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The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts presents

Guy Davis

Monday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Jaeb Theater at the Straz Center

Regularly priced tickets start at \$25.50

TAMPA, Fla. — The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) presents bluesman Guy Davis on Monday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Straz Center's Club Jaeb series. The Club Jaeb Series is presented by Merchants Association of Florida.

He's a musician, composer, actor, director and writer. But most importantly, Davis is a bluesman. The blues permeates every corner of Davis' creativity. Throughout his career, he has dedicated himself to reviving the traditions of acoustic blues and bringing them to as many ears as possible through the material of the great blues masters, African American stories and his own original songs, stories and performance pieces.

Musically, Davis has been influenced by such great blues musicians as Blind Willie McTell (and his way of storytelling), Skip James, Manse Lipscomb, Mississippi John Hurt, Elizabeth Cotton and Buddy Guy, among others. And it was through Taj Mahal that he found his way to the old time blues. His writing and storytelling have been influenced by Zora Neale Hurston, Garrison Keillor and by the late Laura Davis (his 105-year-old grandmother).

This performance by Guy Davis is part of the Straz Center's Club Jaeb series. On the occasional Monday night, the Jaeb Theater is transformed into an intimate space featuring music that touches our lives. Audiences can come early for the 6:30 p.m. Monday Music Mingle, with affordable light snacks and drinks and then stay to see the show.

Regularly priced tickets for the Monday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. performance by Guy Davis are \$25.50 and may be purchased by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside Tampa Bay, in person at the Straz Center Ticket Office or online at www.strazcenter.org. For more information about the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts and its upcoming events, please visit www.strazcenter.org.

Events, days, dates, times, performers and prices are subject to change without notice.

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