



Blues Queen Boogies Into Shedd

Del Rey offers performance and workshops.

My dictionary defines “boogie woogie” as a jazz piano style characterized by an ostinato bass. OK. Next entry. “Ostinato” means reiterating a phrase in the same pitch. The dictionary doesn’t mention **Del Rey**, a big-boned, middle-aged gal with strawberry-blonde hair who has applied boogie woogie style to her guitar and become popular the world over for combining country blues, jazz, and hillbilly boogie.

Del Rey will perform at The Shedd on Thursday, April 14 as part of OFAM’s Shedd Casuals series. The next night the Blues Queen gives two workshops recommended for intermediate to advanced players: a fingerstyle ukulele workshop from 5:30 to 6:45 pm then boogie woogie guitar from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Fingerstyle playing is a style that utilizes all five fingers in a way that lets rhythms become more complex than what traditional playing allows. Extreme ukulele, anyone?

Del Rey began playing classical guitar at the tender age of 4.

As a teenager, she met Sam Chatmon, a bluesman who inspired her to toss aside the classics and let her bluesy spirit emerge. Her playing comes from the heart, and much like her wild, trailer-park gypsy style of dressing, she does it in her own unique way.

A lecturing expert on women in American music, Del Rey also performs ukulele with the Yes Yes Boys and collaborates frequently with guitarist Steve James. She has three solo albums, 1993’s *Boogie Mysterioso*, 1995’s *Hot Sauce*, and 2000’s *X-Ray Guitar*. She has five other CD’s available from collaborations with James, Yes Yes Boys and The Blues Gators. A first-rate blues performer and vocalist, she also entertains audiences with good stories, has a wicked sense of humor and plays a beautiful metal-bodied resonator guitar.

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DEL REY

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