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For six years the **Friends of Richard Newell** have honored the memory of the Hamilton musician known to the world as the **King Biscuit Boy** with a scholarship in his name at the music department of Mohawk College and with an annual blues concert billed as **Blues With a Feeling**. This June 5, 6 and 7 they will present music lovers with an entire weekend of blues, boogie and more.

The celebration gets underway Friday night (June 5) with The Corktown Blues and Roots Fest. Multiple groups will be featured including the TNT Bluesmen and King Clancy.

Saturday June 6 is the centerpiece of the weekend with an all star concert at the Leander Boat Club on the Hamilton waterfront. Headlining this year's program is a rare appearance by the original **Crowbar**. This legendary Canadian group of musicians – **Roly Greenway, Sonnie Bernardi, John “Ghetto” Gibbard, Rheel Lanthier and Kelly Jay** – were the sound behind the two most celebrated King Biscuit Boy albums, *Official Music* and *Gooduns*. Joining them will be keyboard player **Ray “Rabbit” Harrison** and blues harp favorite **John Dickie** as they recreate some of their greatest performances including “Biscuits Boogie”, “Hoy Hoy”, “Corrina Corrina” and, of course, the Canadian party anthem “Oh What a Feeling”. Also on this year's show is two time 2008 Hamilton Music Award winner **Danny Lockwood** and his **Favourite Grooves** big band as well as Chess Records style blues combo the **Stingrays** with special guest keyboard whiz **Jesse O'Brien**. New star on the local blues horizon **Chris Chambers** rounds out the program and one of Hamilton's first bluesmen **Ronnie Copple** makes a special appearance.

Finally the weekend concludes with the first ever **Blues With a Feeling Blues Cruise** on the Hamilton harbour – a three hour sail and concert with **Trickbag** and guests including **Sonny Del Rio**. Included is a light barbeque. The **Harbour Queen** casts off at 5 PM for a late afternoon conclusion to a full three days of unbeatable music. Without a doubt this will be the most memorable **Blues With a Feeling** yet and a fitting tribute to Richard Newell, Hamilton's blues gift to the world.

Stay tuned to the **Hamilton Spectator, View Magazine** and **Y108** for all the details regarding ticket prices and availability. For more info – call Rob Platsko 905-512-1717.

