



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

Spring 2009

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! The Kentuckiana Blues Society will be presenting the 2009 Annual Blues Contest for Bands on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Stevie Ray's Blues Bar located at 230 E. Main Street in Louisville; and for Solo/Duo Acts on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Lisa's Oak Street Lounge located at 1004 E Oak St in Louisville. Because our society is an affiliate member of the Blues Foundation, the winner of these events will receive an automatic berth to the International Blues Challenge (IBC) held in Memphis, in early 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 May 30, 2009, to:

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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 additional requirements that all members must be 21 or over by the date of the competition; 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 and will be judged on blues content, talent, stage presence and originality. The playing order of the bands will be by blind draw the day of the contest. The winner of the band category will receive a \$500 cash prize, recording time at a local studio (as donated by the studio) and will appear at the 2009 Garvin Gate Blues Festival in October; the winner of the Solo/Duo category will receive a \$100 cash prize, recording time and possible performance opportunities.

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

We will also accept CDs for the Best Self-Produced CD category (no entry fee required). CDs must have been released between Nov 1, 2008 and Oct 31, 2009. Entrants should send a copy of the CD to KBS at the address above for consideration.

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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