



## Blues Heaven Festival, 6th & 7th November, Arena Nord, Frederikshavn announces program change and 500 seated capacity limits.

Now in its 15th year Denmark's largest and multi-award-winning blues/soul festival Blues Heaven will deliver another fantastic program in the heart-warming atmosphere that always arises when the audience and some carefully selected musicians and singers meet. Last year, the festival attracted audiences from 17 different countries and all hotels in the North Jutland area were sold out many months in advance.

This year, the festival will be a little different than originally planned because it is sadly not possible for overseas artists to attend due to the current quarantine rules. Instead we have selected 11 award-winning bands from 10 different European countries to perform.

At present we are only **permitted a maximum of 500 people** in Arena Nord, so the artists will all perform from the one main stage to a **seated audience**.

There are only 50 day-tickets left. We have a waiting list for all ticket types via [tickets@bluesheaven.dk](mailto:tickets@bluesheaven.dk). We can only release additional tickets if the authorities increase the number of people allowed to attend.

**Purchased tickets are still valid for this year's Blues Heaven Festival on 6th and 7th November – please remember to bring your ticket.**

However, if you do not wish to attend Blues Heaven 2020 then please consider the **following options before 23rd September 2020**.

1 - All purchased tickets are refundable. For a refund please write "Refund" to [billetkontor@arenanord.dk](mailto:billetkontor@arenanord.dk) Please provide the order number as well as your bank details and account number.

2 - Purchased tickets can be transferred to Blues Heaven 2021, 12th - 13th November 2021 and new tickets for this will be sent out in the future. Please provide order number and write "Blues Heaven 2021" to [billetkontor@arenanord.dk](mailto:billetkontor@arenanord.dk)

3 - Purchased tickets can be donated to secure the festival's future. Please provide order number and write "Donate" to [billetkontor@arenanord.dk](mailto:billetkontor@arenanord.dk)

Arena Nord will contact all ticket holders. If you do not wish to attend on 6th & 7th November 2020, an answer must be given to Arena Nord on or before 23rd September 2020. Ticket holders will be refunded the ticket price minus the ticket fee – refunds can take up to 30 days to process.

Blues Heaven Festival is a world-renowned festival and in 2018 we were named "International Festival of the Year" by French online magazine Zicazic and in January 2019, we were named "2nd Best Festival in the World" by Polish magazine Twój Blues. In addition, Blues Heaven Festival organiser Peter Astrup won "Hoochie Coochie Man of the Year" in 2018 at the Danish Music Awards. In January 2020, Peter received this year's award for "Keeping the Blues Alive" in Memphis, Tennessee. This award is the highest accolade that can be granted to any non-musicians and has only ever been awarded 3 times in the past to people outside of the United States.

We look forward to this year's musical highlights and being Europe's largest event with blues/soul music.

Friday 6th Nov 18:00 - 01:00 (Doors open 16:00)  
Saturday 7th Nov 17:00 - 01:00 (Doors open 16:00)

Weekend ticket DKK 990 - Sold out  
Friday ticket DKK 590  
Saturday ticket DKK 690

VIP weekend ticket DKK 2,295 - Sold out  
VIP Friday ticket DKK 1,195  
VIP Saturday ticket DKK 1,295

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The headline act **Kirk Fletcher** has lived in Switzerland for 3 years and is one of the top blues guitarists in the world and has received 5 Blues Music Awards. He was lead guitarist with The Fabulous Thunderbirds for many years and has recorded albums with people such as Joe Bonamassa, Cyndi Lauper and Eros Ramazzotti. Kirk Fletcher will bring a star team with him including singer/guitarist **Walter Trout**, bassist **Richard Cousins**, who has been a regular fixture with the **Robert Cray Band** for 40 years.

Back in 2015, **Travellin' Brothers** won a well-deserved victory at the European Blues Challenge in Brussels. The band's six members know how to mix the best of Chicago with the roots of the Mississippi and a touch of Texas. They have performed with names such as Buddy Guy, John Mayall, Robben Ford and Johnny Winter. The band have been around for 17 years, they have released 10 albums and played 1,400 concerts at the most prestigious festivals in Europe and the USA.

**Vidar Busk & His True Believers** made headlines in Scandinavia back in the nineties, after which Vidar went solo with many different projects and styles. Now 25 years later, the band have reunited and will play their first concert with the original line-up from 1995. With his eminent guitar playing, Vidar has set a high standard for blues guitarists, not just in Norway, but throughout Europe.

Monsieur **Fred Chapellier** draws French blues and has done so since he was named "Best Guitarist" in 2004. At the same time, he was named "Revelation Blues" at the French Blues Awards. Fred is a student of Fleetwood Mac founder **Peter Green** and will perform a tribute concert to "Greeny", who died in July this year. Fred has released a total of 12 critically acclaimed albums since 2003.

**Daria Biancardi's** phenomenal voice along with her 10-piece Italian soul band **Groove City** will pay tribute to the undisputed "Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin. Showcasing Aretha's artistic career where she was the industry leader for many decades. It will be the perfect Memphis soul package with 4 horns and 2 backing vocalists.

**Kai Strauss** is best known for his time with Memo Gonzalez & The Bluescasters where he spent 15 years as their guitarist. For several years now he has focused primarily on Kai Strauss & The Electric Blues Allstars. Kai's tone, phrasing and intensity have earned him a position as one of the most respected blues guitarists in Europe. Kai Strauss & The Electric Blues Allstars have won the "German Blues Awards" in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018 for best singer, best album, and best band respectively.

**Trickbag** were formed in the nineties by **Tommy Moberg** and **Lars Näsman**. Joining them will be the extraordinary **Steve "West" Weston** from London on blues harp, as well as the amazing Finnish guitarist **Tomi Leino** from Helsinki, who has also been a member of Trickbag for many years. This gives the band their distinctive reputation of delivering "25 years of house-rockin 'Rhythm 'N' Blues"

**Kokomo Kings** with Danish guitar ace, **Ronni Boysen** were last year nominated for "Rockabilly Band of the Year" in Memphis, USA and in England the Kings were named "Band of the Year" at the acclaimed Blues Lounge Radio Show. With a solid rockabilly twist they play swinging happy music and the four musicians deliver a stage show with heights that no other local act has achieved.

**Mr. Bo & the Voodooers** and singer **Lollo Gardtman**. With his involvement in the Gothenburg Blues Association in the 70's and with his bands Mr. Bo's Bluesband, Mr. Bo & the Boosters, The Nightcats and Mr. Bo & the Voodooers, **Bo Carlsson** has made a name for himself in all blues genres. With his warm voice and an original mix of guitar playing, he has proven to be one of Sweden's and the Nordic countries' leading blues musicians.

**Joakim Tinderholt & His Band** were formed in 2005 by members of the legendary Muddy Waters Blues Club house-band. Since then the band have signed a record deal with the German company Rhythm Bomb Records and have established themselves as a strong name on the European Blues scene with performances in Spain, England, and the Netherlands. One of their many highlights was representing Norway in the European Blues Challenge in 2018.

**The Jelly Roll Men** are on a mission. They want to bring old-school blues to everybody out there. This is a band dedicated to performing uncompromising "old school" Chicago blues. The band's singer and harpist Kent Erik "nine-fingers" Thorvaldsen leads the band in the most distinguished way. They are quickly gathering fans on both sides of the Atlantic with their debut album "Jelly Roll Shuffle." They are favourites among those who swear by the swinging traditional deep-down, lowdown, dirty blues.