in 2002 for his CD *The Long Goodbye*, recorded at National Public Radio. The group's four studio CDs receive airplay across the country and in Brazil, Canada, Russia and Japan. As an undergraduate Brown studied with Stan Kenton's favorite arranger/composer Hank Levy, and performed with and composed for the lauded Towson University Jazz Ensemble. After earning his Bachelors Degree in Music Theory, Brown earned his Master of Music degree after studying Composition and Electronic Music at Catholic University. He has appeared on BET's *Jazz Discovery* where he won in the instrumentalist category, and on their show *Jazz Scene* as a featured artist. Brown lists his major influences as Bill Evans, Wynton Kelly, and Miles Davis. For this Space Coast Jazz Society show he'll be fronting a trio accompanying vocalist Maddy Winer. More at [larrybrownjazz.org](http://larrybrownjazz.org).

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Inspired by blues and R&B legends of the '60s and '70s, Regina Bonelli began singing and playing piano at age five. Ten years later, after picking up a guitar, she was performing. Bonelli began playing clubs and coffeehouses first as a solo artist and then eventually formed a funk rock band. She shared the stage with Odetta, Martha Reeves, the Temptations and Little Anthony and the Imperials, among others. Her band was playing at a club in Greenwich Village when talent scouts from TV's *Star Search* offered to fly Bonelli and her band to Hollywood. There her scorching vocals, impressive songwriting and captivating playing won the competition three

times, including *International Star Search*, performing her original material. Always a lover of blues and soul music, Bonelli's influences include Big Momma Thornton, Howlin' Wolf and Ann Peebles. She began to write blues tunes inspired by her own life raising two children on her own, and the world around her, including the music and lyrics to all the songs on her stunning 2015 debut *Open Up the Door*. The CD did just that, landing a feature spot on SiriusXM's B.B. King's Bluesville and receiving worldwide airplay. Its follow-up, *Love Letter*, is a blues-meets-R&B tsunami of sound, and led to her sharing the stage with acts such as Los Lobos, The Temptations, Kenny Neal, Southside Johnny and many others. *Love Letter* made the Roots Music Report Top 50 Soul Blues Albums in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Her most recent release is 2022's *Truth Hurts*, which landed atop numerous blues charts in the U.S., France and Australia. More at [reginabonelli.com](http://reginabonelli.com).



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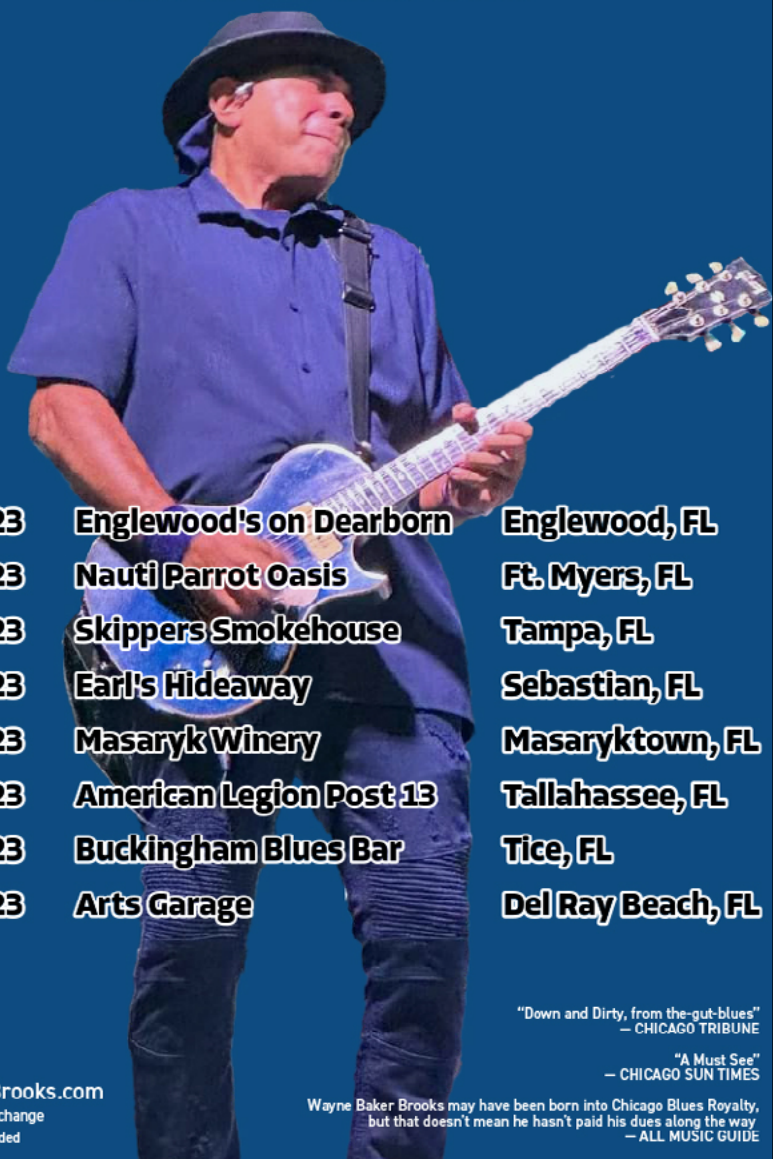
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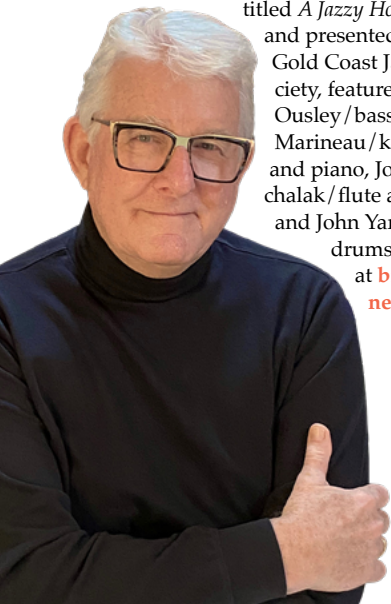
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## Bill Mays

