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**Press Calendar - Friday**

Friday 11th November 2005 through Thursday 17th November 2005

**Fri. 11.11**

**Blues Fo' My Brother**

In 2001, Son Henry got a bunch of Anchorage's talented blues musicians together for a show at The Whaler. With word of mouth and a few posters around town as the only advertising, the show ended up packing the small venue.



"It just seemed like the right thing to do to turn it into a benefit," said Henry from Scotland, where he currently resides. He donated the \$1,500 earned from that gig to the Brother Francis Shelter.

The next year, the event was held at the Bear Tooth Theatre. There was more room there, and the 2nd Annual Blues Fo' My Brother concert filled it right up. It was still just a bunch of local musicians, but that didn't stop people from coming out. "Anchorage has a great pool of talented musicians," said Henry. "I'm surprised there isn't more recognition for them." Over the next few years, the proceeds from the concert grew to \$17,000.

Now in it's fifth year, Blues Fo' My Brother is bigger than ever. Organizers have moved the event to the 4th Avenue Theatre, downtown. The event has also brought Outside musicians up since its third year, including Jake Matson, who played in Anchorage when he was stationed here in the military, and Blue Lisa, who is returning again this year. Son says when Lisa played at last year's event the response was overwhelming. According to Henry, the Texas DJ is "a really great singer."

Also on the bill this year are returning locals Veronica C. Page and Big Robert Tyler. Rick Brooks, Melissa Bledsoe Fischer and Spin the Bottle will perform as well, and Son Henry will get together with his long-time jam buddies John Clark and Joel Lockman. The headliner this year is Otto "Ottomatic Slim" Lenz, a harmonica player from the Northeast. Otto is a student of the legendary Howard Levy - known worldwide as the harmonica player - and is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with.



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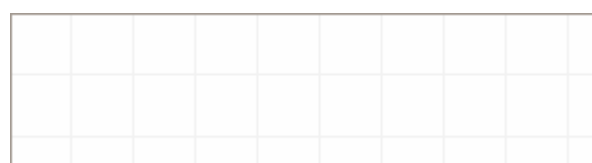


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The concert takes place Friday, November 11, at the 4th Avenue Theatre (630 W. 4th Ave.). Tickets to Blues Fo' My Brother are \$35 and include performances by all those musicians - including some spontaneous collaborations that Henry says are sure to spring up - and dinner. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Rick Brooks takes the stage followed by the Veronica C. Page Band. If you want to skip dinner, get your tickets for \$20 and show up at 8 p.m. You'll get to see Melissa Bledsoe Fischer, Son Henry, Big Robert T., Blue Lisa, Ottomatic Slim and Spin the Bottle. Purchasing a ticket also buys you a chance to win airfare for two to Hawaii. Tickets are available at Metro Music and Book (Benson Blvd.) and Title Wave (1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.) and proceeds benefit the Brother Francis Shelter.

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