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The Finest Blues Rag in the Inland Empire

Wenatchee Convention Center Concert Series

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Congratulations are in order for the people responsible for the Wenatchee Convention Center Concert Series. R.L.S. Entertainment, along with co-sponsors KZPH 106.7 and Killer Kolor have a resounding success on their hands.

The latest show in this series took place Saturday night, February 7th. Opening the show was Etouffee with their eclectic mix of swamp rock, blues and cajun stylings. If you've not yet heard Kelly Thibodeaux go ballistic on his electric fiddle, you're missing an amazing sonic experience. Etouffee has two cd's available, 1992's "Southern Style" and the 1996 release "Dixie Bloom." An earlier recording, available only on vinyl is entitled "Swamp Rock Jubilee."

Too Slim & the Taildraggers were next up and delivered a couple of their high energy, take no prisoners sets. At

one point, Tim "Too Slim" Langford and drummer John "Midnight" Cage were even standing atop the PA speakers! These guys have won numerous BB, Empire and Muddy awards from the Washington Blues Society, Inland Empire Blues Society and The Cascade Blues Association respectively. During an intermission, Robert and Carol Sawyer of the Washington Blues Society took the stage and informed the band that they've been nominated in two categories for the upcoming BB Awards. One for "Best Blues Band" and another for Tim "Too Slim" Langford in the "Best Songwriter" category. For those of you planning for the festival season, I'm pleased to report that Too Slim & the Taildraggers have already been booked for the 11th Annual Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival on July 17, 18 & 19.

It's not too early to start planning

to attend the next show in this series. Both the Swamp Mama Johnson show last November and this latest show with Too Slim & Etouffee were sold out and I have no doubt that the next one will also be a sell-out. On Friday night, April 3rd, all you blues lovers are going to have the opportunity to hear The King Biscuit Blues Band open for the legendary Northwest blues talent Curtis Salgado. Get your tickets now! For more information call Robert Sandidge at R.L.S. Entertainment, (509)662-6872.

All the folks at R.L.S., KZPH FM and Killer Kolor would like to say thanks to all the Blues lovers for so enthusiastically supporting these shows. They would also like to thank the people at the Wenatchee Convention Center and Hotel, and The Washington, Inland Empire, and Walla Walla Blues Societies.