With a more than six decades as a professional jazz pianist, Bill Mays has accompanied

countless music titans from Al Jarreau to Sarah Vaughan and from Barry Manilow to Frank Zappa. His many recordings as a leader (solo, duo, trio and sextet) are well-documented on more than three dozen albums under his own name (most recently 2019's *Mays Plays Mays*), and on hundreds more by others. A prolific and acclaimed composer and arranger, Mays also received rave reviews of his first book, 2014's *Stories of the Road, The Studios, Sidemen & Singers: 55 Years in The Music Biz*. Of his musical journey, Mays explains, "One could say I was born into music. My father was a minister by day and multi-instrument player in his spare time. He would often accompany my mother, a singer with a fine, natural voice. Gospel was the first music I heard, and I started touching the keys of an old spinet in the living room while just a baby. At age five I started piano lessons. In junior high school I took up trumpet and baritone horn. My first exposure to jazz came at 14, my first professional gigs began a year later. It's now been a 60-year career and counting, and sharing my music remains a great joy." This program,

titled *A Jazzy Holiday* and presented by the Gold Coast Jazz Society, features Jamie Ousley/bass, Mark Marineau/keyboards and piano, John Michalak/flute and sax, and John Yarling/drums. More at **billmays.net**.



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Kings Bluesville has had Neals in rotation since her incendiary 2015 blues debut *Breaking and Entering*. To date, 16 of Neals' songs have been played on SiriusXM, with "Queen of the Nile," a blues ballad from 2022's acclaimed *Badder to the Bone*, reaching No. 5 on Rack-of-Blues. The album delivers another tasty serving of Neals' signature modern blues-rock, validating her spots performing with or opening for such names as George Clinton, The Four Tops, Mike Zito, Walter Trout, Victor Wainwright, and Joe Louis Walker. With all these stats, the real evidence is in seeing Neals perform live, with an energy matched only by her keyboard mastery and four-octave vocal range. More at [eliza-neals.com](http://eliza-neals.com).



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reflecting Spiegel's travels to Australia, the Los Angeles-flavored "Smooth Move," and the self-evident "Streets of Milan." He also presently teaches at Florida International University and Miami Dade College. More at [russguitar.com](http://russguitar.com).



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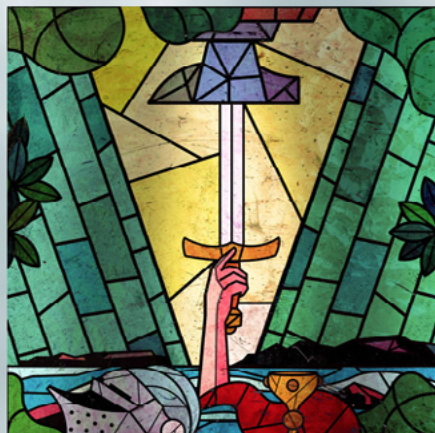


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BLUES

# Wayne Baker Brooks

With a signature style that mixes powerful vocals with liquid fire guitar playing, Wayne Baker Brooks honors his rich blues heritage while effortlessly expanding the boundaries of the genre. Born and raised in Chicago, the city laid the foundation for Brooks' innovative style. He regularly witnessed performances by the likes of Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, Muddy Waters... and Brooks' father, blues master Lonnie Brooks. After landing a spot in his father's band, in 1997 he also formed the Wayne Baker Brooks Band, which appeared in the movie *Blues Brothers 2000*.

