

Nitefall on the River 2007 Artist Profiles

Emerson Hart www.emersonhart.com

June 7

Hart is Tonic's 38-year-old lead singer and principal songwriter. The New Jersey-born vocalist began writing songs for his first solo recording in 2005, and his newest, "Cigarettes and Gasoline" will be released in late spring 2007. Supporting artist is Scott Ledger, the lead singer and principal songwriter from wideawake.

www.wideawake.com

Glengarry Bhoys www.glengarrybhoys.com

June 14

An exciting blend of traditional Celtic music and contemporary rock. Supporting artist TBA.

Indigenous www.indigenousocks.com

June 21

Front man Mato Nanji is a member of the Native American Nakota tribe. His musical direction seems to be influenced by Stevie Ray Vaughan more so than by Native American music. Supporting artist will be a finalist from the Iowa Blues Challenge, courtesy of the Central Iowa Blues Society.

New Monsoon www.newmonsoon.com

June 28

One of the more original artists in the "Jam Band" genre, New Monsoon blends world beat percussion (tablas, congas and drum kit) with electric acoustic stringed instruments, and keyboards. Their style reflects their fascination with rock, Santanaesque Latin rhythms, North Indian funk, blues and bluegrass. Supporting artist is Floodplane.

Buckwheat Zydeco www.buckwheatzydeco.com

July 5

The New York Times called Buckwheat Zydeco "one of the best party bands in America," and if you've been to either of his two previous Nitefall appearances, you know why. The Lafayette, LA native has been front and center in the tribute concerts and recordings benefiting the Gulf Coast areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Supporting artist is Trampled Under Foot, a Kansas City blues band.

Roomful of Blues www.roomful.com

July 12

Jump blues, swing and rock and roll are the signature elements of this 40-year-old ensemble. Over the decades, there may have been 40 different members in the group, but no matter who's making the music these multi-Grammy-nominated, horn-driven blues heavyweights deliver the goods. Supporting artist will be a finalist from the Iowa Blues Challenge, courtesy of the Central Iowa Blues Society.

Iowa Hall of Fame Night at Nitefall

July 19

Blues and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame players and bands are featured. The Iowa Blues All-Stars will headline, featuring Dartanyan Brown, Ron DeWitt, Sam Salomone, and Big Mike Edwards. 2005 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, The Spartans, and 2007 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, Quarry, both well-known central Iowa rock legends, will also perform.

The Subdudes www.subdudes.com

July 26

A soulful blend of rock and roll, country-blues, and gospel-tinged New Orleans rhythm and blues. This is true American-roots music. Supporting artist is Mooseknuckle.

Authentic Records Showcase www.authenticrecordsonline.com

August 2

www.thenadas.com

Continuing a Nitefall tradition of featuring Iowa-based record labels, The Authentic Records Showcase spotlights The Nadas which will be headlining the show and Towncrier, Josh Davis Band, and The Tyler-Thompson Band as opening acts.