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Performance Workshop New for Centre for the Arts Harmonica Blues Experience Comes to Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. March 9, 2009... Tickets for the Harmonica Blues Experience, a unique performance/workshop featuring a few of Canada's leading blues singers and musicians are now available. The workshop element offers an interactive experience to engage renowned blues musicians and exchange information and ideas.

"It's the first time the event has come to Cambridge," says Gwen Stott of the Cambridge Centre for the Arts. "Aspiring artists and blues fans will enjoy this engaging event that offers a very unique approach to music appreciation."

The Harmonica Blues Experience is slated for Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the Toyota Auditorium, Cambridge Centre for the Arts. The event will be hosted by Mark Bird Stafford with special guest performances by Chris Jr. Malleck and Mike Elliott of Daddy Long Legs, recent recipients of the 2009 Maple Blues Award for Best New Artist; Mike Shrimp Daddy Reid; and Conor Gains, a young up and coming guitarist from Cambridge.

Designed for partakers to develop a deeper appreciation for the arts in all its forms, the event is part of the Kaffeeklatsch Art Series. Kaffeeklatsch originates from an 1888 German word for an informal social gathering for coffee and conversation. An extra element for the Cambridge event is the offering of a licensed cash bar with a variety of Sleeman's beer products. This is a program for the curious and the intellectual which mixes art, film, commentary and music in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Seating is limited to 100 blues fans. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased a few ways:

- In person at The Centre for the Arts, 60 Dickson Street (cash, cheque, debit, credit) or reserved by phone with credit card at 519.740.4681 ext. 4376
- In person at The Groove Kitchen & Music Room, 656 King Street E. (cash only)

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Interviews/Photos with performers in advance of the event are possible by connecting with Linda Fegan, Corporate Communications and Marketing to arrange a mutually convenient time.

The Cambridge Centre for the Arts is a municipally operated community Arts Centre that enriches and engages area residents, artists and organizations through the provision of quality artistic experiences and opportunities that stimulate, promote and support the arts in Cambridge. The Cambridge Centre for the Arts encourages participation and inspires an appreciation for the arts www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca.

The Harmonica Blues Experience is sponsored by the Cambridge Arts Guild, The Grand River Blues Society, The Groove Kitchen & Music Room, and Sleeman Breweries. More information on Mark Bird Stafford can be found at www.markbirdstafford.com

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