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BLUES ROCKABILLY ARTIST TO SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL THE YALE
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VANCOUVER, BC – Catch Nick Curran and The Lowlifes at The Yale on Thursday, September 23 for a shake, rattle and roll, head-spinning combination of cool music genres and tunes ready for action. Comin’ on like a sci-fi hybrid of T-Bone Walker, Little Richard and Guitar Slim, guitarist/singer Nick Curran (www.myspace.com/curranrock) is a powerhouse performer who owes a strong debt to blues and rockabilly artists of the 1950s.

Curran began his professional career at age nineteen, leaving Maine for a six month tour with rockabilly legend Ronnie Dawson. Subsequently, Curran moved to Dallas where he quickly immersed himself in the city’s vibrant blues and roots music traditions. It was during this time that Curran toured with retro-country sensation Wayne Hancock. Citing such influences as Wynonie Harris, Otis West, Roy Brown, and many other postwar blues and rock & roll artists, Curran released his solo debut album *FIXIN’ YOUR HEAD* (2000). Recording live, single takes on vintage equipment, Curran began cultivating an impressive retro ‘50s jump blues sound, enhanced by his predilection for vintage clothes and Nu Nile pomade. *NITELIFE BOOGIE* (2001) further solidified Curran’s reputation as one of the most authentic and exciting roots musicians of his generation.

In a move that garnered him a slightly higher profile, Curran signed with Blind Pig Records in 2002, releasing *DOCTOR VELVET* (2003). Featuring more of Curran’s old-school blues and R&B, *DOCTOR VELVET* found the twenty-something artist branching out into Delta blues while performing alongside one of his musical idols, guitarist Jimmie Vaughan. Further accolades followed when Curran received the W.C. Handy Award for BEST NEW ARTIST DEBUT for his fourth album *PLAYER!* (2004). The cancer survivor and former lead guitarist for The Fabulous Thunderbirds whose music has been featured in the 2008 HBO hit Series “True Blood” has returned to his roots in his latest release *REFORM SCHOOL GIRL*, a cocktail mix of influences such as old blues Lazy Lester, to girl groups the Ronettes, to hard rock Guns N’ Roses.

Tickets to Nick Curran and The Lowlifes are \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance ticket sales are available by contacting The Yale at 604.681.9253 or online at www.theyale.ca. Tickets are also available through Tickets Tonight by phone at 604.684.2787 or at the Tickets Tonight booth located inside the Tourist InfoCentre at 200 Burrard Street. Doors open at 7pm. Show begins at 8pm. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver. *This performance is presented by The Canadian Pacific Blues Society.*

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