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Arts Commons Presents brings Billboard Blues Chart-Topping GA-20 to the 2021-22 PCL Blues series this November

The Boston-based trio is burning up the blues scene and makes their Calgary debut at the Engineered Air Theatre on November 26-27.

November 1, 2021 - CALGARY – Bridging the gap between old-school Chicago blues and the fresh sounds of the contemporary scene, GA-20's debut album, *Lonely Soul*, set out to make the music they weren't hearing – a modern spin on icons like Lazy Lester, J.B. Lenoir, and Earl Hooker. *Lonely Soul* immediately snagged the #2 on the Billboard blues charts and garnered the acclaim of critics worldwide. Now, GA-20 makes their Calgary premiere with their new album, *Try It...You Might Like It! GA-20 Does Hound Dog Taylor* which debuted at #1 on the Billboard Blues Chart, on **November 26 & 27, 2021** in the intimate **Engineered Air Theatre** as part of **Arts Commons Presents: PCL Blues series**.

The high-energy electric blues trio GA-20 – guitarist Matt Stubbs, guitarist/vocalist Pat Faherty, and drummer Tim Carman – use rare vintage gear (including at times the famed Gibson GA-20 amplifier for which the band is named), to create powerfully raw music that is both familiar and refreshing. A band with significant industry cred to their name and praised by *The Pulse* as “the biggest thing to hit the blues scene in a generation” guitarist Matt Stubbs has been playing alongside blues legends for over 11 years, including the legendary Charlie Musselwhite – who appears on *Lonely Soul*'s track *Naggin' On My Mind*.



Matt Stubbs, Pat Faherty, and Tim Carman

Their latest album, released by Colemine Records working in partnership with Alligator Records, highlights the work of Hound Dog Taylor, featuring 10 songs written or performed by the Chicago blues legend. *Try It...You Might Like It!* dips deeply into the band's love of the legend's visceral, unfiltered style.



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"We feel a strong connection to the unique setup of two guitars and drums with no bass, and we all have a massive appreciation of Hound Dog's raw and no-frills sound. It's essentially what we try to do as a band," says Matt Stubbs. "For people like us who love the blues, we want to grab them and shake them up with some new energy and appreciation."

"We are very excited to welcome GA-20 to Calgary for the first time. I know our audiences will love their vintage sound with a modern approach," Stephanie Hutchinson, Manager of Presenting at Arts Commons. "They'll kick off this season with a bang!"

What: PCL Blues: GA-20
When: November 26 & 27, 2021 at 8 p.m.
Where: Engineered Air Theatre, Arts Commons
Tickets: Call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca

The 2021-22 season of the PCL Blues series, produced by Arts Commons Presents features a powerhouse line-up of blues performers from both North and South of the border. Arts Commons is proud to continue the rich traditional of blues appreciation in Calgary by showcasing these standout performers in the unique and intimate Engineered Air Theatre with **GA-20** – November 26 & 27, **Pokey LaFarge** – January 21 & 22, 2022, **James "Blood" Ulmer** – March 18 & 19, 2022, **Sue Foley** – April 22 & 23, 2022, and **Crystal Shawanda** – May 27 & 28, 2022.

To subscribe to the PCL Blues series, or purchase tickets to GA-20, please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca.

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