

## Putnam Fund brings James Montgomery to town for 3rd Annual Blues Friday

LACONIA — The Laconia Putnam Fund will present its 3rd Annual Blues Friday at the Laconia High School Auditorium on Friday, November 28 at 7 p.m. Johnny A., Boston Music Award's Blues Artist of the Year, will be performing along with James Montgomery, who has toured with many major artists, including Aerosmith, Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen, the Allman Brothers and Steve Miller.



Admission to the concert is free with first come, first seated.

For the better part of three decades, the Massachusetts-based guitarist and bandleader Johnny A.

has played with Boston acts such as Hearts on Fire and J. Geils frontman, Peter Wolf.

For the better part of three decades, the Massachusetts-based guitarist and bandleader has proven himself capable of generating heat at venues from working-class bars to international amphitheatres — and every sort of venue in between. And when the house lights are turned up, he's just as adept at captivating serious students of the six-string with a virtuosity that earned him the rare honor of having his name placed on a signature Gibson guitar.

"I want to create instrumental music and deliver it like a vocalist," he says "You can be a great player, on any instrument, and people will take notice for a while...but what people really remember is someone who brings them a great melody."

When blues legend James Montgomery plays the harmonica, he "brings it on home". Whether it's recording with Kid Rock, sitting in with Gregg Allman, or

fronting his hot band of thirty years, Montgomery plays with authority. While growing up in Detroit he learned first-hand from the masters - James Cotton, John Lee Hooker, and Jr. Wells - at the legendary "Chessmate." Over the years, he's carried on in the tradition and continues to be a vital presence in Blues as one of the most dynamic performers on the scene.

### *Belmont to 'Deck the Village'*

BELMONT — On Sunday, December 7 from 2-4 p.m. Belmont's annual Deck the Village event will be held in the village green near the library on Main Street.

"Deck the Village" celebration will once again feature local students playing festive tunes to listen to and Christmas carols for an old-fashioned sing-a-long. Both indoor and outdoor activities are planned including children's crafts and refreshments in the Mill building, and holiday stories in the Belmont Library. Santa has been invited to stop by if he has time that afternoon. Attendees are encouraged to bring a camera to capture Santa's visit. All activities will be fully accessible and all ages are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 998-3525.

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