

DETROIT BLUES CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Complete and email to Detroit Blues Society Secretary Ken Marten at

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Call Ken with questions at 313-657-3706

Solo/duo challenge is 6 pm Friday, June 12, at Lagerhaus 5

Band challenge is 3 pm Sunday, July 12, at Cadieux Cafe

Name of act:

Primary contact person:

Email Address:

Phone Number(s):

Mailing Address:

Website/Facebook:

Has anyone in the act ever been nominated for a Grammy or BMA/Handy Award? N____ Y____

Explain Details: _____

List all band members who will compete in the DBS Challenge. Include full name, instrument:

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DBS Local Challenge Rules

- The musicians listed above are considered committed to the challenge performance. Acts are not permitted to substitute a listed musician for an unlisted musician.
- One member of each act must be present at check-in (see Ken at the venue). The solo/duo check-in is 6:15 pm; the band check-in is 3:15 pm.
- The entire act must be present and on stage for each act's assigned performance time or the act will be disqualified from the challenge.
- Order of performance will be determined by drawing names just prior to the start of the challenge.
- Each act will have 20 or 25 minutes to perform. Exact timeframe will be determined closer to the challenge dates and will depend on the number of registered acts.
- Acts that play 10 seconds longer than the allotted end-time will be cumulatively penalized (10-second increments). Acts that conclude their performance earlier than 3 minutes prior to their end-time will be penalized.
- Acts must acknowledge whether each song during their performance is an original or a cover.
- DBS will provide the winning acts with funds for vehicular transportation to and from Memphis, lodging and parking. Exact funds will be determined in December 2026 and will be based upon an average of gasoline prices by state (Mich, Ohio, Ken, Tenn), and an average of Memphis hotel (double-occupancy) and parking rates for five nights.
- All music must be live. Sampling or backing tracks are not allowed.
- PA/backline/drum kit will be provided. Drummers are required to bring their own cymbals. They may bring their own snare drum and/or bass drum pedal.
- Judges' decisions are final.

The International Blues Challenge will be held January 19–23, 2027, on Beale Street in Memphis.

I have read and agree to the Detroit Blues Society's rules and regulations.

YES _____

NO _____