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Press Release – For Immediate Release

29th Winthrop R&B Festival Adds The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson to its Lineup

Winthrop, WA, July 15-17, 2016: The award-winning, Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival has exciting news. In addition to our already stellar line-up we are pleased to announce the addition of **The Fabulous Thunderbirds** featuring Kim Wilson, and Seattle's award-winning **Hot Wired Rhythm Band**.

The lineup so far (with another major announcement to come soon):

Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson. For over 30 years, The 'T-Birds' have been the quintessential American band. The group's distinctive and powerful sound, influenced by a diversity of musical styles, manifested itself into a unique musical hybrid via such barnburners as "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up". Co-founder Kim Wilson, the sole original member, still spearheads the group as it evolves into its newest incarnation.

Robert Randolph & the Family Band - 'Sacred Steel' jam/rock/blues phenom has been captivating audiences for a decade

Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin with the Guilty Ones - The Blasters' co-founding brothers

Too Slim and the Taildragers - Perennial festival favorite

Wee Willie Walker - Legendary Memphis Soul Singer w/ **The Randy Oxford Band's Allstar Slam**

Randy Hansen – incendiary blues/rock guitarist and Hendrix emulator

Christone "KINGFISH" Ingram - Mississippi's brilliant young blues-guitar virtuoso

Grace Love & The True Loves; - Seattle's up-and-coming neo-soul group

Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons - 2016 International Blues Challenge winners

Rose City Kings - named 'Best New Blues Act' by Portland's Cascade Blues Association

Hot Wired Rhythm Band - Super-group featuring bassist **Polly O'Keary** and guitarist **Kevin Sutton** won 2013 Best New Blues Band from Washington Blues Society

We will have even more to announce in coming weeks but wanted to let you know the lineup is shaping up to be another spectacular Festival. Tickets can be purchased thru Ticket Tomato

<https://www.tickettomato.com/event/3391/29th-annual-winthrop-rhythm-amp-blues-festival/>

Now in its 29th year, the Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival is the longest running, most successful blues event in Washington State, and takes place in one of the region's most spectacular festival settings—the Methow Valley of the North Cascades. A truly world-class event, the festival this past year received the coveted Keeping the Blues Alive award for Best US Festival from the Memphis-based Blues Foundation,

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featuring Kim Wilson to its Lineup

which lauded the event for its strong, long-time commitment to its community and for presenting the best of the blues.

Check out our Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/winthropbluesfestival/?fref=ts>

Weekend Passes \$90 advance, \$100 at the gate.

Camp Site is \$45.00 which includes camping for Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Camp Site for **Thursday is \$25 additional** with the purchase of a weekend camping pass

<http://winthropbluesfestival.com/camping.html>