

Black Swamp Blues Society Collection (Toledo Jazz Archives) Notes & Inventory

The Black Swamp Blues Society, a non-profit organization, was founded in August 1996. Its mission is to educate the general public about the native art form of the blues and to promote and preserve Blues music. The society keeps Blues lovers informed about local and national Blues artists with a website (www.bsbs.net) and also a bi-monthly newsletter. They bring nationally known artists to the area at affordable prices. In October they organize and fund the local annual unsigned Blues Competition. Winning musicians locally receive awards and funds to travel to the International Blues Competition in Memphis, Tennessee where they compete with nationally known musicians for recording contracts and other awards. The local solo/duo winners are featured on our Blues Cruise on the Sandpiper in July. The Blues Society has a "Blues in the Schools" (BITS) program to educate area students about Blues music and its enormous impact on all music and music cultures throughout the world. The Black Swamp Blues Society helps people of all ages understand and appreciate the role Blues music plays in Toledo history and in the birth of all contemporary music forms.

(History provided by Lavonne Kujawa)

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| Box 1 | Scrapbooks
1. 1996-1997
2. 1998-1999
3. 2000-2001 |
| Box 2 | Scrapbook
1. 2002-2003 |
| Box 3 | Scrapbook
1. 2004 |
| Box 4 | Scrapbooks
1. 2005-2008
2. 2009-2012 |

Oversize Periodicals, *Swamp Watch*, 1998-2005