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New Clyde Stubblefield Coalition Announces Series of Three Concerts

What: *Give the Drummer Some – Part 1, a fundraiser for the Clyde Stubblefield Music Scholarship*
When: Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Where: High Noon Saloon, 701 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI
Admission: Suggested donation of \$20.00 requested
Music: *The Clyde Stubblefield All Star Band*
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The legendary James Brown put on incredible live concerts. In those concerts, he would occasionally call out to the band, “Give the drummer some!” That was the signal to let drummer Clyde Stubblefield get featured in the spotlight.

So it was pretty logical for the newly formed **Coalition for Recognition of Clyde Stubblefield** to name their upcoming concert series “**Give the Drummer Some!**” This three concert series will raise money for the newly established **Clyde Stubblefield Music Scholarship** fund, which will go towards educating young people in music.

The Coalition for Recognition of Clyde Stubblefield began exploring scholarship ideas over the spring and summer. They wanted to create, not just a fundraising effort that will live on, but a way to spotlight the accomplishments of Mr. Stubblefield and his important worldwide contributions to music, as well as his contributions to the Madison music scene for over 40 years.

They’ve reached out to six decades of musicians who have played with Clyde, from legendary members of James Brown’s band, to national, regional and local luminaries in blues, funk, soul and rock.

Stubblefield has been called “The Funky Drummer,” and is known for creating some of the most sampled beats in music. His impact on music crosses genres, from soul and funk to rap and hip-hop. He appears on hits like “Cold Sweat,” “Ain’t It Funky Now,” and “Say It Loud - I’m Black and I’m Proud.” His drumsticks are enshrined in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

“It’s time,” says Joey B. Banks, one of the organizers on the scholarship fund committee. “Clyde’s a living legend. He’s given back through his time and talents again and again over the years. It’s time to honor his achievements, and to begin a permanent scholarship for deserving kids in our area.”

Since 2009, Stubblefield has undergone dialysis, fought cancer, and most recently damaged a finger.

The second concert in the series will be held on **September 11, 2015**, at the **Barrymore Theatre**, also with the Clyde Stubblefield All Star Band, and will be a ticketed event. The third in the series will be free concert, at the *MadCity Sessions* at the **Overture Center**, and will feature fellow James Brown drummer John “Jabo” Starks, and more will be added in the coming weeks. Also featured will be The Black Star Drum Line Performance Group and The Big Payback funk band.