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Madison Blues Society Presents Wild Women of the Blues *Chicago Blues Great Katherine Davis Headlines April 2 Event*

FEBRUARY 26, 2016, MADISON – Chicago Blues singer Katherine Davis will headline the Madison Blues Society's Wild Women of the Blues event on Saturday, April 2 at the Badger Bowl in Madison.

The ninth annual event, benefiting the Rape Crisis Center, recognizes and celebrates the talent and empowerment of women while featuring women singing the blues. The Wild Women of the Blues event will also raise money for the Madison Blues Society's Blues in the Community programs.

Maggie "Blues Chick" Aliotta, backed by Paul Filipowicz and His Blues Band, will open the show at 8 p.m., and will be followed by Katherine Davis singing with the Cash Box Kings. There will also be a special guest performer. A free beginner blues dancing lesson for attendees will be provided by MadCity Blues beginning at 7 p.m. – no partner needed.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize the contribution women have made to the Blues and to celebrate the continued success of female artists," said Madison Blues Society President Christine Johnson. "We're excited to partner with the Rape Crisis Center as a very worthwhile and fitting beneficiary of this event."

"April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so the concert is a great way to kick off a month of awareness activities at the Rape Crisis Center," said Executive Director Erin Thornley Parisi.

"We're so excited to be chosen as the partner for the annual Wild Women of the Blues concert," Thornley Parisi said. "Empowerment is not only a theme for Wild Women of the Blues, it's also a focus of the Rape Crisis Center – we work to empower our clients every day."

Katherine Davis, influenced by blues legends Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey, has appeared at the Chicago Blues and Montreal Blues festivals and toured Europe as part of the Erwin Helfer group and with her own aggregation. Her 2006 album, "Rock This House – Live!," captures the powerful singer in a high-voltage performance in Chicago.

Maggie Aliotta comes from a family with deep inroads in the Chicago music scene. Her father is the late-Mitch Aliotta of the band Aliotta Haynes & Jeremiah, known for the hit song, "Lake Shore Drive." Maggie has been singing since childhood, influenced by artists from Bonnie Raitt to Koko Taylor and Big Mama Thornton.

The Badger Bowl – located at 506 E. Badger Road, just south of the Rimrock Road exit from the Madison Beltline – features a full-service bar and restaurant, a dance floor, and plenty of parking.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 on the day of the show. Madison Blues Society Members may purchase tickets for \$12 and \$15 on the day of the show. Tickets are available for purchase at www.madisonbluessociety.com, the Badger Bowl, Knuckle Down Saloon and from MBS members.

Membership to the Madison Blues Society is just \$15. To join, visit www.madisonbluessociety.com, or send your name, address, phone and email to Madison Blues Society, P.O. Box 3202, Madison, WI, 53704-0202.

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The Madison Blues Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness, understanding and appreciation of Blues music in America's musical heritage. For information, visit www.madisonbluessociety.com.

Serving Dane County since 1973, the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) provides services to the survivors (and their family and friends) of all forms of sexual violence, including recent sexual assault, past sexual assault, incest (past or present), sexual harassment, and sexual exploitation. These services are provided free of charge and include a 24-hour helpline and advocacy, short-term counseling, support groups, medical/legal advocacy and accompaniment, community education and Chimera™ Self-Defense Designed for Women. RCC serves women, children and men. For information, visit www.danecountyrcc.org, or follow them on Facebook and Twitter @RapeCrisisDane.