

Stonebridge By the Bay holding Stonebridge Blues in Wasaga Beach this Saturday

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Ain't nothing blue about Stonebridge, except for the skies and the music.

Stonebridge Blues a free a music festival at the Stonebridge Town Centre in Wasaga Beach takes place on Aug. 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This free outdoor concert is hosted by the Stonebridge Building Group, creators of Stonebridge By the Bay.

Perennial Canadian favourite, The Legendary Downchild Blues Band will headline the concert, which is part of a series of free shows at the music pavilion in the new Stonebridge Town Centre.

After 40 years, The Legendary Downchild Blues Band is still actively touring. Their latest album is titled I Need A Hat. The band features Donnie Walsh: guitarist, harp player and vocalist; singer Chuck Jackson; keyboardist Michael Fonfara; sax player



Pat Carey, bassist Gary Kendall and drummer Mike Fitzpatrick. Visit www.downchild.com.

"I've been extremely fortunate to have had this amazing career that I've enjoyed for the past four decades. But I always think that the best is ahead for Downchild. To me, blues has always been a way of celebrating music and getting rid of the blues. Downchild is really looking forward to coming to Stonebridge Blues and ringing in the summer with everyone who comes to the show," says Walsh a founding member of Downchild.

At the last free music event last event, Stonebridge Country in June, "Everyone had a great time and I heard many speaking about how they are looking forward to the festivals on Aug. 6 and Sept. 17... Great music, blue skies, sunshine and smiles ... a super combination for an enjoyable afternoon," beamed JK Gulley, the event's musical director.

Other acts scheduled to perform at Stonebridge Blues include: Sloski /Anderson, and Mati Haskell with the JK Gulley Band/ The Haskell Horns and the Levy Sisters.

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The Legendary Downchild Blues Band will headline Stonebridge Blues at the Stonebridge Town Centre in Wasaga Beach on Aug. 6

JK Gulley is the musical director for the Stonebridge series of festivals. This SOCAN and CCMA award-winner and has had more than 100 of his compositions recorded in Canada and Nashville.

Lance Anderson is a producer, keyboard player and the founder of Make it Real Records. Michael Sloski is a drummer who has played with a variety of acts including Bruce Cockburn and The Cameo Blues Band. Visit www.makeitreelrecords.com.

Stonebridge Town Centre is raffling off a full-sized concert guitar (a G23CR, a Grand Auditorium model, which has a MSRP of \$3,000) from Stonebridge Guitars. Tickets for this summer long raffle are available at various venues throughout the Stonebridge Town Centre. Visit www.stonebridgeguitars.com.

More music events are planned for Stonebridge Town Centre; visit www.stonebridgetowncentre.com.

About the Stonebridge Town Centre

The Stonebridge Town Centre on the pristine shores of Wasaga Beach— the world's longest freshwater beach— is a live, work, and play community created by the Stonebridge Building Group. This 95-acre site features, new homes, businesses, naturalized areas and a music pavilion, which was donated to the town. Stonebridge Town Centre is transforming the beach— for everyone.

While Stonebridge Blues is a free event, donations are gratefully accepted. All donations will go to support the new Wasaga Beach Public Library.

This complete, pedestrian friendly, active community offers residents more than just a collection of houses. This is a place to call home, year round where you can let the 2.1km of trails guide you to the Stonebridge Town Centre or through the 22.75 acres of open space parkland, which includes a pond— nature is a partner at Stonebridge by the Bay.

Freehold bungalows and two-storey villas start from the low \$200s. The sales office and model homes are located on Stonebridge Boulevard near River Road West and Main Street South in Wasaga Beach. Office hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 705-422-0880 or 1-877-420-0880 or visit www.mystonebridge.ca.