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BUDDY GUY

KEEPS THE BLUES EXPANSIVE

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While Chicago bundles up and hunkers down in the middle of winter, January recharges Buddy Guy. Every year, the blues hero sets this month aside for a series of gigs at his club, Buddy Guy's Legends. These performance nights are billed as intimate, and they do bring him closer to audiences than his usual appearances at theaters and outdoor pavilions. But Guy also makes the venue seem larger than it is, since he never believed that the usual sort of performer/audience, stage/rest-of-the-room divisions actually exist.