

# Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues Festival

## By Steve Beilstein

As they ramp up their efforts to kick off the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues Festival, the excitement continues to grow. 'We feel we've really outdone ourselves this year', exclaims Artistic Director, Wayne Buttery.

Beginning with the Friday Night Fish Fry. Spotlighted by some extremely talented local artists beginning with Rita Johns, Ken Losell, Tamika Herod, Rick Robichaud, Mike Roberts, Lisa Hutchinson, and Wayne Buttery finishing off the night with his 50 plus years of musical wizardry.

Backing the artists up will be none other than the Wasaga Beach Blues Band. Let me introduce them to you. Drummer Bucky Berger, formerly of Carole Pope & Rough Trade, organist Gabor Szepesi of Sweet Blindness, Pianist Rob Gusevs from the Arrows, Harmonica player Roly Platt of Matt Minglewood, guitarist Sean Cotton, and bassist James Rasmussen will fill the air with the purest form of smoky blues you've ever heard. They are a band to behold.

Saturday noon has Skydive Wasaga Beach dropping in and on the way down performing their aerial freefall show. Later in the day see and hear from Boomerang, Miss Emily, Fuzzy Jefferies with his Kings of Memphis, Steve Strongman, and many more. This is one day you don't want to miss.

Sunday begins with the Junior Jam. They are a group of young people that put their heart and soul into honing their skills, then demonstrating all their hard work under the direction of Nick Clayton in an epic performance, showcasing how talented these young up and comers truly are. Justin Saladino immediately follows, then the Ronnie Douglas Blues Band, SoulStack, Genius+ Soul-The music of Ray Charles and concluding with Blackburn.

The weekend will be filled with music, people and good times so, come on out.

When-September 13-15 2019

Where-Behind the Stonebridge Shopping Center in Wasaga Beach, Ontario.

For further information you can visit, [www.wagagabeachblues.com](http://www.wagagabeachblues.com)

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