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**Early Warning: There Will Be A Second Blues and Blues-Rock Explosion In Mexico on January 10-13, 2019**

**At the sunny beaches of Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo Mexico...But You Should Uncover Your Ears, Not Cover Them! The Blues Brothers/Soul Brothers Show by Geoff and Chris Dahl Is Coming To Ixtapa.**

Announcing the **Tequila Blues Explosion Festival International, Year II**, for **January 10-13, 2019**. The world famous, very popular Blues Brothers/Soul Brothers Show by Geoff and Chris Dahl Is Coming To Ixtapa, Mexico for a full show on January 10 at the Ixtapa Event Centre. Plus a full list of great performers for the January 11 and 12 Concert nights, with more to be announced yet and possibly some surprises, organizers said. The playlist of currently announced performers shows you the depth of what we have coming, chairperson Bob Rempel said.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeVN4egNBoiaIQic-FWA4SywSoVaj2OIm>

There's great music for everyone in the warmth and sunshine, and amazing sand of the numerous beaches of the Ixtapa area, in the winter time in Canada and United States.

Tequila Blues Fest is a community driven event with a purpose to add more high level music options to the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo beach communities.

It raises funds for the children of the Talita Cumi orphanage near Zihuatanejo, (<http://talitacumi.mx.org> & Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/talita.cumi.9461>) to help them reach their full potential in life. Over 83,000 pesos were raised in 2018 by Tequila Blues events in a very short Year 1, and we're still working to get over 100,000 by the end of October, 2018, the organizers have said .

Our Concerts For A Cause program, works in conjunction with the Tequila Blues Explosion Festival, and brings great music events to Ixtapa before and after the Festival. Over 12 Events have been scheduled for 2018-19. More Details on the dates And Concerts will be available by June 1 at <http://bestformexico.com/concerts> and at F.B.: <https://www.facebook.com/ixtapaconcerts/> Current planned dates at end of this release.

The Festival begins Thursday January 10 with the world famous **Blues Brothers & Soul Brothers Tribute Show** presented by **Geoff and Chris Dahl of London, Ontario**. Accomplished musicians in their own right, with harmonica and vocal skills par excellence, and great comedic abilities, the Dahl Brothers will make every night a can't miss night. Check out just one review here: <http://denisepelley.com/soulmanreviews.htm>

Other Headliners and Performers for the International Festival are:

**Jenie Thai** - Brant Zwicker of the [At The Crossroads Show](#) calls Jenie Thai an absolute delight on stage and a key headliner for our fest. Versatile in style, a great voice and personality on stage, and wonderful on the keyboards, Tequila Blues is very proud to bring Jenie to Ixtapa to delight us. You'll see what we mean in her videos in the playlist <http://www.jeniethai.ca> and FB: <https://www.facebook.com/jeniethai/>

**Andrew Scott** - We are blessed to have a world class drummer in our midst. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksICqsPiqBw> Andrew will accompany Jenie and bring his awesome skills to us in some solo drum work, perhaps with Charley Blues or Geoff Dahl on harmonica. The wonderful part of any festival is the interesting collaborations that result, often unplanned and unscheduled. <http://andrewscottdrums.com> and FB: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=646660164>

**Charly Blues and the Chris Sanchez Blues Band** - The Chris Sanchez Blues Band is a Mexican treasure that we are pleased to say that we want to expose to the world more. They do Chicago blues like they were raised there. Well at least Chris was. Kristell Rodriguez fills in the low end so well drawing praise from veteran musicians. And Charly (Sanchez) Blues, who is Chris's father, is a world class harmonica player that we know will absolutely dazzle you. Don't believe us, just check the comments from last year's fest. We had to have them back. For you our Festival fans. <https://www.facebook.com/Chris-Sanchez-Blues-Band-142872235776001/> <https://www.facebook.com/charly.blues.526>

**Tim Hearsey** - <https://www.facebook.com/tim.hearsey> Tim is a veteran of the blues music scene and well known in the Vancouver-Seattle area. For

both acoustic and electric blues. Just recently completing another recording, he has a long list of originals and covers in his own style he will play for us. He loves this area of Mexico and we are glad to have him here at the Fest.

