



The Blues Heaven festival sprinkles once again stars at Freddy's Bar

Blues Heaven's official Juke Joint

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Traditions must be kept and this will be the case once again during the first weekend of November at the 15th edition of Blues Heaven Festival in Frederikshavn when the intimate and lively Freddy's Bar will again host 3 special concerts during this year's event. However, this year will be a little more exclusive than usual, as there will be a Covid-19 limit of 120 guests.

These intimate concerts are to the locals' great delight and to the many foreign visiting guests who arrive early for the festival itself, which officially begins on Friday. Last year Blues Heaven Festival attracted audiences from 17 different countries and all hotels in the North Jutland area were sold out several months in advance.

Thursday, November 5th at 20:00 - The party will kick off with a concert from the Spanish **Travellin' Brothers** who back in 2015 won a thoroughly deserved victory at the European Blues Challenge in Brussels. The band's six members know how to mix the very best of Chicago with the Mississippi's roots and a touch of Texas. They have played with names such as Buddy Guy, John Mayall, Robben Ford, and Johnny Winter. They've performed together for 17 years, released 10 albums, and played over 1,400 concerts at some of the most prestigious festivals in Europe and USA. Some regular festival attendees will remember Travellin' Brothers from their performances at Blues Heaven, 2015.

Friday, November 6th at 13:00 - **Kai Strauss** who is best known for his 15 years as guitarist with Memo Gonzalez & The Bluescasters, but went solo a few years ago and formed Kai Strauss & The Electric Blues Allstars. Kai's tone, phrasing, and intensity have earned him a position as one of Europe's most respected blues guitarists. Kai Strauss & The Electric Blues Allstars won the "German Blues Awards" in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018 for best singer, best album, and best band, respectively.

Saturday, November 7th at 12:00 - **Mr. Bo & the Voodooers**. 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. Following Sven Zetterberg's death in December 2016, many see Mr. Bo as Sweden's next blues and soul King.

"It is wonderful that we can help create so much positive blues activity out with our festival" says **festival organiser Peter Astrup**, who in spring 2020 received the most prestigious honour that can be awarded to a non-musician in the International blues scene with a "**Keeping The Blues Alive**" award. These awards are presented annually by The Blues Foundation, in Memphis, TN. This award has only ever been granted three times previously to a person out with the United States.

"Each year more and more guests come, they open their eyes, their ears and their hearts to all the glories of the blues and soul music and they go on to book weekend tickets for the whole festival for the following year. Yes, our guests are always really happy that they can experience all of this wonderful music during these intimate performances" states Peter, who continues his desire to involve Frederikshavn as a host city. "The musicians, the sympathetic music-loving audience and the city of Frederikshavn all love it, so everyone is happy" adds Peter Astrup.

Peter will host the festival for the 4th year in a row at the mighty Arena Nord. This year though will be with the Covid-19 restricted limit of 500 seated guests.

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