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Long Beach has blues

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Long Beach has the blues. At least for the weekend.

One of the largest blues events in Southern California will bring notable blues and rhythm-and-blues performers **Albert Collins**, **Bobby "Blue" Bland** and the **Staple Singers** to Long Beach this weekend.

The Long Beach Blues Festival, celebrating its ninth year, is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-

urday and Sunday on the north athletic field of California State University at Long Beach. To honor the event's importance to the community, the Long Beach City Council proclaimed the third week in September "Long Beach Blues Festival Week."

Last year's attendance of 16,000 broke the festival's previous record. The very first festival, held in 1980, drew only 700 blues fans.

This year's performers include

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Albert King, **Ruth Brown**, **James Cotton**, **Johnny Adams** and **Walter "Wolfman" Washington** and the **Roadmasters** (Saturday); and **Albert Collins** and the **Icebreakers**, the **Staple Singers**, **Bobby Bland**, the **Kinsey Report** and **Lil' Ed** and the **Blues Imperials** (Sunday).

The KLON-FM 88 production will feature DJ-musician **Bernie Pearl** as emcee.

Tickets per day are \$17.50 in advance and \$20 at the gate; advance tickets for both days are \$32.50. For further information, call the 24-hour Festival Hot Line at (213) 498-8052 or (213) 985-8878.

Dan Aykroyd brought back **Elwood Blues**, for only the second time since the death of **John Belushi**, who played the other Blues Brother.

Elwood Blues performed as the **Elwood Blues Review**, with veteran bluesmen **Sam Moore** and **Booker T. Jones** during NBC's "Coca-Cola presents: Live, The Hard Rock," broadcast Tuesday to raise money for the homeless.

"It will just be a sample of what the **Elwood Blues Review** could give the world if we could get some bookings," said **Aykroyd**, who with **Belushi** created **Jake** and **Elwood Blues** on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Since **Belushi's** death, **Ay-**

kroyd has performed as **Elwood** only at the **Atlantic Records** anniversary concert earlier this year.

Tuesday night's show also featured musicians **Paul Simon** and **John Cougar Mellencamp**, comedians **John Candy** and **Jon Lovitz** and "Saturday Night" alumni **Laraine Newman** and producer **Lorne Michaels**.

"It's great that we have the old team back together again," **Aykroyd** said.

"It's the best!" **Newman** said. "It feels comfortable. It feels nice."

The **Who** plans to record their first album in six years, but have yet to write the songs, said bassist **John Entwistle**.

"Our last album was made in about 1982, but we will be going back into the studios in January," **Entwistle** said after 12 of his 160 guitars were sold for \$48,800 at a **Sotheby's** rock 'n' roll memorabilia auction.

Ex-Beatle **Ringo Starr** halted the auction of a 1965 bass drum bearing his former group's logo because of a wrangle over its ownership.

The drum was expected to fetch \$50,000 in a rock 'n' roll memorabilia sale at **Sotheby's** auction house in London Monday.