<http://www.canrowmusic.com>

**Broken Brothers Blues Band:** Mexico City based, the Brothers' blues and blues-rock music reminded us of the Paul Butterfield Blues Band from earlier days. We're very glad we discovered them just recently. You will be too. They are very happy to join us and let the world discover them too. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thebrokenbros/> You can also check their music out now at Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/thebrokenbrothersbb> or on Spotify.

**Raices del Blues/Love of Blues:** faithfully reproducing the sounds from the roots of blues, electric and acoustic style, you will love the blues history lesson and this four piece band takes us on a musical discovery journey. Great people, we established a relationship with them almost a year ago now and we've been waiting to bring them to Ixtapa. From Toluca and Mexico City Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/raices.delblues>

**Juan Carlos Cortes and the Blues Machine:** a veteran of the Mexican blues scene for many years, J.P. and band already have several recordings under their belt. Find them on Spotify, Reverbnation and elsewhere. You can check out Juan Carlos here doing Rolling and Tumbling with another one of our headliners, Charley Blues, sitting in on harmonica. From Morelia <https://www.facebook.com/JCCortesBand/videos/2030696133612326/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/juancarloscortesblues> and <https://www.facebook.com/JCCortesBand/>

**Tangerine Blues-Rock with Lorena Cabrera** presenting their new "Black and Blues" Show. Another Mexico City group where so many very talented musicians are located, but mostly undiscovered. Until we came along, we like to think. If you were in Ixtapa on March 17, and came to our Concerts For A Cause show, you've already seen Lorena channel Robert Plant and give us the best of Led Zeppelin. An amazing voice, plus bass guitarist, with Enrique Tritton showing off his best Jimmy Page skills. Yes he used the violin bow too. They're back with a new show, that takes us through the world of songs with "Black" in the title and Blues and Rock in the feel. Plus a whole lot more. If you want to dance and hear the best of black and blues and rock, you won't want to miss Lorena and Tangerine. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Tangerine-%CE%A6-Tributo-a-Led-Zeppelin-1661341184114862/>

<https://www.facebook.com/1661341184114862/videos/2007753822806928/>

**Sweet Swing:** Blues with a jazzy feel. Amir Cassib, the lead singer and guitarist shows us the enthusiasm for the blues and our Festival that won us over. Saxophone and full band. A great addition to the music mix of our Festival. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sweetwingsweetswing/>

They may be the hidden gem of the festival and we're very happy they are making the trip. From Tuxtla Gutierrez, a long way off, so we'll greet them with added warmth.

"We're not done yet", Rempel the Festival's director and originator said.

"We're determined to make the Festival better every year, so we've taken on a lot of financial commitments to put together an awesome lineup for our Fest visitors and supporters. It feels risky, because it's on us, he said, but we know the local people who live here, sponsors-business and government tourism promotion, and the new blues and blues-rock fans we make, will see the benefit of our growth strategy and give us their full support in future years too".

"We're still talking to other top level performers who want to come and support the Festival's fundraising for the Talita Cumi orphanage near Zihuatanejo, and get the "best working vacation ever". We just need a bit more time trying to work out donations of flight points, or funds donated by Friends of Tequila Blues to help us get a few more performers from the USA, Canada or elsewhere down here by air. So be prepared for the Tequila Blues Explosion Fest II to get only better", he added.

With today's announcements, you can now mark the dates **January 10-13, 2019** now for Ixtapa Blues, and ask yourself the very important question "Where Will I Be Then?"

See these Performers already announced on video from past performances here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeVN4egNBoiaIQic-FWA4SywSoVaj2OIm>

but we hope you agree with us at Tequila Blues, veterans of many Festivals and Concerts, "Nothing Beats Live Music...up close and personal if you can" and you'll be first in line to get best seats in the house by going over to:

<http://bestformexico.com/bluesfest/festivaltickets/> or contacting us at +52 755-101-5989 (mobile/whatsapp) to purchase your tickets now.

### **What's New, What's Better for 2019**

\*We building on the great sounds from Year 1. Please check out Festival Year 1 video here if you haven't already:

<https://www.facebook.com/ixtapabluesfest/videos/2107074372912277/> We thank Schan Magnolia again for this great documentary and plan for a second highlights video.

