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Master blues guitarist Chris Duarte is touring from Florida to California, and the Quad Cities is fortunate to have him making a stop at Martini's on the Rock, 4619 34th Street, Rock Island, IL on Sunday September 15. Chris' performance will start at 6:00 p.m. with a \$12 cover charge, or \$10 if you are a member of the Mississippi Valley Blues Society.

Chris Duarte has been a perennial touring act since the 1990s, playing as many as 200 dates a year, and has developed a legion of loyal fans spanning across the United States, Europe, and Japan. Duarte's strong commitment to touring allows Chris to ply his trade and to work and rework melodic ideas. "I can practice all day in my basement but it's a totally different ballgame when I get on stage."

When the spotlight is on him, Chris Duarte's style of playing is intense blues-rock. He keeps it loud and heavy but still staying on the blues side. Duarte performance will bring to mind legendary artists such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Robin Trower, Jimi Hendrix, and Eric Johnson.

Duarte has recently released two albums, Live by the Chris Duarte Group, and My Soul Alone, and he will be showcasing many of the songs from these recordings at the September 15 show.

This extraordinary occasion to see Chris Duarte perform at Martini's on the Rock is a fundraiser for the Mississippi Valley Blues Society, and is happening in conjunction with the East West Riverfest, a two-week celebration of arts, culture and heritage in the Quad Cities.

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As part of the September 15th events, MVBS is hosting a Bikes and Blues Fun Run starting at The Muddy Waters (1708 State Street, Bettendorf) with check-in at 10:30 a.m. and last bike out at noon. The poker run route is approx. 110 miles. Last bike back in to Martini's by 5:00 p.m. To participate in the Fun Run there will be a recommended donation of \$10 per participant and will include admission to the Chris Duarte show. All proceeds from the Fun Run will go to the Mississippi Valley Blues Society. All vehicles welcome.

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