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BLUE WING BLUES FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AUGUST 6 – 9 IN UPPERLAKE, CA IN UPPER LAKE, CA

Charlie Musselwhite and Maria Muldaur among the top performers

Upper Lake, CA – The Tallman Hotel and Blue Wing Saloon & Café in Upper Lake, along with co-sponsor Ceago Vinegarden, are pleased to announce the lineup for this year's four-day Blue Wing Blues Festival August 6 – 9, 2008. Starting at 5:45 p.m. each evening, two great bands will perform on the veranda of the restored Tallman Hotel with the audience gathered in the intimate garden between the hotel and saloon. It's a great time of day and a great spot to enjoy world-class music with a tasty barbecue dinner included in the price of admission.

Advance tickets are \$40; \$45 for the Saturday night performance. Tickets are available for purchase by calling the Tallman Hotel at (707) 275-2244. Any tickets still available at the gate will be subject to a \$5 surcharge.

Wednesday, August 6 – **Kathi McDonald** backed by **Rich Kirch** and **David Hayes** to open followed by **Twice as Good** (featuring **Paul Steward**) with special guest appearance by the legendary **Charlie Musselwhite**, winner of the 2006 award for blues album of the year (Delta Hardware). Sponsors: ReMax Realty, AlloraDa Car Productions, and radio station KNTI.

Thursday, August 7 – **Kathi McDonald** and **Rich Kirch** followed by the great blues and soul singer **Bettie Mae Fikes** and the BMF Band with **Levi Lloyd** and **Robert Watson**. Sponsors: Lake Lock and Safe, Windrem Law Firm, and Zoom Wines.

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Friday, August 8 – Lake Blues All-Stars featuring **Mike Wilhelm, Jim Williams** and **NEON**, then the **Ford Blues Band** with **Patrick Ford** and **Volker Striffler**. Sponsors: Strong Financial Group and Moore Family Wines.

Saturday, August 9 – “Mighty Mike” Schermer plus the incomparable **Maria (“Midnight at the Oasis”)** **Muldaur** and her **Red Hot Bluesiana Band**. Sponsors: Blues Express Records, Kelseyville Lumber, UCC Rentals, and Ink Spot.

The Blue Wing Saloon has become “the spot” in Lake County for regular live music. In addition to music in the garden at Sunday brunch, great local bands appear in the Saloon every Monday night from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The August lineup for the “Blue Wing Monday Blues” includes:

August 4 – Blues Farm with Dave Broida

August 11 – The Dan Meyer Band

August 18 – The Mark Weston Band

August 25 – Memphis Exchange with Randy McGowen

September 1 – Twice as Good with Paul Steward

For more information on the Blues Festival or other musical events at the Blue Wing Saloon & Café, call (707) 275-2244 or visit www.tallmanhotel.com or www.bluewingsaloon.com.

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state’s cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com.

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