\*We've added 3 days to the Festival. It starts Thursday with a real explosion. A meet and greet Jimmy Buffett style Pool Party at Villas Paraiso in Ixtapa in the afternoon, then a Preview Night of Festival Performers, followed by the full Blues Brothers/Soul Brothers Tribute Show.

\*Then two full Concert nights, with Friday's theme being: Tribute To The Legends of Blues and Rock. Performers will honor Legends and their music and we'll make some Lifetime Recognition and Special Contribution Awards, a regular Tequila Blues feature in the future. Saturday's concert will be a free flow of each performers' best stuff and some great collaborations.

\*We've added an all inclusive absolutely fabulous special Catamaran Sunset Cruise, with Festival Music Performers entertaining, on Sunday January 13. For general cruise information: <http://picantecruises.com> Tickets will be available through several outlets including Big Boy Tequila & the Inn at Manzanillo Bay "[info@ManzanilloBay.com](mailto:info@ManzanilloBay.com)" of Troncones. Festival Pass Ticket Buyers now will be given first chance to buy tickets on the Tequila Blues Catamaran Cruise, in the order they purchased, as we expect it to sell out.

\*Our theme of "**Come (To Ixtapa) For The Music (And Tequila)... Stay For The Beaches**" will be widely promoted by advertising and promotion. We don't mind doing our part to attract new tourists and tourist spending to this area...it's our community, and we're of the mindset that we're all in this together after all, and each of us can do our part.

\*Tequila Blues Fest Ixtapa will be promoted widely throughout Canada, USA and Mexico. We've added **Tour Groups** from Canada and Mexico City. We're very proud to announce that Brant Zwicker, of Kamloops, BC, widely known for his worldwide blues show heard in over 150 markets: At The Crossroads (<http://www.atcblues.ca>) will lead a Tour Group to Ixtapa and work with Tequila Blues as a technical adviser going forward. Head on over to the At The CrossRoads page <https://www.facebook.com/atcblues/> to tell the staff you are interested in getting on Brant's Tour Group To Tequila Blues.

Organizer Rempel said, "bring your wedding, your vows ceremony, your sunscreen and bikinis, your beach volleyball or beach soccer needs along with you on Brant's Tour Group. The Blues can accommodate you. In fact if you want we can do some Vows Ceremonies before the start of each evening's show. That way you've got all night to celebrate."

To get on the **Mexico City** originating tour bus, with stops along the way, early on Thursday January 10, along with many of the Mexico musicians please Whatsapp or text +52 755 101 5989 for more information or leave a message at the Tequila Blues Facebook page @ixtapabluesfest

**\*The Absolute Best Price On full Festival Passes Is Right Now Until June 21.** We're currently selling a Festival Pass option in four variations which goes on sale immediately. From now until June 21 Festival supporters can lock in your reserved Front Row Seat at the best possible price. Festival Pass holders get their seats reserved for all Festival events at the Ixtapa Event Centre. Includes all public events and offers a 20% savings over individual tickets for each night. For more information please visit <http://bestformexico.com/bluesfest/festivaltickets> or call +52 755 101 5989 (mobile/whatsapp)

Group buys of 10 or more tickets sitting together will also be discounted. The January 13 special Catamaran Cruise with Live Fest Music will be available by separate ticket on a first come first served basis to Festival Pass holders first.

\*Watch for **Lead Up Events** to Tequila Blues, like last year's "Mexico's Got Talent Showcase" starting in November, 2018 in Ixtapa at the Ixtapa Event Centre and Frank's Restaurant. We are continuing to work to create a Mexico

City area Tequila Blues lead up event for the late September-early October period as well.

\*We are committed to having a top calibre **Performance Venue** and will be making improvements yearly. New sound equipment has been added already, a full backline is in place and constantly being upgraded, and stage lighting enhancements are coming. A second screen for additional video and some portable sound equipment is also on the enhancements list. Taking festival performers to the beach to give beach goers a taste of the Festival, is a priority for future years. To implement our Video Festival and Live Streaming our high speed internet connections will also be upgraded as soon as possible. A separate funding campaign for our equipment and venue needs will be starting immediately.

\***Video Festival:** We will be gradually adding a new feature to the Festival with Video or Live Performances provided by performers who are unable to attend in person.

