

Blues in the night — and the day

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DELAFIELD — The 2014 Waukesha BluesFest, presented by the Waukesha Rotary Club, will be coming to Naga-Waukee Park Friday and Saturday.

Gates open at 12:30 p.m. both days, with music beginning at 1 p.m. Friday night features headliner Canned Heat, whose 1968 hit “On The Road Again” and 1970 hit “Let’s Work Together” became known worldwide. Selwyn Birchwood and Extra Crispy Brass Band, among others, will play Friday as well.

Jim Suhler and Monkey Beat and Trampled Under Foot are among Saturday night’s performers. The festival will close with the blues of West Coast native Curtis Salgado, who toured with Roomful Of Blues during the 1980s and opened for blues-rock singer-songwriter (and Wisconsin native) Steve Miller during the 1990s.

A large art exhibit is also part of the event, showcasing local artists selected by a panel. The artists will be present during the festival to talk about their oil paintings, fused glass jewelry, metal sculptures and more.

Along with music and art, vendors like the Silver Spur BBQ, Café Esperanza and Koepsell’s Popcorn Wagon will offer a full selection of food and beverages.

Tickets at the gate are \$20 for one day and \$35 for a two-day pass. Tickets may also be purchased at the Almont Gallery in downtown Waukesha, all Waukesha State Banks and all White House of Music locations. Parking fees are also included in ticket fares.

Naga-Waukee Park is located at 651 Highway 83 in Delafield.

Visit <http://www.waukeshabluesfest.com> for early ticket prices, the full schedule, featured artists and more.

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