

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ORANGE BLOSSOM BLUES SOCIETY!

# BLUES FEST 2004



Over the past few years, several groups and interested individuals have promoted Blues music in Orlando. The Orlando Blues Society (OBS), Blues for Orlando and the Sunshine State (B.O.S.S.), musicians, the Blues Meetup group - all have provided the fuel and enthusiasm to further the love of Blues music in the Greater Orlando and Central Florida area. These groups and individuals worked from the heart, with no funding, little outside assistance and all with volunteers. From these efforts, several individuals saw the need to further the efforts of the existing groups by organizing and incorporating a non-profit Blues society which would promote, educate and build interest in this truly American genre. Over the past year, many conversations and meetings have taken place resulting in the decision to form the Orange Blossom Blues Society. We are proud to unveil the results of our efforts here. Here you will find a group of Blues lovers that have emerged from those groups mentioned, who have passionately held to the belief that Blues music deserves a home in Orlando.

So, on the birth date of W. C. Handy and Hubert Sumlin, the Orange Blossom Blues Society has incorporated and is ready to provide the best source of information, promotion and education of Blues music in the Sunshine State. Happy Birthday OBBS!

## BLUES FEST 2004 was a huge SUCCESS!

Wall Street Plaza was proud to host the first BLUESFEST on Saturday, November 20th. There was plenty of beer and BBQ to go with a phenomenal line up featuring The Revival, Burnin Vernon & Wild Blue Yonder, Midnight Ramblers, Red Eye Express, funkUs, Smokin' Torpedoes, Soul Cactus Review, Shaun Rounds Blues Band and The Houseshaker Annual Reunion.

Please visit [www.orangeblossombluessociety.com](http://www.orangeblossombluessociety.com) for more information on the Blues revival in Orlando and [www.wallstplaza.net](http://www.wallstplaza.net) to see where and when you can catch future live blues at the Plaza.



Rocking out on the Orange Ave. stage



We were serving up BBQ right on the street!



funkUs



Horny dude!



Bluesfest kicked off at 2pm



The Orange Blossom Blues Society



Blues fans



getting down



groovy baby



Julia and Jessie