His acclaimed 2004 debut *Mystery* melded blues, blue-rock, soul, funk and more, earning awards and praise from critics and fans. Soon Brooks was touring the world and appearing on national TV and radio programs. One highlight was a performance for First Lady Hilary Rodham Clinton at Chess Studios with Bo Diddley and KoKo Taylor. Aside from Guy, Diddley and Taylor, Brooks has performed or recorded with The Black Crowes, Shemekia Copeland, Jonny Lang, Susan Tedeschi, Keb Mo, Robert Randolph, Taj Mahal and many more. While his 2012 EP *Tricks Up My Sleeves* is his latest studio recording, Brooks stays busy. To date he has performed in 750 + cities in 40+ countries. At this year's Chicago Music Awards, Brooks won for Best Blues Entertainer, and he also recently won the Jus' Blues Foundation's 2023 Little Milton Campbell Real Blues Man Award. More at [waynebakerbrooks.com](http://waynebakerbrooks.com).



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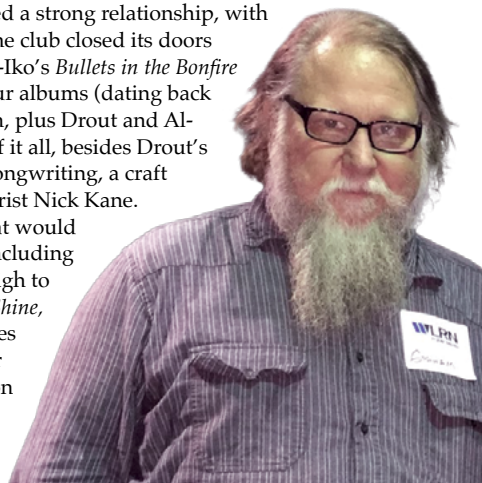
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# Graham Wood Drout

The Fat Chance Blues Band, led by Graham Wood Drout, began their tenure at Miami's famed Tobacco Road in 1981. When new owners renovated the following year, the band – rechristened Iko-Iko – played downstairs, trading sets with the likes of Albert King, John Lee Hooker and Buddy Guy, who held court above. Drout also presided over the Monday night jam, where he coached young blues musicians including Albert Castiglia, Rachelle Cobra and Grady Champion. Drout and Castiglia maintained a strong relationship, with Drout contributing songs to Castiglia's recordings. The club closed its doors after 102 years in 2016, shortly after the release of Iko-Iko's *Bullets in the Bonfire Vol. 1*, a compilation of songs from the band's first four albums (dating back to 1988) as well as one cut from Castiglia's first album, plus Drout and Albert's acoustic "Bittersweet Sessions." At the center of it all, besides Drout's engaging growl of a vocal, is his lyrical and literate songwriting, a craft he truly realized when he started working with guitarist Nick Kane. In one night, he and Kane came up with the tunes that would comprise the band's debut, *Snowstorm in the Jungle*, including fan faves "Don't Mess With the Voodoo" and "Too High to Drive." *Billboard* magazine said of their 2007 release *Shine*, "Imposing presence and offbeat, down-and-dirty blues hooks define Iko's sound." Now almost 50 years after his Florida debut, Drout remains an active presence on the state's blues scene with the Graham Wood Drout Blues Band. Find him on [Facebook](#).



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Regional competitions determine contenders  
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**SOUTH FLORIDA BLUES SOCIETY**  
November 12 • Galuppi's, Pompano Beach  
**BAND The Stoney Brooks Band**  
**SOLO/DUO Antonio Correia**

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA BLUES SOCIETY**  
October 15 • High Dive, Gainesville FL  
**BAND Southern Junction Blues Band**  
**SOLO/DUO Barry Brogan**  
**SELF-PRODUCED CD: Winter's Coming**  
**Bridget Kelly Band**

**TREASURE COAST BLUES SOCIETY**  
September 17 Stuart, FL  
**BAND The Kevin McLoughlin Band**  
**SOLO/DUO Ronny Hill**  
**YOUTH Miles Hoyt**

**FIRST COAST BLUES SOCIETY**  
November 5 • Whisky Jax, Baymeadows  
**BAND Bluesdog and the Howlers**  
**SOLO/DUO Alex Richman**

**BLUES SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA**  
August 13 • Pensacola, FL  
**BAND Max McCann Band**  
**SOLO/DUO Corey Hall & Matt Law**

**VILLAGES BLUES SOCIETY**  
September 17, The Villages, FL  
**BAND The Shaelyn Band**

The following societies did not hold regional  
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Southwest Florida Blues Society  
Suncoast Blues Society  
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