

# JAZZ & BLUES

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FLORIDA'S ONLINE GUIDE TO LIVE JAZZ & BLUES

FEATURE: BLUES ARTIST

## MEMPHIS LIGHTNING



WYCLIFFE GORDON  
KEB' MO'  
JOE LOCKE

STREAMING EVENT PICKS  
FESTIVAL UPDATE

# MEMPHIS LIGHTNING

FEBRUARY 6  
HERITAGE PARK  
LAND O LAKES

FEBRUARY 12  
SKINNY'S BAR & GRILL  
HUDSON

FEBRUARY 13  
KELLY BROTHERS  
FT. LAUDERDALE

FEBRUARY 17  
SNOOK'S BAYSIDE  
RESTAURANT & TIKI BAR  
ENGLEWOOD

FEBRUARY 18  
WOODY'S RIVER ROO  
ELLENTON

FEBRUARY 19  
BREWS N' BLUES  
ST. CLOUD

FEBRUARY 20  
ER BRADLEY'S  
WEST PALM BEACH

**Born out of tradition, and with a pedigree second to none, Memphis Lightning are the real deal.** Darren Thiboutot Jr. – the “Lightning” in Memphis Lightning – was born in Maine to his mother Deb, and father Darren “Big Red” Thiboutot, a session and touring blues drummer in the 1990s.

At the age of eight, Jr. knew that music was his calling, and asked for his first guitar. “I will purchase you one,” Thiboutot Sr. recalls telling him, “but you must practice every day and keep up your grades.” Jr. respected his father’s requests and continues with his commitment and passion toward music today. “I’m very proud of his level of devotion and enthusiasm for not only music itself, but the business part of this career,” says Thiboutot Sr.

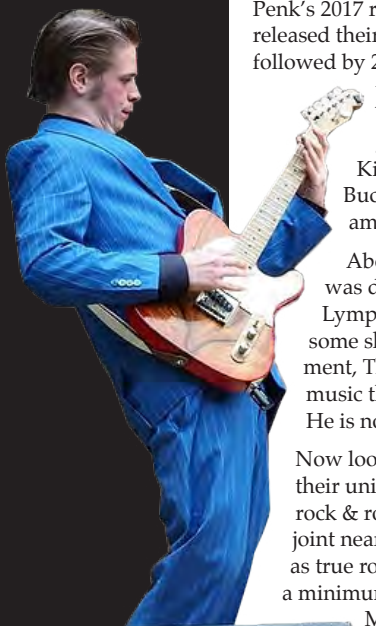
**By age 12, he was riding shotgun and playing old-school, rock-solid guitar on stage with Buddy Guy and the late great Eddie Kirkland.** In 2016, Thiboutot represented the state of Maine in The International Blues Challenge Youth Showcase. And in 2019 son and father began touring nationally with their band Memphis Lightning. Rounding out the team is the band’s elder statesman, Rick “Slow Driver” McLennan, who has been keeping the beat behind the kit for four decades for acts including Kirkland, the Piners, and now Memphis Lightning.

After appearances on the 2016 CD *Instrumental Paradise* and Andy Penk’s 2017 release *Waiting on an Answer*, Memphis Lightning released their debut studio album *Trouble* in 2017. It was followed by 2019’s *Live and Raw* and 2020’s *Borrowed Time*, on which Thiboutot Jr. wrote every song. Described by Jimmie Vaughan as “one of the greatest guitarists around today,” Thiboutot Jr. counts Kirkland, Magic Sam, Nokie Edwards, Roy Buchanan, Roy Nichols and Chuck Berry among his many influences.

About five years ago Thiboutot Jr. was diagnosed with Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma. While the band had to cancel some shows while he went through treatment, Thiboutot Jr. says it was ultimately music that helped him through that time. He is now four years cancer free.

Now look for Memphis Lightning to bring their unique brand of high-octane old-school rock & roll and down-and-dirty blues to a juke joint near you (hopefully) soon. Widely touted as true road warriors, the band aims to make a minimum of 200 appearances in 2021.

More at [memphislightning.com](http://memphislightning.com).





