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Press Release

Award Winning Blues Bands at Shank Hall

On April 25, 2008 at 8 pm the Alex Wilson Band and Hounds Tooth will make their debut at Shank Hall for a great night of modern blues. These two Southeast Wisconsin blues bands have taken some of the top local awards over the past two years including:

- Best Blues Band 2007, Shepherd Express – Alex Wilson Band
- Best Female Vocalist 2007, Shepherd Express – Jamie Brace of Hounds Tooth
- 2007 WAMI Best Blues Group/Artist – Alex Wilson Band
- Best Blues Band 2006, Shepherd Express – Hounds Tooth

During the past year both artists have released their debut albums to critical acclaim. This promises to be a great night showcasing the new guard in local blues.

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About Hounds Tooth

Hounds Tooth, showcasing the dynamic and soulful voice of Miss Jamie Brace, has stormed onto the local scene with their high-energy show of Soul Rockin' Blues. Miss Jamie captivates an audience as she caresses them intimately with a soulful ballad and then takes them over the edge as she kicks it into high gear with a blues-rock anthem.

With a set list rich in classic soul tunes, powerful blues-rock numbers, up-tempo danceable songs, and original music, Hounds Tooth's Soul Rockin' Blues appeals to a wide range of audiences. You will find Hounds Tooth rocking out at clubs like the Milwaukee Ale House and the Up and Under Pub, as well as performing at traditional blues venues like the Paramount Restaurant in historic Grafton. Hounds Tooth has been recognized as one of the new players on the Milwaukee scene by winning Best Blues Band in 2006 and Best Female Vocalist in 2007 in the Shepherd Express' Best of contests.

In December of 2007, Hounds Tooth released their self-titled debut album on Tweed Tone Records. The album, which includes 7 original tunes and 3 covers, was produced by veteran Milwaukee bluesman Steve Cohen.

About Alex Wilson

Alex Wilson grew up in a family of talented musicians. Alex picked up the guitar at five years old and never put it down. Immersed in the Milwaukee blues scene, Alex was surrounded, and influenced by such local luminaries as Stokes, Lee Gates, Jim Liban and Milwaukee Slim. Alex formed his own garage band at thirteen.

In '05 and '06 Alex began to focus solely on his own project, booking shows, finding his own sound and the right players from the mid-west music scene to take his show on the road. With Alex's uncle Marc Wilson on the drums, and Alex's brother Matthew singing harmonies and playing bass, Alex is running with one of the toughest bands on the scene today. With the release in 2007 of his long-awaited debut CD, Tell Me Why (Rathskeller Records), Alex is garnering critical acclaim with a 2007 WAMI (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) Award for blues group/artist of the year and winning the Shepherd Express' Best Blues Band of 2007 award.

A versatile musician, Alex effortlessly switches between genres. He plays everything from sweet Beale Street blues to West coast swing. From hard Texas grinders to stone cold Chicago grooves with a feeling that's said to be timeless. Alex's style and tasty originals matched with his undeniable stage presence and unmistakable guitar style will drive you to the dance floor.