



**BEST in the NW Blues Scene - Ty Curtis Band Plays Dec. 21
at *Magic at the Mill*
Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill
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Magic at the Mill rocks the holiday season this year with an all-star musical line-up, including one of the most popular and recognized blues musicians in the Pacific Northwest: Ty Curtis. Ty and his band will play from **5:30 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, December 21, at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, 503-585-7012, www.missionmill.org.**

No strangers to the big stage, the Ty Curtis Band has been privileged to open for Chris Cain, Coco Montoya, The Doobie Brothers, Roy Rogers, George Thorogood, Los Loneley Boys, Paul DeLay, Curtis Salgado, Walter Trout, Big Monti and Lloyd Jones. The band has performed at Montreal Jazz Festival, three years running at Portland's Water Front Blues Festival (this year on the main stage); the Winthrop Blues Festival, Joseph Bronze & Blues, Rogue Valley Blues Festival, Central Oregon Blues Festival, The Red, White & Blues Festival, The Oregon State Fair, Redwood Run and many others.

The Cascade Blues Association annually recognizes the best in the NW Blues scene with the Muddy Awards (named after Muddy Waters). In 2008 The Ty Curtis Band received the Muddy for New Act. In 2009 the band received the Muddy for Regional Act and Hank Shreve (our harp player) received the Muddy for Harmonica. In 2010 the band received the Muddy for Contemporary Blues Act and NW Recording of the Year--and Ty Curtis received the Muddy for Male Vocalist.

Ty Curtis is consumed by his music. There is no other way to explain how, at such a young age, this 23-year-old, Salem Oregon based, vocalist/guitarist/song writer has amassed a recording catalogue of three critically acclaimed albums; and earned second place in the prestigious 2009 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, and is nightly thrilling audiences from the Pacific Northwest to Montreal.

Described by a music critic as... "a multi-talented line-up, that is packing blues-lovers in and keeping them on their feet, " the Ty Curtis Band plays a mix of blues, blues-rock, funk and swing that grabs the audience's attention and doesn't let go. Their multi-talented line-up and three part vocal harmonies have been enhanced by the addition of the bands newest member, bass player Willie Barber (Blues Brothers, Steve Miller, Curtis Salgado, Lloyd Jones).

"Ty's lyrics and music show growth and these tunes shouldn't just appeal to the blues crowd, they're fully capable of crossing over, just as indicated by the CD's title, *Cross that Line*," states Greg Johnson, president of the Cascade Blues Association in Portland.

Kathken Vineyards, an award-winning winery for their Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir wines located in west Salem, will be on hand to top off the evening to offer wine tasting, beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear this Blues-intense, full of heart, unstoppable, and entertaining young band and musician friends; and enjoy local wines at the same time!

This event is generously sponsored by Crowell Ing, LLP.

For more information about the Ty Curtis Band, please contact: Jeff Ross, 425-822-5070, Jeffrossbiz@gmail.com, or visit www.tycurtisband.com.

Admission to this event is part of and is included in the Magic at the Mill admission price. For more information about Magic at the Mill, visit www.missionmill.org or call 503 585 7012.

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>. *The Willamette Heritage Center is a private not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is not managed by city, county, state or federal agencies.*

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