



Steve Kozak Band press items:

“New is a relative term when it comes to Steve Kozak. The long-time blues man received the Maple Blues Award for new artist or group of the year in 2013 for his most recent album *Lookin’ at Lucky*. “It was kind of funny to be new again,” Kozak said. “That’s what I said when I accepted, it’s nice to be new again.” Kozak has been manning the guitar and singing the blues for as long as he can remember and never had a thought of turning back. “I’ve never played any other kind of music and I’ve been at it for 30 years,” Kozak said. “It’s just honest music, I really like it.” He received some inspiration when he met Muddy Waters in 1977, who told Kozak that the blues scene needed young blood like him to keep it going “I was young at the time,” Kozak laughed. “It was always my plan to stick with it. I thought, well, I can be an old guy and play blues,” Kozak laughed. He said he likes the blues because it makes people feel good, something a lot of peop”

- [Dale Boyd, *Penticton Western News* \(Feb 27, 2015\)](#)

“Keeping the promise, singing the blues When you make a promise to Muddy Waters, you sort of feel obligated to live up to it. At least, that’s how Steve Kozak felt after spending several days with the blues legend back in the 1970s. “He gave me the whole speech about young guys playing the blues,” Kozak said, “and how we’d never really make any money but that we had to do it. “He made me promise him I’d keep playing the blues, so I went in there with my eyes open, but it’s what I love to do. “I wouldn’t be happy playing any other kind of music.” The Vancouver-based musician brings his band — the West Coast All-Stars — and the blues to Kamloops this month for two shows at the Ramada Inn on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25, the second concert for the B.C. Interior Blues Association’s season. For a performer whose been around for decades, it came as a welcome surprise when he won the Maple Blues Award last year for best new Blues artist or group of the year in Canada”

- [Dale Bass, *Kamloops This Week* \(Oct 17, 2014\)](#)

“Listen to some traditional blues at the A Little Lunch Music noon-hour concert on Sept. 25. Hot off his performance at the recent Burnaby Blues + Roots Festival, the Steve Kozak Band is sure to get your toes tapping and hands clapping. A buffet lunch (\$12) is served starting at 11:30 a.m. with the music from noon to 1 p.m.”

- [Geraldine Parent - *Burnaby NewsLeader, Bunaby News Leader* \(Aug 21, 2014\)](#)

“As far as music festivals go, Burnaby’s Blues & Roots Festival is a gem and a polished one at that. At 15 years in the making, it’s no surprise that the day-long festival held at Burnaby’s picturesque Deer Lake Park is a well-organized affair that goes off without many hitches. Unlike other prolific, local music festivals of 2014, Saturday’s concert sported a refreshing lack of faux flower crowns and neon wayfarer sunglasses — instead concert goers at the event were met with varying forms of blues music, all the way from authentic back-porch blues to rockin’ rock-a-billy to contemporary rock. Steve Kozak kicked off the festival’s opening, his brand of blues providing an even-tempoed gallop as some set up chairs and blankets at the main stage and others perused the Blues Market for locally made soaps, threads and jewelry. The beer garden didn’t lack for business in its opening hours, either. Kozak’s contemporary, easy-listening tunes eased festival goers into the”

- [Kristi Alexandra, *Burnaby Now* \(Aug 10, 2014\)](#)

“Folksy blues and soulful ballads dominate Deer Lake Park at Saturday's Burnaby Blues + Roots Festival. Expect veterans from the Canadian blues scene, like award-winning headliner Steve Kozak and rock 'n' roll-charged Rich Hope and His Evil Doers, as well as trailblazing newcomers like Chic Gamine, who already brandishes a Juno for Roots Album of the Year. As a family-friendly event, the Blues Family Area pleases any kiddies tagging along with face painting, guitar making, and art activities.

http://www.vanmag.com/event/Burnaby_Blues_Roots_Festival_1”

- [Vancouver Magazine, *Vancouver Magazine* \(Aug 07, 2014\)](#)

“Born-and-raised Burnaby resident Steve Kozak has been performing the blues for more than 30 years, but this summer is his first time on the main stage of the Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival. Kozak is kicking off the show, which includes performances by Bettye LaVette, Matt Andersen and Big Sugar. - See more at: <http://www.burnabynow.com/entertainment/burnaby-boy-finally-at-blues-fest-1.1202650#sthash.BYimsTID.dpuf>”

- [Jacob Zinn, *Burnaby Now* \(Jul 11, 2014\)](#)

“Live@5005 gets the blues Award-winning musician Steve Kozak brings West Coast style to Genesis Blues artist Steve Kozak comes to Ladner next Friday as part of the live@5005 concert series at Genesis Theatre. Burnaby's Kozak, a recent Maple Blues Award winner, has released four CDs so far in his career, which dates back to the mid-1980s. His most recent is 2012's Lookin' at Lucky, a mix of original songs and favourite blues covers, which featured James Harman as a special guest. - - See more at: <http://www.delta-optimist.com/live-5005-gets-the-blues-1.853697#sthash.uQqLVjdI.dpuf>”

- [Dave Willis, *The Delta Optimist* \(Feb 14, 2014\)](#)

“Pender Harbour Blues festival 2013 Reunion show a festival highlight CAROLE RUBIN Contributing Writer Coast Reporter - Voice of The Sunshine Coast. What better way to celebrate a milestone than a reunion of the best B.C. blues masters? John Lee Sanders, Jim Byrnes, Steve Kozak, David Vest and Willie MacCaulder played to sold out houses all last weekend at the Pender Harbour Blues Festival. And the folks who put on the festival did it right, all over town. Steve Kozak’s ’50s style roadhouse blues opened Friday night at the Garden Bay Pub. Madeira Park, Garden Bay and Kleindale rocked Saturday afternoon to multiple sets of free concerts with famous stars and local musicians. Saturday night Byrnes gave a blues history lesson at the Garden Bay Pub, and Brickhouse rocked the Madeira Community Hall. Sunday afternoon and evening were jams and a three blues-stars pianorama with three pianos at the Garden Bay Pub with MacCaulder, Sanders and Vest. ”

- [CAROLE RUBIN, *Coast Reporter* \(Jun 14, 2013\)](#)

“Steve Kozak went home with the award for new artist or group of the year. As his website states, “Vancouver born Steve Kozak has been a mainstay on the western Canadian blues scene since the mid-'80s.” It seemed a little odd to see his name on the list for the new artist category, though I’m certain none of his fellow nominees begrudge him the win, despite the 30-odd years he has been at it.”

- [Chris Martin, *CBC Music* \(Jan 21, 2013\)](#)

“2013 Maple Blues Awards Winner New Artist or Group of the Year (Winner) Steve Kozak - Ben Racine - Boogie Patrol - Conor Gains Band - The Harpoonist & the Axe Murderer”

- [Reverend Keith A. Gordon, *About.com* \(Jan 22, 2013\)](#)

“B.C. musician, guitarist Steve Kozak, reeled in the best new artist trophy, despite the fact that he's been a fixture of the Vancouver scene since the mid-'80s.”

- [Lynn Saxberg, *The Province* \(Jan 22, 2013\)](#)

“Entertainer of the year was West Coast-based artist Colin James, breaking a six-year dry spell for the singer-songwriter-guitarist, who’s won more than a dozen of the Canadian blues awards since their inception in 1997. Another B.C. musician, guitarist Steve Kozak, reeled in the best new artist trophy, despite the fact that he’s been a fixture of the Vancouver scene since the mid-'80s. ”

- [Lynn Saxberg, *Vancouver Sun* \(Jan 22, 2013\)](#)