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Page-to-Stage, D.C. Blues festivals offer free fun for the holiday weekend

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DRAG IT ON IT OUT: Bret "Big Boy Little" Littlehailes and his band are among the D.C. Blues Festival's main attractions. (Connie Oleksak Warner)

Although a holiday weekend eases the pain a bit, it still hurts to say goodbye to summer. Many people will head to the National Symphony Orchestra's free concert in honor of Labor Day, but there are plenty of other things to help ease the transition to fall, as well as to save a buck.

D.C. BLUES FESTIVAL

Even after 22 years, this festival is still swinging. Hosted by the D.C. Blues Society, the outdoor concert rounds out Carter Barron's summer concert series. Bring out those blankets for free performance by such acts as Big Boy Little Band and Bryon Lee & the Blues Power Band. For \$15, you can attend an after party at the Silver Spring American Legion.

Saturday at noon. Carter Barron Amphitheatre, 4850 Colorado Ave. NW. 202-426-0486.
<http://www.dcblues.org>. Free.

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