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Worcester contemporary music scene grooves with Club 321 Music series features Organ Fairchild on November 16 Michelle Willson's Evil Gal Festival Orchestra on December 14

November 9, 2023 (Worcester, MA)—Organ Fairchild, voted New York's top emerging band in 2021, will perform at Club 321 on **Thursday, November 16**. With seasoned musicians Joe Bellanti, Corey Kertzie, and Dave Ruch, the three-piece instrumental trio is known for its groovy tunes and high-energy, funky jams. Club 321 will wrap up its fall schedule on **Thursday, December 14** with jazz and blues powerhouse Michelle Willson and her rollicking Evil Gal Festival Orchestra. Located at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, Club 321 is a live contemporary music series featuring an eclectic blend of musicians performing Americana, jazz, world music, blues, and more.

During each Club 321 event, patrons can also enjoy a beer tasting by <u>Redemption Rock Brewing</u> and browse an art exhibit sponsored by <u>Juniper Rag</u>, an independent Massachusetts art and lifestyle magazine. <u>Katherine</u> <u>Downey Miller</u> will be the featured artist on November 16.

<u>Club 321</u> is located in Washburn Hall on the second level of Mechanics Hall—within easy walking distance of anywhere in downtown Worcester. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 purchased in advance; \$23 at the door. Ticket holders must be at least 18 years old. Seating includes cabaret-style tables and some theater-style. A cash bar and light refreshments are available. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit <u>mechanicshall.org/club321</u>.

Club 321 is presented by <u>Mechanics Hall</u> in partnership with <u>WICN 90.5 FM</u> and sponsored by <u>Reliant Medical</u> <u>Group, Cornerstone Bank</u>, and <u>Country Bank</u>.

The accessible entrance to Mechanics Hall is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.





# **About Organ Fairchild**

Jam scene mainstays Joe Bellanti, Corey Kertzie and Dave Ruch met in 1983 as members of Buffalo, New York's Grateful Dead cover band *"Wild Knights."* In early 2020, the trio wrote their first original music together and began performing as the three-piece instrumental organ trio/funky jam band, Organ Fairchild. In just three years, the band has performed with Goose, Trey Anastasio Band, Umphrey's McGee, Melvin Seals and JGB, Anders Osborne and Jackie Greene, Andy Frasco & the U.N., Sophistafunk, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Sam Grisman Project, Dogs in a Pile, among others. They were voted New York's top emerging band, out of 64 groups, in New York Music's 2021 March Madness event. Learn more about Organ Fairchild.

# Photograph of Organ Fairchild available here.

#### **About Michelle Willson**

Known to blues lovers the around the world as "Evil Gal," Michelle Willson is acknowledged by aficionados of jazz and blues as a passionate and gifted performer, bandleader and songwriter. Her music is regularly played on blues radio and internet programs all around the globe, and her original music has been featured in the HBO series "Mind of the Married Man," as well as on the 2008 House of Blues compilation album "Essential Women in the Blues." She has toured Europe and Canada—and is featured on two recordings—with Anthony Geraci and the Boston Blues All Stars and appears on two recent Duke Robillard recordings. She currently hosts "Morning Vibe Time", weekdays 6-9am on 90.5 FM WICN. Learn more about Michelle Willson.

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