

Want to get a pulse on the blues beat in Duluth? Here's your chance. As is now tradition with the Blues Festival, The Busters have organized an ensemble of some of the finest local musicians including: Rick Olson (guitar), Mike Mattson (guitar), Mark "Franco" Levitt (harp), Mike Carlson (bass), and Glenn Thomas (drums). They're going to stir it up good and serve a nice big platter of groovin' blues. Olson and Mattson, also known as Two for the Road, will be performing at Blackwoods on Saturday evening at 9 p.m. Levitt will be performing as "Franco," with Melvis on the Korbel Brandy Stage on Friday at 1:00. Joining them on stage will be Jim "Jellybean" Hall (singer), David Slattery (pedal steel guitarist), and Randall Helander (sax). You may recognize Hall from past Blues Festivals when he performed with Blue Healers, Holy Cows, and Azure du Jour. His original compositions and performances have led him on a recent tour in the southern United States. Slattery (current leader of the



## *Duluth Blues All Stars*

Blues Evolution Band and music producer) has performed with Farron Young, Jacki Ward, and White Lightning Express. Featuring a different guest lineup each year has allowed fans an opportunity to enjoy the various styles of our region's local talent. Jump blues, a bit of blues/rock, some reggae, and R&B are certain to jump-start Friday's performances. Don't miss the 2006 Duluth Blues All-Stars in your Friday lineup. See you by the Minnesota State Lottery Stage at 11:05!