



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

Summer 2008

**RE: Kentuckiana Blues Society
2008 Annual Blues Contest**

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! The Kentuckiana Blues Society will be presenting the 2008 Annual Blues Contest for Bands on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at Stevie Ray's Blues Bar located at 230 E. Main Street in Louisville; and for Solo/Duo Acts on October 18, 2008 at Zena's Café located at 122 E. Main Street in Louisville. 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 Talent Challenge held in Memphis, February 4-7, 2009.

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 August 29, 2007, to:

Blues Contest
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To be eligible, the band or act cannot have ever been on a final Handy Awards Ballot. Note that the Kentuckiana Blues Society follows the eligibility requirements of the Blues Foundation with the additional requirement that all members must be 21 or over by the date of the competition. (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 30 minutes to play and will be judged on blues content, talent, showmanship, and originality. The playing order of the bands will be by blind draw the day of the contest. The winner of the band competition will receive a \$500 cash prize, recording time at a local studio (as donated by the studio) and opportunities to perform at future KBS events; and the winner of the Solo/Duo competition will receive a \$100 cash prize and recording time.

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

"To preserve, promote and perpetuate the blues tradition"

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