



Winners Announced

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In early May, a group of Blues music industry professionals including music critics, journalists, festival promoters, music venue managers, producers, musicians and other Blues music industry professionals nominated the best in Blues music in twelve categories. Blues Blast Magazine subscribers began voting to determine the winners on July 1 with only one vote per person allowed. Congratulations to all of the winners and all the nominees!

The Blues Blast Music Awards are presented by Blues Blast Magazine, the largest FREE weekly internet Blues magazine with over 37,000 Blues fan subscribers located in all 50 states and in more than 90 countries.

2017 Blues Blast Music Award Nominees

Winners in **bold with yellow highlight**

Contemporary Blues Album

- **Samantha Fish - Chills & Fever**
- [Monster Mike Welch & Michael Ledbetter](#) - Right Place Right Time
- [Ronnie Baker Brooks](#) - Times Have Changed
- [Kilborn Alley Blues Band](#) - The Tolono Tapes
- [John Mayall](#) - Talk About That
- [Coco Montoya](#) - Hard Truth

Traditional Blues Album

- [Billy Flynn](#) - Lonesome Highway
- [Dennis Gruenling](#) - Ready Or Not
- [Big Jon Atkinson & Bob Corritore](#) - House Party at Big Jon's
- [Mississippi Heat - Cab Driving Man](#)
- [Barrelhouse Chuck](#) - Remembering The Masters
- [John Primer & Bob Corritore](#) - Ain't Nothing You Can Do

Soul Blues Album

- [Dave Keller](#) - Right Back Atcha
- [William Bell](#) - This Is Where I Live
- [Roland Johnson](#) - Imagine This
- [Lauren Mitchell](#) - Desire
- [Thornetta Davis - Honest Woman](#)
- [JJ Thames](#) - Raw Sugar

Rock Blues Album

- [Ana Popovic](#) - Trilogy
- [Nick Moss](#) - From the Root to the Fruit
- [Albert Castiglia](#) - Big Dog
- [Joanna Connor](#) - Six String Stories
- [Sean Chambers](#) - Trouble & Whiskey
- [Mike Zito - Make Blues Not War](#)

Acoustic Blues Album

- [Ivas John](#) - Good Days Comin'
- [Terry Robb](#) - Cool On The Bloom
- [Cary Morin](#) - Cradle to the Grave
- [Doug MacLeod](#) - Live In Europe
- [John Long](#) - Stand Your Ground
- [Guy Davis & Fabrizio Poggi](#) - Sonny and Brownie's Last Train
- [Fiona Boyes - Professin' The Blues](#)

Live Blues Recording

- [Alexis P. Suter](#) - AMOS - Live From Briggs Farm Blues Festival
- [The Terry Hanck Band](#) - From Roadhouse To Your House - Live!
- [Omar Coleman](#) - Live At Rosa's Lounge

- **Walter Trout - Alive in Amsterdam**
- The Jimmys - Live From Transylvania
- Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat - Live At The Kessler

Historical Or Vintage Recording

- Alligator Records 45th Anniversary Collection
- Erwin Helfer - Last Call
- Ruth Brown - Say It Again - Ruth Brown In The 60s
- Lightnin Hopkins -Thinkin' And Worryin' - The Aladdin Singles 1947-1952
- **Roy Buchanan - The Genius Of The Guitar - His Early Recordings**
- Champion Jack Dupree - Live At Rockpalast: Cologne 1980

New Artist Debut Album

- Robert Finley - Age Don't Mean A Thing
- Tom Dikon & The Jukes Revival - Been A Long Time Baby
- Gene Jackson - 1963
- Vintage #18 - Grit
- **Southern Avenue - Southern Avenue**

Blues Band

- Mississippi Heat
- **Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials**
- Kilborn Alley Blues Band
- Royal Southern Brotherhood
- Nick Moss Band

Male Blues Artist

- **John Mayall**
- Wee Willie Walker
- Barrelhouse Chuck
- Billy Flynn
- Toronzo Cannon
- Bobby Rush

Female Blues Artist

- Annika Chambers
- **Beth Hart**

- Lisa Mann
- Trudy Lynn
- Deb Ryder
- Thornetta Davis

Sean Costello Rising Star Award

- Quinn Sullivan
- Lauren Mitchell
- **Southern Avenue**
- Dawn Tyler Watson
- Vanessa Collier