



Go-vember!

each other in a quite remarkable fashion.

See them performing 'Going Down Slow' [HERE](#)

Ladies of the Blues



Long before Delta bluesmen such as Robert Johnson, Skip James and Charley Patton ruled the roost, it was women who became the first blues superstars. It's fitting, then, that our Fourth International Blues Revue again features two top blues chanteuses. **Julia Titus** ('Ma Bessie') takes us back to those early titans whilst **Rowena Poole** fronts our dynamic 'house band' – **Sam Kelly's Station House Band**.

Old Friends

It's a thrill to welcome new artists on-board but equally exciting to welcome back established members of our



Tysack/ Tortora, Tom Attah, Little Steve and Graham Hughes photographs by John Ashton



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£99

Bookings are now open for our 4th International Blues Revue (Friday 2nd November – Sunday 4th November 2018) ...thanks for your patience – I hope you agree that the line-up will make it worth the wait!

Booking www.poferrys.com/blues
or freephone 0800 130 0030

Be Aware that Prices May Rise!

(This really *isn't* an attempt to panic you into early booking- honest!) We music fans see this as 'a festival' where the price is announced and remains fixed until all tickets are sold. P&O on the other hand are a transport provider and, like budget airlines, sometimes increase prices as places become scarcer. Please bear this in mind.

Letter from America

Lightnin' Willie writes – "To my friends in the U.K. I'm giving fair warning to all excluding none. I'll be coming over in October and November. See you all then..." www.lightninwillie.com

Born in Texas but spending much of his career playing blues guitar in California on his fat-bodied Gibson 'jazzier' his forays to Europe brought him great popularity here. We could be thinking 'T-Bone Walker' but Lightnin' Willie, fits the bill too!

Watch him playing [HERE](#) to whet your appetite for November.

More Stateside connections come in the final additions to the line-up- the dynamic duo **Ben Tyzack** and **Guy Tortora** (USA). Both band leaders in their own right as well as outstanding singer/songwriters they complement



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'Blues Boat Community'. 'Living Bluesman' **Tom Attah** makes his third appearance as does, on the outward crossing, top Dutch blues guitarist '**Little Steve**'. *
(*fourth if you count him sitting-in with Kai Strauss last year)

"Fore!" (Or is that "four?")



Completing this stellar line-up are two quartets – **Teed Up** (featuring the twin-attack of guitarist Steve Roux and keys player Ray Drury) and, at a venue in Amsterdam, the **Sean Webster Band**. Sean will bring his soulful vocals



and incendiary guitar playing along to a private 'cruisers only' party at a city-centre venue.

So, that's a septet, three quartets, a duo and three solo artists – should be some show!



here:

www.grahamhughes.bandcamp.com
(You don't have to pay to listen to it. If you do want to download a copy for free then get in touch and I'll send you a code)."

Incidentally, we're talking about another celebration of New Orleans' music in the future.

Take a bow!

But regardless of the line-up, it's you, the 'Blues Boat Community', that makes these events so special ...your co-operation and good-humour are second to none! Looking forward to seeing you all aboard again in November.

Keep up to date...

Check our regular updates on our **Blues@Sea** Facebook page and on our website –

www.bluescruiseuk.com

Brue Brothers!



February's successful **International Rock & Roll Revue I** which featured **The Revolutionaires, Earl Jackson, The Cadillac Kings** and the **Big Time Bossmen)** receives extensive

coverage in the press this month. *Blues in Britain Magazine* (see pic) and *UK Rock & Roll Magazine* both feature several pages of reviews illustrated by John's photos. Discussions are already well underway for another – possibly in March 2019. Watch this space!
(Copies available through www.bluesinbritain.org and www.ukrockmag.com)

Mardi Memories

Those of you who 'took a trip to New Orleans' with us just over a year ago will remember **The Brass Volcanos** lead by Graham Hughes. Here's a generous offer from Graham.

"Four years ago I knocked together an album. I never did anything with it, but listening back there is some fabulous playing from the musicians I was lucky enough to record it with (on a cold day in March in Hertfordshire). It was suggested to me that I should put it on-line, so if anyone is interested they can listen to it

P&O Ferries presents
International Blues Revue # 4
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