

Blues Society of Western Pennsylvania

The Blues Society of Western Pennsylvania has the pleasure to announce that their 6th **Annual Blues Challenge Finals** will be held on **Saturday, April 10** at Ramada Inn (Greentree) 401 Holiday Inn Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 (412-922-8100). Why set a date this early, you ask? With respect to our participants, we have set a date far enough in advance so that each band can plan their schedules around that date.

The **2010 Blues Competition** will be a one day event. There will be a category for bands and a category for solo/duo acts. There will be one winning band entry and one winning solo/duo entry as determined by a panel of judges. The winners of the competition will represent the BSWPA in Memphis in early 2011.

Why enter the Blues Challenge? The gain that you will realize with your entry will be that your band will get to show its best twenty minutes of work. The benefits that each band will realize are:

- Using your creative talents to develop original material
- Competing with fellow musicians in your field
- Exposure to a new, broader fan base through the competition
- The winning band and solo/duo will have a slot in the 2011 International Blues Competition in Memphis, TN
- The possibility of attracting national, regional and local attention
- Cash prize awarded on day of finals competition to winning solo/duo and band

The attached application should be filled out and returned by March 1, 2010 to secure your place on the competition roster.

Please forward your formal application to either of the following:

1. Blues Society of Western PA, P.O. Box 97978, Pittsburgh, PA 15227
2. Apply online through the Blues Society website, bswpa.org

After receiving your application, our BSWPA liaison will be your contact through out the event process. It is our intention to improve and enhance our communication with the bands. Each band will receive advance notification of the Challenge's rules and judging criteria that is mandated by the International Blues Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the **band liaison...724-378-8926 or 2golfers2@comcast.net** We sincerely hope that you **accept this challenge** as a worthwhile opportunity and join us for a spectacular event.

Sincerely,
Jonnye Weber, President
724-378-8926

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2010 International Blues Challenge Application Saturday, April 10, 2010

Ramada Inn (Greentree), 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 412-922-8100

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MARCH 10, 2010

Band/Act name: _____

Solo/duo: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone # _____ Best time to reach _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Bands or Solos members' names and instrument:

Mail application and \$45 fee to:

BLUES SOCIETY BLUES CHALLENGE, P.O. BOX 97978, PITTSBURGH, PA 15227

NEED MORE INFORMATION: Jonnye Weber, BSWPA President 724-378-8926 bswpa.org

CASH PRIZES

\$1000 CASH TO WINNING BAND \$500 CASH TO WINNING SOLO/DUO

Opportunity to represent the Blues Society of Western Pennsylvania at the
2011 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee

There will be a **JimWeber Blues Guitarist Award** given to the best overall guitarist in the competition. The winner of this award will be based on merit, talent and originality. The recipient does not have to be a part of the winning band entry or the winning solo/duo entry.

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- The Criteria for your competing should concentrate on the categories listed in the score sheet-originality, vocal, blues content, stage presence and instrumental talent.
- Each entry will there two hours prior to starting time
- Each entry will check in with stage manager upon arrival
- A backline will be provided. You will have only ten minutes to get on stage after the prior band is done.
- The stage manager will direct you to start getting ready when the band prior to you is on stage
- Each entry is allowed no more than twenty minutes time. You will lose points by going over. You can finish early without point penalty
- When done with your set, each band will be directed to leave the stage quickly.
- A panel of judges will decide the overall winner
- A copy of each judging sheet will be forwarded to you after the competition (minus the judge's names) for you to assess your performance
- The band entry and solo/duo entry will be announced that evening
- Cash prizes will be awarded that evening
- Once your entry has been received with your entry fee, you will be contacted.
- Prior to the performance, you will be given your position in the competition
- Lineups can change, be there early and be prepared to change positions if needed
- Your liaison will contact you and answer any questions that you have before the performance
- The Blues Society of Western PA wishes each entrant good luck and thanks you for your participation
- On day of competition, all band members' families and friends will be offered the blues member price for entry

