



## **KANSAS CITY KANSAS STREET BLUES FESTIVAL**

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Kansas City, Kansas 66106

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The Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival organization is now twenty years old. This festival has endured some obstacles and hardships throughout these years. Our continued energies and determination prevailed, and we are truly excited to present our 13<sup>th</sup> festival!

The 2019 Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival will be Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at Lavender's Circle L Ranch located at 3924 N 49<sup>th</sup> Drive in Kansas City, KS. This scenic setting has been our home since 2016.

This festival kicked off in 2000 to honor the cultural contributions of Kansas City's rich blues and jazz heritage and the strong relationship between the musicians and northeast Kansas City, KS area. Since its launch, the Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival has been awarded numerous honors and recognitions, and is a two-time National Endowment for the Arts recipient. We take tremendous pride in presenting one of the most indigenous music happenings in the Kansas City region.

We as festival organizers understand the merit of supporting each other, and are appealing to you today for your financial assistance. Your charitable giving enables us to better enlighten the community about the historical significance of Kansas City's rich blues and jazz heritage. We have received tremendous support from you, our fans, throughout these twenty years, and we value your unique involvement to the festival's success. Thank you in advance for whatever donation you are able to send.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and contributions toward making our festival a welcome social event once again.

Sincerely,

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The goal of the Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival is to bring all races together by means of a music festivity. On a “grass roots” level, along with community support and an appreciation of blues music, we celebrate Kansas City’s blues heritage showcasing its finest musicians in grand style.**

## **WHO, WHY, WHERE WE DO THE FESTIVAL**

Welcome to the 2019 Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival. This festival was started in 2000 to honor the cultural contributions of Kansas City’s rich blues and jazz heritage and the strong relationship between the musicians and the northeast neighborhood. As stated by many musicians, this northeast area was popular during the ‘40s through the ‘70s as a hotbed for the blues, with a little jazz mixed in. This unique music festival focuses on performers who were born, raised, lived in Kansas City, Kansas, or who played a significant number of years there. Some of the indigenous artists who have performed at the festival include Lawrence Wright, Jay McShann, Provine “Little” Hatch, Myra Taylor, Ida McBeth, The Scamps, Linda Shell, Bobby Watson, Millage Gilbert, Annetta “Cotton Candy” Washington, D.C. Bellamy, Sonny Kenner, “King” Alex Littlejohn, and Danny Cox.

Overwhelmingly, the festival has proven to be a positive, thriving event for the community in delivering a distinctive historical, cultural and musical tribute. The Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival has been awarded numerous honors and recognitions, and is a two-time National Endowment for the Arts recipient. This year’s gala will take place at Lavender’s Circle L Ranch located at 3924 N 49<sup>th</sup> Drive, Kansas City, KS, on June 29. Our festival’s sole purpose is to present the artists with the greatest honor of heritage while maintaining the respect amongst the community we serve. It is a pleasure for the artists and the festivalgoers alike to experience firsthand this down-to-earth blues celebration.

The variety of vendor booths continues to be a much anticipated attraction each year where vendors are friendly and reputable, and demonstrate a unique small-town fair atmosphere serving down-home, authentic dishes. It is our goal to continue promoting what a true community festival is all about and reminds us of what Kansas City is all about—unassuming, honest, real.

*“Always Celebrating Kansas City’s Blues Heritage”*



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## **A SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE CAN BE TAILORED TO FIT YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET AND MARKETING NEEDS**

The festival represents the greater Kansas City area to a regional, national and international audience. We strive to produce this grass roots community blues event and have come to label ourselves as masters at stretching the dollar. There is no other music festival in the country that has a better ratio of dollars spent vs. number of people entertained, successfully accomplished on a bare bones operating budget. The funding we receive supports the artists and the festival.

### **Some of the past KCK Street Blues Festival contributors include:**

National Endowment for the Arts  
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Greater Kansas City Community Foundation  
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*Soul Bag* Magazine – Paris, France

CVB of Kansas City, Kansas  
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Wyandotte County Democratic Party  
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Jerry Vest's KCK Costume Shop

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**Yes! I would like to contribute. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**(Make check payable to Kansas City Kansas Street Blues Festival)**

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