Vibraphonist

# JOE LOCKE

*Subtle Disguise Project*



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# Wycliffe Gordon

Musical ambassador and interpreter of America's music, Wycliffe Gordon's impressive career takes him around the world performing hard-swinging, straight-ahead jazz. His unmatched modern mastery of the plunger mute, his exceptional technique and signature sound have solidified his place in musical history known as one of the top trombonists of his generation. In 2018, the

Jazz Journalists Association named him "Trombonist of the Year" for the 11th time, and the Downbeat Critics Poll named him "Best Trombone" for the fifth time. He was also presented with the coveted Louie Award presented by the Louis Armstrong Museum, and the International Trombone Association Award in 2017. He is also a past recipient of the ASCAP Foundation Vanguard Award, among many others. In addition to an extremely successful solo career, Gordon tours regularly leading his own quintet, including a 2018 US State Department tour to Sri Lanka. Gordon's extensive catalog of original compositions spans the various timbres of jazz and chamber music and he is commissioned frequently. Musicians and ensembles perform his music throughout the world, and his arrangement of the theme song to NPR's *All Things Considered* is heard daily across the globe. Gordon is also one of America's most persuasive and committed music educators, and serves as Director of Jazz Studies at Georgia's Augusta University. He has published several books, and he works with young musicians of all ages, including past workshops in Florida. For this JazzAid Live event, Gordon will be joined by Grammy winner Dafnis Prieto conducting the Frost Concert Jazz Band. More at [wycliffegordon.com](http://wycliffegordon.com).



  
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# Keb' Mo'

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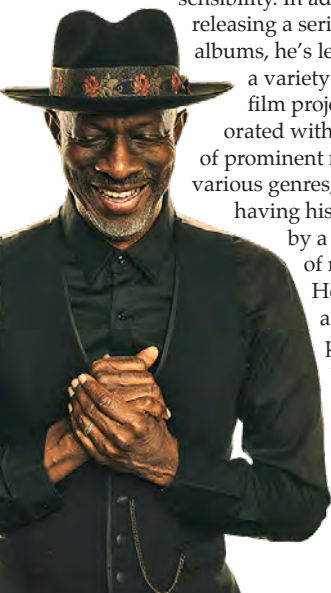
FEBRUARY 10  
RUTH ECKERD HALL  
CLEARWATER

FEBRUARY 11  
PHILLIPS CENTER  
ORLANDO

In his quarter-century as a recording artist, singer/guitarist/ songwriter and five-time Grammy winner Keb' Mo' has consistently made music that reflects his own passions and interests. In the process, he's earned a reputation for his ability to draw upon his bottomless roots-music

expertise to make deeply expressive, highly personal music. That's the case throughout his latest release *Oklahoma*, whose expansive creative vistas reflect the eponymous state's wide-open spaces. The album's 10 tracks encompass Mo's diverse talents, with the artist delivering some of the most adventurous and personal work of his career. Having already established his adventurous taste in musical collaborators, Mo' assembled an appropriately impressive cast for *Oklahoma*, including appearances by Rosanne Cash, Robert Randolph, Taj Mahal and Christian/Latin pop star Jaci Velasquez. Since arriving on the scene in the early 1990s, Kevin Roosevelt Moore (rechristened Keb' Mo' around 1994) has earned a reputation for his mastery of multiple blues styles, his ability to combine traditional approaches with a contemporary attitude, and for his timeless storytelling

sensibility. In addition to releasing a series of acclaimed albums, he's lent his talents to a variety of theater and film projects, and collaborated with a wide range of prominent musicians from various genres, as well as having his songs covered by a broad array of notable artists. He's also a vocal advocate for the preservation of the blues, and is active in charities that support music education. More at [kebmo.com](http://kebmo.com).



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## Joe Locke

Considered one of  
the major voices of

his instrument, vibes master Joe Locke has performed and recorded with a diverse range of notable musicians, including Grover Washington Jr., Raul Midón, Kenny Barron, The Beastie Boys, and the Spanish Harlem Orchestra. A six-time recipient of the Jazz Journalists Association's Mallet Instrumentalist of the Year Award, Locke has received two Earshot Golden Ear Awards for Concert of the Year, the 2013 *Hot House NYC Jazz Awards* for Best Vibes Player, and continues to top critics' and readers' polls. His fascinating array of projects over the last 20 years includes *Four Walls of Freedom*, a six-movement suite for tenor saxophone based on the writing of the monk Thomas Merton; *Live in Seattle* by The Joe Locke/Geoffrey Keezer Group; Locke's 2012 first-ever symphonic project, *Wish Upon A Star*; and 2013's *Love Is A Pendulum* – a suite based on a poem by Barbara Sfraga. *Lay Down My Heart: Blues & Ballads Vol. 1* topped the jazz charts in 2013. His latest, 2018's *Subtle Disguise* represents "the total expression of who I am as a musician and human being," and features Jim Ridl, Lorin Cohen and Samvel Sarkisyan as part of the core quartet. All three will join Locke for this South Florida Jazz livestreaming event. An active clinician and educator, he is a faculty member of the Manhattan School of Music and has been the International Vibraphone Consultant at the

Royal Academy Of  
Music in London  
on a visiting  
basis since  
2008.



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More at  
[joelocke.com](http://joelocke.com).

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### GRACE KELLY

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