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Now is the time to submit entries for  
**THE SYDNEY BLUES SOCIETY**  
**BLUES PERFORMER OF THE YEAR CONTEST**  
**2008**

**BAND CATEGORY:**

**PRIZE: \$2 000 TOWARDS A RETURN AIRFARE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.**

**SOLO/ DUO CATEGORY:**

**PRIZE: \$1 000 TOWARDS A RETURN AIRFARE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.**

The aim of the SBS Blues Performer of the Year is to find the best possible blues band /artist /s to represent the SBS and Australia in Memphis, Tennessee. USA at the International Blues Challenge early in 2009  
(The dates can be viewed on website: [www.blues.org](http://www.blues.org) )

**CDs, Bio's, Photo's, names, address and contact phone numbers are now being accepted from eligible acts.**

**THE RULES**

The SBS reserve the right to accept or refuse Blues acts by review of their CDs.

**Entries will close Friday September 19.** After this date the acts will be selected to perform in the competition. **The heats are on Saturday October 11 and Saturday October 18.**

**The final will be held at The Botany View Hotel on Saturday October 25.**

This is a NSW and ACT wide Blues contest open to any Blues act meeting the criteria below.

Dress code: Neat dress and/or costume.

All members of the act must be at least 18 years old or older.

The Blues act must be prepared to attend the contest at their cost, and remain for the duration of the contest. Any entrant that has another gig during the duration of the contest and leaves the contest will be disqualified. Entrants must be available on site to receive their prize.

Substituting of musicians is not allowed. The members of the act who comprise the act on the night of the contest are the people who will go to Memphis. You cannot substitute players or take different artists to Memphis if you win. Immediate disqualification will apply in these circumstances.

In extreme circumstances of sickness or duress, the SBS committee will review changes to the acts going to Memphis. Their decision on the matter will be final.

The performance time for the contest for each band will be determined by a draw made by the SBS sub committee prior to the contest, no times shall be changed unless reviewed by the SBS sub committee.

Independent judges will judge the contest and scores on the night are final, no correspondence will be entered into.

The blues acts will have 30 minutes playing time, and will lose points if they play over the time, points are not deducted for running under time. Points will be awarded for blues content, originality, stage presence and talent. (This is the same criteria as the International Blues Challenge)

Any Blues act in NSW or ACT may enter as long as they don't have overseas CD distribution.

The Sydney Blues Society Committee has the right to dismiss acts for not complying with the rules of the Contest and for bad behaviour before, during or after this contest.

The Rules are subject to change if the International Blues Challenge rules change.

## **THE PRIZE**

The prize for the Sydney Blues Society Blues Performer of the Year is to represent the Sydney Blues Society and Australia in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

Prize for Bands Category: \$2 000 to put towards the purchase of a return airfare Sydney to Memphis to attend the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

Prize for Soloist or Duo Category: \$1 000 to put towards the purchase of a return airfare Sydney to Memphis to attend the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

All other associated costs must be met by the act and proof of your ability to support your act during the challenge may be required.

The Sydney Blues Society may add to the funds with accommodation and extra's if finances permit. This decision will be made at the discretion of the Sydney Blues Society committee.

## **WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO**

Fill out the entry form (next page)

Your entry form must be accompanied with a presentation pack containing your CD, an 8x10cm colour or B&W photo of the band members that will be competing in Sydney & Memphis with names and addresses. (This need not be a professional publicity shot, but an accurate 8x10cm photo MUST be submitted.)

A brief bio of the band for the event program is needed (this bio will be used for publicity purposes and submitted in Memphis for the International Blues Challenge event program if you win).

The contest winner will be required to supply a copy of any CDs issued under the band's name for eligibility review by the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

The SBS reserves the right to use any contestant's name, voices, pictures, visages and other likeness for the purpose of advertising, publishing and promoting The Blues Performer of the Year Contest or by the IBC for the International Blues Challenge.

Any enquiries, phone: Di Ford on (02) 9411 5456 or email [president@sydneyblues.org](mailto:president@sydneyblues.org)

**Entries should be sent to: The Sydney Blues Society, P. O. Box 197, Newtown. 2042**

## **ENTRY FEES**

The acts that are chosen to play at the contest will be required to pay an entry fee of \$50 for each member of the act. So, if you have 3 people in your act, the entry fee is \$150. No blues act is required to pay the \$50 entry fee, until notification is received from the Sydney Blues Society advising the Act of its acceptance to play in the contest.

Entry fees should be sent to SBS 5 days before the contest, at the above address or by direct debit by Monday October 6, 2008.



**THE SYDNEY BLUES SOCIETY  
BLUES PERFORMER OF THE YEAR CONTEST 2008**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is 18 years of age or older, and is the responsible spokesperson for the individual(s) listed below on this form and herein referred to as The Act. The undersigned spokesperson further attests that The Act meets the Eligibility requirements included in the Official Sydney Blues Society Guidelines and Entry Form.

It is further agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act do hereby accept full responsibility for all taxes and restrictions relating to contest prizes received by The Act, further, each member of The Act, listed, here within permits the Sydney Blues Society and The Blues Foundation USA, Inc, the right to make use of his/her/their names, voices, pictures, visages and other likenesses of The Act for purpose of advertising, publishing and promoting the Sydney Blues Society and the International Blues Challenge through media, including entertainment and music syndicated radio, film and/or television shows presented or produced by the Sydney Blues Society or the Blues Foundation USA Inc. or it's partners or assigns. In addition, the spokesperson and each member of The Act hereby agrees that the Sydney Blues Society or The Blues Foundation USA Inc. will retain total ownership of the program(s), the right to edit the program(s), the right to broadcast the program(s), the right to copyright the program(s) and the right to license others to use these rights.

The undersigned spokesperson, hereby acknowledge that each member of The Act is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by the terms of the Official Sydney Blues Society Guidelines and the Entry Form, as set forth by The Sydney Blues Society.

Spokesperson's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Act \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in the act \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments played by people in the Act \_\_\_\_\_

Spokesperson's Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call \_\_\_\_\_

Night phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Other Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand the Official Sydney Blues Society Guidelines and Event Summary and declare that The Act meets the eligibility criteria and agrees to abide by all the terms set out in this document.**

**All band members need to sign the form below.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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