

Blues Event Brings National and Local Talent to Iowa Stage**Date:** Tuesday, February 2, 2010**Category:** Press Release

February 2, 2010 (Cedar Falls, IA) -- The Friends of KUNI/KHKE will present Blues Blowout on Saturday, February 13th at Waterloo's Electric Park Ballroom. The blues event will feature nationally known Janiva Magness and Iowa City's The Tornadoes. All proceeds benefit Iowa Public Radio.

Blues Music Award winner Janiva Magness will bring an impassioned mix of blues and soul as the evening's headliner act. Magness possesses a rich, soulful voice and absolute command over her material, and she leads audiences through a range of emotions, from the deepest sorrow to overwhelming joy. A survivor of an impossibly rough childhood, Magness uses her life experience to inform her music in a way that is brutally honest, emotionally moving and, above all, spiritually healing. Janiva Magness is a nominee for the 2010 Blues Music Award for Best Contemporary Female Artist of the Year and won the award two years in a row in 2006 and 2007. She has seven solo recordings to her credit and has made guest appearances on CDs by R.L. Burnside and many others.

Iowa City blues band The Tornadoes will open the show with their energetic, eclectic sound. The band has been keeping jump, swing and blues alive in eastern Iowa since 1997.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.; doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 online at www.iowapublicradio.org. Tickets can also be purchased for \$25 at the door. Blues Blowout is presented by the Friends of KUNI/KHKE with supporting sponsorships from FSB Warner Financial, The Historic Black Hawk Hotel and Bob's Guitars.

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