

Gateway Arch Park Foundation to Host Free, Virtual Blues at the Arch Concert Series Fridays in August

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ST. LOUIS —Grab your dancin' shoes, St. Louis, and join Gateway Arch Park Foundation for its sixth annual Blues at the Arch concert series, presented by Emerson, every Friday in August! Featuring new virtual performances each week, this popular end-of-summer celebration pays tribute to St. Louis' storied blues history while showcasing the talents of hometown and national artists.

Produced by Gateway Arch Park Foundation in partnership with the National Blues Museum and the National Park Service, Blues at the Arch will stream free of charge on Gateway Arch Park Foundation's website (archpark.org) and Facebook page (<u>facebook.</u> <u>com/gatewayarchpark</u>).

"Blues at the Arch has become a signature event for Gateway Arch Park Foundation, and we are thrilled to continue to share the love and experience of blues music with our community," said Ryan McClure, executive director of Gateway Arch Park Foundation. "We are thankful for our partners in helping us recognize and pay tribute to our city's beloved blues heritage."

Blues at the Arch begins Friday, August 6, 2021. The entertainment schedule includes:

- August 6: The Lady J Huston Show
- August 13: Jontavious Willis
- August 20: Toronzo Cannon and The Chicago Way
- August 27: Mz. ShA

"Emerson is proud to continue to support Blues at the Arch, which fuses two things that St. Louis is known for: blues music and the Gateway Arch," said Akberet Boykin Farr, vice president of diversity and social responsibility at Emerson. "Together with Gateway Arch Park Foundation and the National Blues Museum, we look forward to bringing the community together virtually to enjoy the best of blues music."

Blues at the Arch is a great event for all ages and highlights the importance of music in our daily lives.

"Blues music is the heart of our city, and we can't wait for this opportunity to honor and share the history and future of blues in St. Louis!" said Erin Simon, deputy director of the National Blues Museum.

For more information about Blues at the Arch, visit archpark.org/bluesatthearch.

About Emerson

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About the National Blues Museum

The National Blues Museum is a non-profit organization located at the center of St. Louis's convention and tourism district, the MX District, and is within walking distance of the iconic Gateway Arch, the home venues of the MLB's St. Louis Cardinals and the NHL's St. Louis Blues, and many other attractions and amenities. Voted as a top travel destination in 2016 by The New York Times, Smithsonian.com, and CNN, the National Blues Museum uses artifact-driven exhibits, live performances, and interactive galleries to perpetuate blues culture for future generations of artists, fans and historians. For more information, visit <u>www.nationalbluesmuseum.org</u>.

About Gateway Arch Park Foundation

Gateway Arch Park Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to ensure the Gateway Arch, its grounds, neighboring public spaces, and attractions are a vital, active, welcoming, well-supported resource to the community and nation for generations to come. The Foundation is part of an alliance that helps meet this mission, which includes the National Park Service, Bi-State Development, Great Rivers Greenway, Jefferson National Parks Association, and the City of St. Louis. For more information, visit <u>www.ArchPark.org</u>.