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Local musicians up for awards

Local and legendary blues guitarist/singer Wayne Buttery (of Orr Lake) teamed up this past year with local and legendary harmonica player Roly Platt (of Barrie) for what they may have thought was a one-time concert for the Collingwood Jazz and Blues Society, at the Blue Mountain Foundation Art Centre. Audience response was so overwhelming, the pair continued to work together and produced an album with support and encouragement from Frank McNulty of JBG Productions of Collingwood.

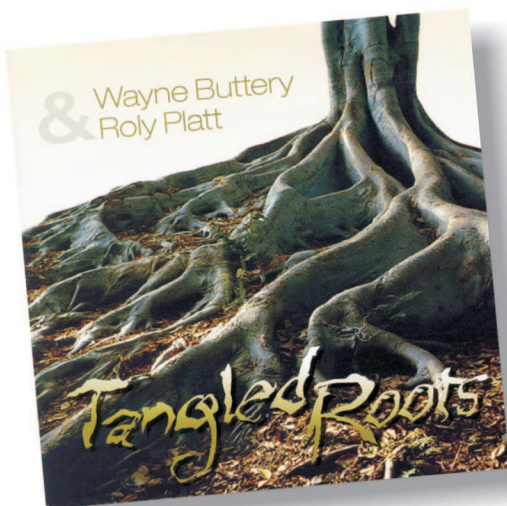
Titled *Tangled Roots*, the album name reflects the entwined background the two musicians share. The songs are largely originals, recorded “live” in the studio. Buttery and Platt are accompanied on the album by Dennis King on drums, and John Warren on bass. These two fellows have quite impressive backgrounds themselves, affording the front-men a solid musical backdrop as only years of experience and thoughtful playing can do.

The album’s combination of exceptional performance and engineering has gained it a nomination as Best Self-produced CD by the Blues Foundation’s 2011 International Blues Challenge in Memphis Tennessee. For his remarkable performance Roly Platt has been nominated for Best Blues Harmonica Player 2011 by the Maple Blues Awards. Don’t be surprised as more nominations come their way from other music organizations around the world.

In our area, *Tangled Roots* is available at Market Bazaar, 24 Queen Street West in Elmvale. This album and others by Wayne Buttery & the Groove Project can also be purchased at www.WayneButtery.com.



“Tangled Roots” bluesmen Wayne Buttery and Roly Platt are nominated for awards in the United States and here in Canada.



Ladie’s may melt as they listen to the first song on this roots blues album as Wayne Buttery’s vocals plead helplessness against “Sexy Ways”, an original number.