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### Sykes, Davis ... Deliver

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"A big slice of Memphis music will be served up Friday, March 3, at the White Water Tavern with headliners Keith Sykes and Jimmy Davis and duo Jed and Kelley on their self-proclaimed "World Tour of I-40." Sykes has been a big mover and shaker in Memphis, hooking up with various artists (for example, John Prine, the Judds, Jimmy Buffet) to write songs/perform with/produce for them. (For Parrotheads: Sykes was the co-writer of your anthem, "Volcano.") It's fun Americana, with some serious talent involved. For fans, it's probably up in the air whether it would be more enjoyable to sit back and watch or get up close and personal with the stage area. Some recognizable Sykes albums are "The Way That I Feel," "I'm Not Strange, I'm Just Like You," "It Don't Hurt to Flirt" (our personal favorite), "Advanced Medication for the Blues," and most recently, "All I Know." Jimmy Davis is known for his work with his rock band the Junction and has also been a big hoo-ha in the Mid-South area. Some may remember the song "Kick the Wall," which was featured on MTV in the 1980s. Taking Junction guitarist Tommy Burroughs with him to form the Riverbluff Clan, Davis expanded his repertoire to country and bluegrass-inspired rock and released the albums "One Night in a Month of Sundays" and "Two Quarts Low." Now taking the solo route, Davis is spending time in the studio for his next album, "Campfire Songs." Jed and Kelley, an acoustic country duo who've been compared to Buddy and Julie Miller and whom Sykes produced, will open. "Lose to Win" is Jed and Kelley's latest album."

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