



The Kentuckiana Blues Society
PO Box 755
Louisville, KY 40201-0755

Spring 2010

RE: Kentuckiana Blues Society
2010 Annual Blues Contests

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! The Kentuckiana Blues Society will be presenting the 2010 Band Contest at Stevie Ray's on Sunday, June 27, the 2010 Solo/Duo Contest at Lisa's Oak Street Lounge on Sunday, August 15 and the 2010 Youth Contest on Sunday, October 17 at the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. Because our society is an affiliate member of the Blues Foundation, the winner of these events will receive an automatic berth in the International Blues Challenge (IBC) held in Memphis in February 2011.

This competition is a regional event, and we encourage any blues act to compete. Interested groups will need to send a photo, a demo tape or CD (non-returnable), a \$25.00 entry fee (made payable to the Kentuckiana Blues Society), and an application by the deadline to:

Blues Contest
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The deadline for the band contest is June 11, for the solo/duo contest is August 2 and for the youth contest is October 1.

To be eligible, the band or act cannot have ever been on a final Handy Awards Ballot nor won the KBS Contest the previous year. Note that the Kentuckiana Blues Society follows the eligibility requirements of the Blues Foundation with the additional requirement that all band and solo/duo contestants must be 21 years old or over by the date of the competition and the act must reside and/or play regularly in the Kentuckiana area (Kentucky and Southern Indiana). (See the Blues Foundation's web site at <http://www.blues.org/ibc/> for details). We will also accept CD's for the Best Self-Produced CD category (no entry fee required). The deadline for the CD contest is October 15.

Each group will be allotted 20-30 minutes to play and will be judged on blues content, vocal talent, instrument talent, originality and stage presence. The playing order of the bands will be by blind draw the day of the contest. The winner of the band category will receive \$750, recording time at a local studio (as donated by the studio), perform at the 2010 Garvin Gate Blues Festival and receive a berth to the IBC in 2011; the winner of the Solo/Duo category will receive \$250, recording time at a local studio (as donated by the studio), will perform at the KBS Anniversary Party in November and receive a berth to the IBC in 2011. The winner of the Youth category will receive \$200 and receive a berth to the IBC in 2011. CD contest winners will represent the KBS in the 2011 IBC Best Self-Produced CD contest.

Attached is an application form or you can find them on-line at kbsblues.org. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached at prez@kbsblues.org or (502) 724-9971.

Sincerely,

Gary Sampson, President
Kentuckiana Blues Society

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