

July 15, 2010

Dave Richards' Music Muse: Jake's Blues to unveil new songs at 8 Great Tuesdays



No doubt about it, Jake's Blues puts the great into 8 Great Tuesdays. Every year the group plays, crowds almost like Spaniards greeting their World Cup champs.

"That's why it's so exciting," said band leader Jake Banta, who returns to Liberty Park on Tuesday with a couple high-powered Erie openers: girl-power group Stiletto and the LV Band featuring Lindsay Vendetti and guitarist Eric Brewer.

"To be honest, I love playing the little bars, just as well, it's more intimate and close," Banta said. "But every year, 8 Great Tuesdays just grows and grows. We're really fortunate to have that many friends and fans come out. Once our fans come out and hang with us enough, they become our friends."

Banta and band mates Ron Sulton on drums and Jay Lewis on bass have been toiling away on their first CD since 2005's "Livin' at the Crossroads." About seven or eight songs are finished, said Banta, who expects to showcase several on Tuesday.

"We've got a lot of new material I'm writing, and we'll throw out a few of those songs," Banta said. "A couple are rock songs, a couple are blues-driven songs — it's just whatever the moment calls for."

They'll also play an older song — "Ginger and Maryann," as in the "Gilgan's Island" babes — that Banta also plans to include on the CD.

"A lot of people know that song. It's a fun song, and I have to get that on the CD. I've had like 1,000 people ask if I'll put it on there," he said.

Jake's Blues annually draws mega-large crowds at 8 Great Tuesdays; about 5,000 attended in 2008. They'll need to outdo themselves to lead the 2010 series, though. The stellar Rusted Root and One World Tribe show, which fittingly closed with "Ecstasy," drew 7,000-plus on July 6.

If anyone can top himself it's Banta. Always has.

Not to worry if you can't catch Jake's Blues on Tuesday. They also play Sprague Farms in Venango on Saturday, Presque Isle Downs on Aug. 6-7, and the Palms in Conneaut Lake on Aug. 14. They'll headline the Crawford County Fair on Aug. 23, so take that, Toby Keith.

Plantain

09/30 | 10:00 am - Kung Zoo Panda
09/30 | 7:00 pm - "From One Tool Box To Another"
09/30 | 9:00 pm - Jony James Band @ Night Lights...
10/01 | 9:00 am - Kung Zoo Panda
10/01 | 9:30 am - Northwestern Pennsylvania...
10/01 | 10:00 am - Music At The Marina
10/01 | 12:00 pm - "Saturday Jam" Drum Circle
10/01 | 6:00 pm - Goodell Gardens Presents...

More Events »

ADVERTISEMENT

WEEKLY SPECIALS	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Build a 1/2# Burger Starting at \$5	Happy Hour Slider Platters
VERMONT TAVERN	
1033 STATE ST. • 814.454.4500	

re Rock Erie RockErie

<http://ow.ly/6G0z0> Goo Goo Dolls has added a Nov. 13 date at the Warner Theatre to its concert tour. Tickets go on sale Saturday.
yesterday • reply • retweet • favorite

You can buy prints online; just click on the link above the photo that says, "Buy this photo."
2 days ago • reply • retweet • favorite

AND check out photos from tonight's #REMA show: <http://t.co/KzOp0JA3>
2 days ago • reply • retweet • favorite

Photos from the #REMA pre-party at Sherlock's: [Join the conversation](#)