



Soul Rockin' Blues

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Press Release

Thanksgiving Blues Concert – Shank Hall

On Wednesday, November 25, 2009 – Reverend Raven & The Chainsmoking Altar Boys and Hounds Tooth bring their Award Winning blues to Shank Hall. Reverend Raven has been touring regionally, nationally, and internationally with his uptempo shuffles and cool grooves. He and his band have taken home Wisconsin's top blues band award from the WAMI's year-after-year and are featured at some of the top blues clubs and festivals throughout the US. Hounds Tooth's newly revamped line-up features the great blues voice of Miss Kari Lee and the stellar guitar work of Jared James Nichols. Hounds Tooth's modern blues sound has been winning critical acclaim across the Midwest this past year at some of the top blues festivals and blues rooms.

Tickets are \$7 advance and \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 pm and the concert starts at 8 pm.

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Reverend Raven

Born and raised on south side of Chicago, the Reverend has been playing the blues since 1971 when he first saw Freddy King play at the Kinetic Theatre in Chicago. After a 15 year hitch in the Navy he moved to Milwaukee where he began a long friendship and collaboration with Madison Slim, long time harmonica player for Jimmy Rogers. Since 1990 he has opened for B.B King, Gatemouth Brown, Pinetop Perkins, Koko Taylor Band, Junior Wells, Billy Branch, Magic Slim, Elvin Bishop, Sugar Blue, Lonnie Brooks, William Clarke, Lefty Dizz and numerous others at festivals and at Buddy Guy's Legends. Locally he has performed with Billy Flynn, Perry Weber, Piano Willie, Stokes, Jon Paris, Clyde Stubblefield, Bryan Lee and the Lamont Cranston band. Nominated for a Grammy Award for Bamfest 2007 compilation CD. The Reverend won the Wisconsin Music Industry (WAMI) award for best blues band in 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2008 and the People's Choice Award in 2006 and 2008. Nominated for Best Blues Band by the Shepherd Express in 2007 and 2009. Tours throughout the US, Canada, and the Virgin Islands. Has played Summerfest 11 years in a row.

Hounds Tooth

Hounds Tooth has stormed onto the regional scene with their high-energy show of Soul Rockin' Blues. This female-fronted band has been winning critical acclaim across the Midwest with powerhouse vocals and a dual-guitar driven sound. With a set list rich in modern blues, original material, and blues-rock numbers, Hounds Tooth's Soul Rockin' Blues appeals to a wide range of audiences. Hounds Tooth has opened for national acts including Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Shannon Curfman. Hounds Tooth was a 2009 WAMI Nominee for Best Blues Band; 2009 Runner-up in the Shepherd Express' Best Blues Band; a 2009 IBC Nominee for Best Self-Produced CD; a 2008 WAMI Winner; and The Shepherd Express' Best Blues Band in 2006 and Runner-Up in 2008. Guitarist Jared James Nichols recently appeared on-stage with David "Honeyboy" Edwards at the Paramount Blues Festival and Jared will be participating in the 2010 International Blues Challenge Youth Showcase in Memphis, Tennessee. Additionally, Jared was the regional runner-up in Guitar Center's 2009 King of the Blues Guitar competition.