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A Winner Show in Wenatchee by Sheri Humphres - Vice Prez of the Washington Blues Society

On April 3rd my husband and I burned the highway from Western Washington to Wenatchee. The evening's entertainment would be a show put on by R.L.S. Entertainment, a concert series happening at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The headliners for the show would be Curtis Salgado with the King Biscuit Band opening for an evening of fun. The event was a sold out show and I felt like I had just walked into a very large "party", with people of all ages eagerly awaiting an evening of good music. King Biscuit Band started the show, a super tight band that immediately got the crowd of pleased listeners young and old up and dancing. King Biscuit, a local Wenatchee band, delivers a distinctive sound derived from great talent, exuberance and spirit of the blues. Burt Baker is a talented bassist and vocalist, along with an excellent hard-hitting drummer, Robert Sandidge, Bruce Guy on sax with his soulful licks, and Paul Courie delivering his sizzling guitar work. My personal delight (of course

at this point I'm biased) was to watch my husband, Raven Humphres, bring his big bad Barri to the stage and play with this house rocking group. I can truly say that when I heard King Biscuit Band I asked "who is this act?" But at the end of their performance went "WOW!" With the crowd warmed up, a delighted Curtis' turn had come with his as always soulful voice, singing some classic and a few new tunes with his smooth backup band keeping the momentum rolling as they cranked the tunes out. Curtis' pounding performance took the evening out, leaving the listeners and the dancers exhausted from a well put together performance. I highly recommend to anyone, go the distance, travel to Wenatchee, spend the night at the hotel so conveniently attached to the convention center and see some great shows. The next show, I'm told, will be in June with the Lloyd Jones Struggle with Jude Bowerman and The Blues Trip opening. I can hardly wait.

