

A close-up photograph of Sonia Astacio singing passionately into a microphone. She has her eyes closed and a wide, open-mouthed smile. She is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored sequined top. The background is dark with purple and blue stage lighting.

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ARTIST BIO



Sonia Astacio is a regular on the Chicago Blues scene playing at long established-world renowned clubs such as **Buddy Guy's Legends, Blue Chicago, Kingston Mines, Rosa's Lounge, and Harlem Avenue Lounge**. She has also played **Muddy Waters MOJO Museum, Granville Blues Fest, Red White & Blues Fest** and various years at **The Chicago Blues Festival**. She combines powerful vocals and a hard driving Chicago Electric Blues style with a burlesque delivery.

Sonia Astacio Downs was born in Chicago and is the 7th child of a Dominican American family. Her parents moved to the United States in 1955. As a child, she found her love for music singing with her siblings in church. Initially, her first love was Jazz from the likes of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald, but after she heard

Muddy Waters and The Rolling Stones' "Baby Please Don't Go" (Live at the Checkerboard Recording), the Blues captivated her heart and soul, and she never looked back.

Sonia joined the **Nu Blu Band** in 2005 and is now an honorary member of the group. Sonia infuses her Afro-Latina ancestry when she performs blues standards in Spanish. She leads The Sonia Astacio Downs band and is working on an album based on her experiences growing up in Chicago as a black Latina. Her boisterous voice, entertaining persona, and effortless talent have captivated audiences far and wide. After 35 years in the corporate world, she says her retirement plan is "to sing the Blues to whoever will listen." She truly is a messenger of the Chicago Electric Blues.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



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<https://open.spotify.com/artist/3D9hMlzRpNuMTe6tIA64R6>

VIDEOS



Sonia with Buddy Guy - <https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38>



Sonia at Buddy Guy's - <https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=3yIV7z-X3XGJ463i&t=101>



Rosa's Tent Chicago Blues Fest - https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=TC3cZAQ8T7_ndchg&t=128



Melbourne Australia (Sep 2023) - <https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=tzbmVhkTd3YX9miT&t=146>



Navy Pier Chicago - <https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=cwgPhPEwx6MQSAQu&t=163>



Blue Chicago - https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=WmZDI_FHRbX9Oxtt&t=182



Navy Pier Chicago - <https://youtu.be/VbxAxRWBr38?si=zHFpjxqCozWatFu1&t=194>

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EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SONIA ASTACIO OPENS FOR BUDDY GUY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AT 7:30 PM

[LINK TO EVENT](#)

RECENT EVENTS

SONIA ASTACIO BAND AT MITCHELL CREEK ROCK N BLUES FEST

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

SUNSHINE COAST QLD AU

[LINK TO REVIEW](#)

SONIA ASTACIO JOINS BTS EXPRESS AT BLUE CHICAGO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 AT 10:00 PM

SONIA ASTACIO AT HARLEM AVE LOUNGE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 AT 9:00 PM

KEY CONTACTS

BOOKINGS, PRESS, AND COLLABORATIONS

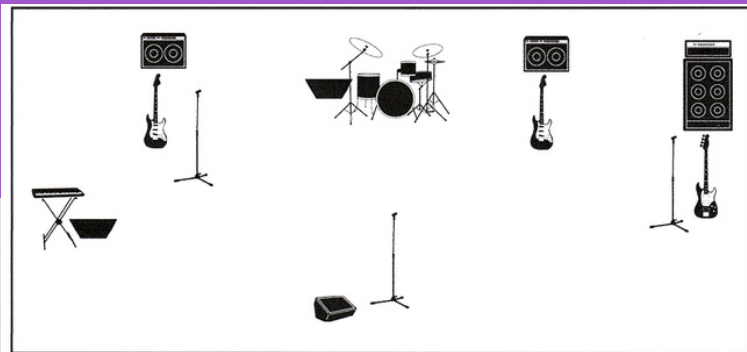
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STAGE PLOT



INPUT LIST

1	Lead Vocals	9		17		25
2	Keyboard	10		18		26
3	Lead guitar	11		19		27
4	Bass	12		20		28
5		13		21		29
6		14		22		30
7		15		23		31
8		16		24		32

SONG LIST

Ain't it Nice	El Rey	If I Were a Bell	Oye Cómo Va
Ain't No Stopping Us Now	Ernestine (A) Koko Taylor	It's My Time After A While	Palace of The King
All Night Long	Evil	Key to the Highway	Please Don't Dog Me
All or Nothing at All	Eyes Without a Face	Last Two Dollars	Road House Blues
Autumn In NewYork	Fine and Mellow	Let The Good Times Roll	Sara Smile
Baby Get Lost	Fly Me To The Moon	Lets Get it on	Signed, Sealed, Delivered
Baby Please Dont Dog Me	Forever For Always For Love	Light My Fire	Soul With a Capital "S"
Bad Boy Having A Party	Further on Up the Road	Little Bit	Steppin' In
Bad Case of Loving you	God Bless The Child	Little by Little	Steppin' In Steppin' Out
Bésame Mucho	Golden Time Of Day	Love & Happiness	Stormy Monday
Big Boss Man	Got My Mojo Workin'	Love's Going To Last	Sweet Home Chicago
Black Cow	Granda	Luck Be A Lady Tonight	That Old Black Magic
Blues Before Sunrise	Heat Wave	Mello Right On	That's Life
Born Under A Bad Sign	Help Me	Messin' with the Kid	That's What Love Will Do
California Dreamin'	Hey Baby	Midnight Train	The Blues is Alright
Clifford	Hey Bartender	Mind Blowing Decisions	The Girl from Ipanema
Crosscut Saw	Hold On I'm Coming	Money	The Sun is Shining
Dancing With Myself	Hole In The Wall	Money Money	The Thrill Is Gone
Deacon Blues	Honk Tonk Woman	Mustang Sally	The Way You Look Tonight
Dead or Alive	House is Not a Home	New York New York	Todos Vuelven
Disco Inferno	I Get a Kick out of You	Nice 'n Easy	Tore Down
Don't You Love Her Madly	I Got Loaded	Night and Day	Waiting For The World To Change
Down Home Blues	I'd Rather Drink Muddy Water	Nobody Knows You	Wang Dang Doodle
Dr. Feelgood	I'm a Woman	On The Ocean	White Wedding
Driving Wheel	I've Got You Under My Skin	One for My Baby	Young at Heart