\***Concerts For A Cause:** Concerts For A Cause were an outgrowth of our successful launch of the Tequila Blues Explosion Fest Year 1. A way to continue to develop our financial support for Talita Cumi. We had identified many great performers within Mexico in addition to ones we were aware from Canada or the USA. Our Tribute Concert Style Shows to The Doors (Crystal Ship Band) and to Led Zeppelin/AC-DC (Tangerine) were very successful as trial runs. Tequila Blues in conjunction with Ixtapa Event Centre, and Big Boy Tequila are pleased to announce 12 dates for Concerts For A Cause from November through to early April (see separate release) and Tribute Concert shows already booked for The Beatles, Creedence, The Doors, ZZTop-AC-DC. Want Elvis? It's being scheduled. Michael Jackson? In the works. Our Facebook page @ixtapaconcerts is where you'll get all the updates. Please like the page. A Concerts For A Cause All Event Pass at significant savings will available at <http://bestformexico.com/concerts/tickets> by June 1. Transferable Seats, so no reason not to buy.

\***Big Boy Tequila** continues as an important sponsor for a Tequila Blues Festival. More Tequila Tastings they promise. More chances to buy bottles to take home and support the kids. Similarly **Villas Paraiso** was our preferred supplier of accommodations for many of our Tour Group visitors and Performers last year and we are pleased that their generous support continues. This year they are host to our Announcement Party and a January 10 and 11 meet and greet Jimmy Buffett style pool party with Festival Performers. We are pleased to welcome **Inn At Manzanillo Bay** of Troncones as a key Festival supporter. There are many sponsor opportunities with companies and individuals who also see the benefit to supporting projects like Tequila Blues that are win-win for the community and the causes like Talita Cumi, said Bob Rempel, chairperson.

\***Win Free Festival Passes:** We continue to raise monies for Talita Cumi and helping the orphanage kids reach their full potential in life. You'll see them at the Festival, saying hello and singing a few songs. You'll meet their excellent leadership and daily care staff. Over 83,000 pesos was raised from

Tequila Blues Year 1 and Two Concerts and we're striving to get 100,000 pesos by October 31, 2018 before the new Tourist season begins. We've put 2 of our Front Section Festival Passes Up For Winning. Donate 100 pesos to the Talita Cumi fund and get 1 entry to win the Passes. 1 entry for every 100 pesos donated.

**\*Volunteer opportunities:** We are looking for working Volunteers for the entire Festival. Fun work, for those who love the music and inside the ropes feel, but we wish you to be committed to excellent customer service and making the Events great. In return you get a lot of insider benefits. Contact Bob Rempel "[bobrempel@gmail.com](mailto:bobrempel@gmail.com) or phone 755 1015989 (mobile/whatsapp) if you wish to apply to volunteer

**\*Live streaming:** We are planning to go Facebook Live this year at various points of the Festival...please like Tequila Blues Facebook page at @ixtapabluesfest to be able to receive this and are committed to implementing additional quality live streaming every year.

\*A Great Leadership Group: Our local leadership team of Larry Wright: Talita Cumi, <https://www.facebook.com/talita.cumi.9461> Frank Aiello: Frank's Restaurant, <https://www.facebook.com/frankixtapa.aiello> Ricardo Gomez: Villas Paraiso <https://www.facebook.com/modelospedregal.gomezricardo> and Mike Bernal: Big Boy Tequila and inn At Manzanillo Bay Troncones, <https://www.facebook.com/manzanillobay/> remains intact from last season, and is even more committed to making this upcoming season bigger and better. Tequila Blues is immensely grateful for their leadership and support.

### **Summary:**

Performer Playlist To Date-Not Final:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeVN4egNBoiaIQic-FWA4SywSoVaj2Olm>

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Various Performer & Fest Photos:

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*Tequila Blues Explosion Festival  
January 10-13, 2019*



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**DECEMBER 1-MEXICO TALENT**  
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**JANUARY 10-BLUES BROS.**  
**JANUARY 26-THE BEATLES**  
**FEBRUARY 9-CREEDENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 16-ELVIS**  
**FEBRUARY 23-THE DOORS**  
**MARCH 2-QUEEN-KISS**  
**MARCH 9-ZZ TOP-AC-DC**  
**MARCH 16-ROLLING STONES**  
**MARCH 23-PINK FLOYD**

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