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Cee Cee James, Seattle area blues performer-a must see

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How many times have I advised job seekers to take a break and do something completely different?

Sometimes, I drink my own cool-aid. Clear blue skies and waterside venue made venturing to the Klamath Falls Blues Festival an easy decision. The two hour drive through cattle-dotted countryside and heavily forested roads was made easy knowing I'd soon be hearing Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings. His performance was top notch and I loved the various guitars though missed any real Delta sounds. The sound techs messed up big time and the top end of the treble blurred the sounds awfully. The performance was ok straight on, but to the left or right, muddy.

JC Smith was the first dance band I heard. The joint was jumpin'. The dance floor was filled with sexy 30's style blues dancers, children and folks who almost kept time. But the music was good, the band, well dressed as usual, performed for over an hour. We could have heard more.

The real treat of the afternoon was Cee Cee James, a Seattle area blues performer. Her band is ideal for her voice and style and her performance, electrifying. She is one of the few women blues performers who appears to be genuine; the real deal.

On some tunes she channelled Janis Joplin; a fact not missed by the DJ who asked her to treat us with the first stanza of Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz...perfectly.

If you have any blues in you at all, seek out Cee Cee James. I have been listening to her CD, Low Down Where the Snakes Crawl and loved every cut. The fidelity is super. Her band is balanced and sharp. Buy the CD and thrill your neighbors when you play it way too loud, as I am right now.

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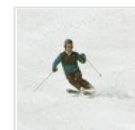
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