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Blues Weekend features Coco Montoya and Dozens of Other Great Blues Acts

The 2018 Eureka Springs Blues Weekend will be held June 14 through 17 in historic Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In the grand tradition of great blues music in Eureka Springs, this year's blues lineup features some of the greats and some of the hottest new blues musicians in the country. Blues Weekend features local, regional, national and international blues acts, and is held in venues all around Eureka Springs.

Free music in Basin Spring Park will begin on Friday at 5 p.m. with Selwyn Birchwood.

On Saturday, the free music will continue in the park again at 3 p.m. with local favorite, Brick Fields.

The headline show at The Auditorium at 36 S. Main Street on Saturday evening features Coco Montoya with special guest, Carolyn Wonderland. Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$20 to \$40 and may be purchased online at www.theaud.org.

Wonderland is a musical force equipped with the soulful vocals of Janis and the guitar slinging skills of Stevie Ray. She reaches into the depths of the Texas

blues tradition with the wit of a poet. She hits the stage with unmatched presence.

Legendary blues-rock guitarist and vocalist Montoya was taught by the "Master of the Telecaster," Albert Collins, and schooled by a decade on the road with John Mayall, Montoya has a hard-edged sound and style all his own. He delivers instantly memorable songs, powered by his forceful, melodic guitar playing and passionate vocals.

The weekend ends with a Father's Day Blues Picnic at Turpentine Creek, located on Highway 23 South, on Sunday afternoon beginning at 12 p.m. There will be food and drinks, arts and crafts, a harmonica workshop and of course great Blues music from Tony Redman and Fast Johnny Ricker Band. For the grand finale, musicians who performed during Blues Weekend will take the stage at 4:30 p.m. for a legendary Blues jam. Tickets are \$20 at the gate or \$15 in advance at www.eurekaspringsblues.com.

Also appearing around town are Coyote Claw, John Nemeth, Mark Shields and Good Company, Blew Reed and the Flatheads, Scott Garner and the Speedshift Band, Los Roscoes, Shelley King, Sister Lucille Band, Patrick Sweany, Shaw Davis and the Black Ties, Earl and Them, and more. Visit eurekasprings.org/blues for the latest information.

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