

Newsletter January 2017

Welcome to the newsletter from Steve Lockwood - Musician, Composer, Performer and Harmonica Teacher.

This newsletter will keep you informed of forthcoming gigs and appearances, interviews and reviews along with CD releases and project announcements.



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Steve is proud to be the official Lee Oskar harmonica teacher and a featured artist.

Musician, Composer, Performer and Harmonica Teacher; Steve Lockwood is considered a 'Harmonica Wizard' in many circles.

Whether playing live gigs in a number of different bands, or assisting his students in online Skype lessons, Steve Lockwood showcases the power and influence of his favorite and most versatile instrument, the harmonica.

Steve Lockwood Helping musicians with disabilities

Steve is involved in teaching many students with a wide range of disabilities. This newsletter will concentrate on two players and their truly global organisations. Steve Lockwood is very proud to contribute to the success of



Who are United By Music?

United by Music is an international non-profit organization that supports talented people with intellectual disabilities and gives them the chance to perform blues and swing music on stage. Through music, United by Music aims to improve the quality of life and the inclusion of people with disabilities. They were formed and are based in Denmark but have sister groups in various countries worlswide. Steve works with the North American group.





Ryan Adcox Steve has been teaching Ryan for about

a year and although Ryan had been



Ryan Adcox with Lee Oskar Recent guote form Ryan

playing at home for over 20 years he found a new lease of life in his playing and has begun playing live in concert regularly including a recent short tour of Americas iconic music cities.

His main goal was to learn how to play blues (something he had never had any sucsess in the past), getting those pitch bends correct and learning blues prasing, full solos and improvising with these ideas to create his own music his way.

He is pleased to be playing in not only all 12 keys but also Lee Oskar's amazing tunings for Diatonic Harmonica. A recent tour included St Louis and Nashville! 'I just had a really good lesson with Steve Lockwood. He really is an amazing harmonica teacher. I'm learning never to be satisfied with what I know about playing the harmonica.

Being satisfied haults the ability to grow and get better. Steve has really helped me discover some great techniques. I would encourage anyone to go to www.leeoskarproductions.com and click on learn to play and you will find how to contact Steve and set up some lessons.'

THE BRITISH PARAORCHESTRA

The world's first professional ensemble of disabled musicians

What Is The British Paraorchestra?

It's not like any orchestra you've ever seen or heard. There are no ranks of brass or decks of strings, rows of penguin-suited men and evening-gowned women. The conductor does not stand on a podium and direct a piece by Beethoven or Brahms. It is an altogether smaller ensemble, but with a giant ambition.

The British Paraorchestra is the world's first professional ensemble of disabled musicians, founded by British conductor Charles Hazlewood and television director Claire Whalley in November 2011. Following a world debut at the Paralympic Closing Ceremony in 2012, they are pioneering a global movement to recognise and showcase disabled musicians with extraordinary abilities. Just as the Paralympics have achieved so effectively in sport, the British Paraorchestra is shifting perceptions of disability by creating a visible platform for gifted disabled musicians to perform and excel at the highest level. Steve has been interacting and teaching for the Orchestra for over two years.



Introducing Oliver Cross

Pictured here with Lee Oskar after a performance in London, UK.



Hi, I am Oliver, I am 20 and I am a photography student at Cambridge School of Art. I first met Steve Lockwood when I came to a workshop when I was 14. I think I found it quite easy to play the tunes Steve showed us and I played at home a lot before starting one to one lessons lessons with him when I was 15.

I have autism and although I had played other instruments I had never found a teacher who I could really work with. Steve was brilliant and he has not only taught me the instrument but a lot about communication as well.

I did my first public performance at one of Steve's workshops at Willingham, UK, playing and singing Sonny Boy Williamson's *All My Love In Vain*. I sent off a video of that performance to The British Paraorchestra who gave me an audition which I passed.

Since then I have performed professionally with The British Paraorchestra at the Colston Hall Bristol, Snape Maltings and on tour in Qatar and Bahrain in the middle east.

Steve also helps me with composition and performance skills, all part of the business of being a musician. This includes the etiquette of playing in a group and how to work with sound technicians and engineers. He helped me develop and put together a song I call Klezmoligy which I performed in concert in Bahrain with the Paraorchestra.

You can see the performance and an interview with me here; http://music.britishcouncil.org/news-and-features/2016-07-01/blog-olivercross-the-british-paraorchestra-in-bahrain.

Steve is currently helping me prepare for a gig I am performing with the British Paraorchestra at Birmingham Symphony Hall on the 18th of February and I feel very lucky to have someone who is not just a teacher but a mentor and friend as well

https://www.thsh.co.uk/event/bc-the-british-paraorchestra

How to Teach Harmonica Across the Globe This is how Steve does it!







Teaching in <u>Seattle</u>, Washington means that Steve holds the lesson in his studio 19:30 Greewich Mean Time while it is 11:30 Pacific Standard Time for his harmonica client Currently teaching in **Dubai** means that Steve holds the lesson in his studio 15:00 Greewich Mean Time while it is 19:00 Gulf Standard Time for his harmonica client

Australia

Currently teaching in **Sidney** Australia means that Steve can teach at 09:00 and his client will be having the lesson at 19:00 Australian Eastern Daylight Time

Student of the Month Bob Manford



Student of the Month Bob Manford - Australia

This months award goes to Bob Manford in Australia, he is currently preparing with Steve to play a concert full of songs with a local ukelele group. Bob has been learning only two months but he has managed to put together a set of 12 songs already.

'I think that choosing songs I remember from my youth has helped me' Bob said 'I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my patient teacher, Steve Lockwood! I never thought I would ever learn to play a musical instrument let alone perform with a group of musicians in front of an audience. Thanks Steve for giving me this opportunity.'

New Harmonica Workshops

Check out the new workshops for 2017

Check dates



Steve Lockwood Album CD Album - Between the Tracks



Spark-spitting, genre bending nu-blues-countryrock'n'roll-soul....Steve Lockwood, singer, songwriter & instrumentalist, has spent 30 years and 4,000 gigs testing the boundaries of harmonica playing and creating songs which make you dance, make you think and make you move.

Between the Tracks showcases stories and themes from Steve's extraordinary career as a frontman, singer and songwriter, from busking on the streets of Cambridge to recording with a symphony orchestra.

Steve Lockwood has played on over 100 albums but Between the Tracks is his first solo release. "I have no fear of crossing musical boundaries," says Steve. "Every track on the album is different. It's a musical variety box with something for all tastes, from darkcentred trip hop to the smooth Caramel."

Listen now



Book Harmonica Lessons Steve teaches both in person and via skype. Why not have a lesson in the comfort of your own home

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Harmonica Meet - last tickets available

Come and join Steve and fellow harmonica entusiasts, it's the first harmonica gathering of 2017, Steve has rebooked the Willingham Social Club, Cambs, for another harmonica meet on the 15th January 2017 (13:00 till 16:00) more dates for 2017 include 19th March, 21st May, 09th July, 17th Sept and the 19th of November.

