

# Pay Your Dues with the Blues

## Waterfront Blues Festival, July 3 to July 8

Celebrate 20 glorious years of the largest blues festival west of the Mississippi with the 2007 Waterfront Blues Festival – a five-day event kicking off Tuesday, July 3 with a special 20th anniversary blues cruise.

The festival is produced by and as a benefit for Oregon Food Bank. Daily admission is a donation of \$8 per person per day and two cans of food. All festival proceeds benefit

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Oregon Food Bank's work to eliminate hunger and its root causes in Oregon and southwest Washington.

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Off stage you can watch a spectacular fireworks show on July 4, take a cruise on the Portland Spirit as it navigates the Willamette River, attend educational workshops and interviews with festival artists and take your kids to special, age-appropriate activities. The party continues after the show each evening with jam sessions, dances and outdoor blues films.

On Sunday the festival will pay tribute to the artists who call Louisiana home with a special Gulf Coast Celebration. Baton Rouge guitarist Tab Benoit will head up the Voice of the Wetlands Allstars, a group formed to raise funds to save Southern Louisiana's wetlands before Hurricane Katrina ravaged the region. The Neville Brothers will also perform that day.

Festival highlights this year include Windy City Blues on Wednesday, July 4, a tribute to the British Blues Invasion featuring Eric Burdon and the Animals on Friday, July 6 and an all-day Zydeco Swamp Romp on Saturday, July 7.

Portland's own MarchFourth marching band will close down the festival on Sunday, July 8.

For a complete schedule of the 125 artists and groups and innumerable activities, visit [waterfrontbluesfest.com](http://waterfrontbluesfest.com).



Truly New Orleans, the Neville Brothers boast a purebred lineage back to the original kings of Louisiana funk. The brothers will blend old school with powerful new sounds on Sunday, July 8 at the Waterfront Blues Festival.



Dirty deeds are done dirt cheap: the Dirty Dozen Brass Band delivers a mix of traditional New Orleans jazz, funk, R&B and pop. They'll perform aboard the Portland Spirit Blues Cruise on Saturday, July 7.



This year's festival lineup includes the British Blues Invasion, featuring Eric Burdon and the Animals, known for their gritty, bluesy sound and deep-voiced frontman (remember their classic "House of the Rising Sun"?)