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MADISON RIBBERFEST BARBEQUE & BLUES

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MADISON, INDIANA

Rockin' Blues, Barbeque, & Family Fun Returns for Madison Ribberfest

May 7, 2021 | Madison IN... The riverfront in Madison, Indiana will be again rocking to the soulful sound of blues and the smoky aroma of BBQ for the **19th annual Madison Ribberfest Barbeque & Blues** presented by *Koehler Tire*. This two-day festival, August 20th & 21st along the scenic Ohio River in historic Madison, features regional and national blues bands, barbeque competitions, family fun and more. It's a fan favorite and was a 2016 Award Winner for Best of Indiana - Best Music Festival!



Fill up your plates, lick your fingers and settle in for the **Craig Toyota Blues Bash** – the best of live blues featuring nine great blues bands on Friday evening and all day Saturday, August 20th & 21st at Madison Ribberfest. **Ghost Town Blues Band** will kick-off Friday night at 6:00 p.m. with a combination of modern blues and Memphis attitude. Followed by **The Reverend Shawn Amos & The Brotherhood**, bringing joyful blues and American Roots music, and ending with headliner **John Mayall** – “The Godfather of British Blues” and Blues Hall of Fame inductee by The Blues Foundation. On Saturday, music starts with soulful voice artist **The “Famous” Amy Noel Band** at 11:30 a.m. Followed by **The Revelators, Jay Jesse Johnson** and **The Joe Louis Walker Band with special guest Bruce Katz**. Setting the stage up next is blueswoman, **Shemekia Copeland**, delivering powerful soul, R&B and blues. Top the night off with **Tab Benoit**, one of today’s most creative and skilled Blues artists, he’ll sure deliver an energetic and fun filled show of blues.

Along the riverfront, Friday morning through Saturday afternoon you can watch competitors in three of our BBQ competitions: *Kansas City Barbeque Society, Backyard BBQ Blast*, and the *Kidz “Q”*. Barbeque lovers get to see over 45 professional barbeque teams from around the country compete in the Indiana State Championship Barbeque Cook-Off for cash/prizes and a chance to represent Indiana at the Kansas City Barbeque Society’s world championship. On Friday, amateurs will compete in the Backyard BBQ Blast and youngsters will compete Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Kidz “Q”.

No matter how you spell it -- Barbeque, Barbecue or BBQ – it all tastes delish! So don’t miss *Madison RibberFest: Barbeque & Blues* August 20th and 21st in Madison, Indiana.

Presale wristbands will go on sale **Monday, May 10th at NOON for \$30 with \$10 in food coupons***, this early-bird special is **ONLINE ONLY until June 14th**. Starting June 15th through August 1st wristbands will also be available at the Visitors Center 601 W. First Street (*Other locations available after July 5th*).

Advance tickets will be \$30* (without food coupons) from August 2nd through August 19th. On August 20th & 21st wristbands are \$35* at Gate and online, good for both days. *Credit card fees may apply. Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult. Watch our website www.madisonribberfest.com, and social media for event updates. For details see The *Rest of the Fest* tab.

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