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A Winner Show in Wenatchee

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On April 3rd my husband and I burned the highway from Western WA. 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 headliner for the show, was The Curtis Salgado Band, with the King Biscuit Band opening. This was guaranteed to be a night of fun. The event was a sell out, 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.

The King Biscuit Band started the show. They are 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, a talented bassist and vocalist, along with an excellent hard-hitting drummer, Robert Sandige, 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 when I heard "The King Biscuit Band", I asked, "who is this act?" And at the end of their performance, I said, "WOW!"

With the crowd warmed up and delighted, Curtis Salgado's turn had come. As always his soulful voice, gave life to some classics and a few new tunes. His smooth backup band kept the momentum rolling and as they cranked the tunes, Curtis' pounding performance brought the evening to a close, leaving the listeners and the dancers exhausted from a well produced performance.

I highly recommend to anyone, go the distance and 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 and Jude Bowerman and the Blues Trip opening. I can hardly wait!

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