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## At the Blues Festival...



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Corky Siegel, with Chicago's Siegel-Schwall Band, wails on his harmonica on Sunday.

Kicking off the mainstage proceedings, the Siegel-Schwall Band provided some sweet memories for Chicago clubgoers of the late '60s. It's been 23 years since they were a working band, but these professionals never miss a beat at their frequent reunion gigs.

Frontman Corky Siegel has been playing his harmonica with string quartets and symphony orchestras in recent years, so it was no surprise to see Siegel in good humor for his blues fest appearance, playing his harp while lying on his back and rehashing the group's old favorites with sheer joy.

*Jeff Johnson*