

Crossroads Blues Society
presents the
2017 Crossroads Blues Challenge

RULES

1. Open to all bands and solo/duo entries who live within 150 miles of Rockford AND who have played within approximately 50 miles of Rockford within the last year (August 2016 through August 2017).
2. Entries must complete the entry application and provide a 300 dpi or better photograph of the band.
3. Entries must be accompanied with a \$25 entry fee which will be returned only if the band is not selected to compete in the Crossroads Blues Challenge (CBC).
4. Entries must be accompanied by a three song sampler of the band. If more than three songs are provided, the first three songs on the entry sampler will be used.
5. The act must be willing and able to perform in the Crossroads Blues Challenge on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 at the Lyran Society in Rockford. If they win they must be able to perform at the International Blues Challenge (IBC) held in Memphis, Tennessee from January 16 to 20, 2018. If the winning act does not compete in Memphis they will forfeit and refund all travel expenses raised by Crossroads Blues Society back to Crossroads.
6. If an act was ever nominated for a Blues Music Award (or the former W.C. Handy Award), the act is ineligible to compete in the CBC and IBC.
7. An act is limited to three total appearances at the IBC with a maximum of two consecutive appearances at the IBC; after two they must then sit out at least one year before being eligible to compete again. Any act under the same name will not be allowed to compete three consecutive years.
8. An individual may not compete in more than one act in any capacity. A musician cannot compete in the Band Division and the Solo/Duo Division, even if that musician represents a different Affiliate in each.
9. The CBC and IBC adhere to the following criteria for what constitutes a band: any act with three or more musicians. Vocalists are counted as musicians for the purpose of this competition. Both electric and acoustic instruments are allowed. Solo/duo is one or two musicians.
10. The signature on the entry form signifies that the above rules are understood and will be complied with. Failure to perform in Memphis as agreed to will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all privileges and prizes.

The winners of the 2017 CBC (1 band and 1 solo/duo) will receive:

1. The total of all entry fees received for the 2016 CBC date of their competition.
2. A paid engagement at one of our Crossroads Events. The band will be paid at least \$600 and \$200 for solo/duo (negotiable).
3. Crossroads will assist with other fundraising efforts to be agreed to after the CBC.

All judges decisions are final.

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Entry Form must be submitted with \$25 entry fee by 10/1/17

Mail to Crossroads Blues Society
PO Box 840
Byron, IL 61010

Band Name _____

Band Member _____ Instrument _____

Contact Information:

Band Leader _____

Phone _____

Other Contact _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____