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MUSIC FOR THE MASSES

6 top venues for live tunes:

>>GREEN MILL

The Jazz Age lives on in this beautifully weathered old club, once the hangout of a certain Chi-town gangster named Capone and still one of the coolest venues in town. Picks: Uptown Poetry Slam (Su); Alan Gresik's Swing Shift Orchestra (Th). 4802 N. Broadway Ave., 773-878-5552.

>>EMPTY BOTTLE

This Ukrainian Village hipster hangout is the place for everything from indie

pop and British rock to electronic and experimental acts, seven days a week. Picks: The Hoyle Brothers (F); Los Campesinos (May 26-27). 1035 N. Western Ave., 773-276-3600.

>>UNDERGROUND WONDER BAR

Reggae, jazz, funk, blues, R&B—it's all on tap at this cozy Gold Coast hangout, with live music nightly till 4 am (Sa 5 am). Picks: Lorie Walker and her Big Bad Ass Company Band (W, F, Sa); Insane Plantains (Su). 10 E. Walton St., 312-266-7761.

>>BUDDY GUY'S LEGENDS

When it comes to Chicago blues, Buddy Guy's is the place, with nightly performances from local and national performers. Picks: Lonnie Brooks (May

2); Shemekia Copeland (May 9). 754 S. Wabash Ave., 312-427-0333.

>>SCHUBAS

Check out this intimate Lakeview bar and club for up-and-coming folk, pop, rock and honky-tonk artists every night. Picks: Tina Dico (May 6); The Heavenly States (May 16). 3159 N. Southport Ave., 773-525-2508.

>>OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC

An institution in the teaching of folk music since 1957, this school also puts on some great live shows. Picks: Chicago Blues Round Robin (May 4); gay and lesbian series Alt Q (May 17). 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-728-6000.



→ The Silk Road Theatre Project was recently honored by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations for promoting multicultural dialogue. 312-857-1234.