



TODAY'S CHICAGO BLUES EVENTS

KAREN HANSON
INTRODUCES YOU TO A BLUER LIFE

As a living, listening, writing, blogging, photographing fan of Chicago blues, Karen Hanson has visited every blues club, restaurant, jam, and festival in the Chicago area to listen to every blues musician around. Now she brings that information, insider tips, music samples, and hundreds of photographs to you in two different programs. Karen Hanson is available for bookstore talks, library programs, and classroom lectures focusing on the living legends of the Chicago blues and places to hear blues music beyond the touristy north side city venues.

Living Legends of the Chicago Blues

Many musicians who helped create the Chicago blues sound still live and perform in the Chicago area. This multimedia presentation profiles 12 legendary musicians and traces their connection to the roots of the blues.

Beyond the North Side Blues Clubs

In this multimedia program, Karen Hanson reveals where you can find the blues in smaller clubs, in suburban venues, and in places you may not expect.



Karen Hanson was a busy suburban mom when she discovered the Chess album, *The Best of Muddy Waters*, in a discount bin at the mall record store. She played it continuously in the stereo of her minivan for a year and a half.

That's how she got hooked on the blues.

She now works as a freelance journalist in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. As a serious blues fan, Karen has profiled blues artists and reviewed CDs for several blues Web sites and publications. She has also hosted online blues chats and forums. She teaches writing and literature at DeVry University in Tinley Park.

Karen currently maintains a Chicago blues blog where she discusses all things blues; check out what's new on the scene by visiting todayschicagoblues.blogspot.com.

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