



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

Summer 2009

**RE: Kentuckiana Blues Society
2009 Annual Blues Contest**

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! The Kentuckiana Blues Society will be presenting the 2009 Youth Blues Contest on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church located at 1722 Bardstown Rd in Louisville, KY. Because our society is an affiliate member of the Blues Foundation, the winner of this event will receive an automatic berth in the International Blues Challenge (IBC) held in Memphis in January, 2010.

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 October 26, 2009, to:

Youth Blues Contest
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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 requirement that all members must be under the age of 21 years on the date of the KBS competition and the International Blues Challenge in Memphis on January 23, 2010; the act must reside and/or play regularly in the Kentuckiana area (Kentucky and Southern Indiana); and the act cannot have won the most previous KBS contest. (See the Blues Foundation's web site at <http://www.blues.org/ibc/> for details).

We hope to have good response from a large number of entries for the competition. Each group will be allotted 20-30 minutes to play, depending on the number of acts, and will be judged on blues content, vocals, talent, stage presence and originality. The playing order of the acts will be by blind draw the day of the contest. The winner of the youth category will receive a \$100 prize and will be the KBS representative at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN on January 22-23, 2010.

Attached is an application form. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (502) 724-9971.

We encourage all types of blues acts to participate, including acoustic, amplified, solo or group performers. *So get your act together and join the fun!*

Sincerely,

Gary Sampson, President
Kentuckiana Blues Society

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