

# BMA 2023 Nominees

## Acoustic Album

*Acoustic Burnside*, Duwayne Burnside

*Ain't Nobody Worried*, Rory Block

*Mississippi Son*, Charlie Musselwhite

*Thanks For Tomorrow*, Harrison

Kennedy

*The Insurrection Blues*, Corey Harris

## Acoustic Artist

Doug MacLeod

Guy Davis

Harrison Kennedy

Rhiannon Giddens

Rory Block

## Album of the Year

*The Blues Don't Lie*, Buddy Guy

*Hard Times*, John Primer

*Done Come Too Far*, Shemekia Copland

*May Be the Last Time*, John Németh

*Leave the Light On*, The Love Light

Orchestra

## B.B. King Entertainer

Bobby Rush

Eric Gales

Mr. Sipp (Castro Coleman)

Sugaray Rayford

Tommy Castro

## Band of the Year

Anthony Geraci & The Boston Blues  
Allstars

John Nemeth and the Blue Dreamers

Rick Estrin and the Nightcats

Southern Avenue

Tedeschi Trucks Band

## Best Emerging Artist Album

*Buchanan Lane*, Yates McKendree

*Drums, Roots & Steel*, DaShawn

Hickman

*Major League Blues*, Jose Ramirez

*Scream, Holler & Howl*, Blue Moon

Marquee

*Who Is He?*, Dylan Triplett

## Blues Rock Album

*Crown*, Eric Gales

*Devil May Care*, Tinsley Ellis

*Highs & Lows*, Bernard Allison

*I Got Love*, Albert Castiglia

*Open Road*, Colin James

## Blues Rock Artist

Albert Castiglia

Joanne Shaw Taylor

Tinsley Ellis

Tommy Castro

Walter Trout

**Contemporary Blues Album**

*Blues Without You*, Larry McCray

*Done Come Too Far*, Shemekia

Copeland

*Hard to Kill*, Janiva Magness

*I Ain't Playin'*, Diunna Greenleaf

*The Blues Don't Lie*, Buddy Guy

**Contemporary Blues Female Artist**

Beth Hart

Janiva Magness

Ruthie Foster

Teresa James

Vanessa Collier

**Contemporary Blues Male Artist**

Chris Cain

Christone "Kingfish" Ingram

Mr. Sipp (Castro Coleman)

Ronnie Baker Brooks

Selwyn Birchwood

**Instrumentalist - Bass**

Bob Stroger

Danielle Nicole

Larry Fulcher

Michael "Mudcat" Ward

Willie J. Campbell

**Instrumentalist - Drums**

Chris Layton

Cody Dickinson

Derrick D'Mar Martin

Kenny "Beedy Eyes" Smith

Tony Braunagel

**Instrumentalist - Guitar**

Chris Cain

Christoffer "Kid" Andersen

Joanna Connor

Kirk Fletcher

Laura Chavez

**Instrumentalist - Harmonica**

Billy Branch

Bob Corritore

Dennis Gruenling

Jason Ricci

John Nemeth

**Instrumentalist - Horn**

Deanna Bogart

Gregg Piccolo

Jimmy Carpenter

Mark Kaz Kazanoff

Sax Gordon Beadle

**Instrumentalist - Pinetop Perkins Piano  
Player**

Anthony Geraci

Ben Levin

Dave Keyes

Jim Pugh

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne

**Instrumentalist - Vocals**

Curtis Salgado

Danielle Nicole

Diunna Greenleaf

John Nemeth

Shemekia Copeland

### Song of the Year

**"Great Minds Drink Alike"** Written by  
Jeff Schroedl

**"I Want My Crown"** Written by Eric  
Gales, Joe Bonamassa, & James House

**"The Blues Don't Lie"** Written by Tom  
Hambridge

**"The Last Time"** Written by John Németh

**"Too Far To Be Gone"** Written by John  
Hahn & Will Kimbrough

### Soul Blues Album

**Golden Girl**, Trudy Lynn

**Heartache by the Pound**, Kirk Fletcher

**In Too Deep**, Sugaray Rayford

**Leave the Light On**, The Love Light  
Orchestra

**Progeny**, Kat Riggins

### Soul Blues Female Artist

**Annika Chambers**

**Kat Riggins**

**Thornetta Davis**

**Trudy Lynn**

**Vaneese Thomas**

### Soul Blues Male Artist

**Billy Price**

**Curtis Salgado**

**Don Bryant**

**John Németh**

**Johnny Rawls**

### Traditional Blues Album

**Bob Corritore & Friends: You Shocked  
Me** Bob Corritore

**Hard Times**, John Primer

**May Be the Last Time**, John Németh

**Straight From the Heart**, Kenny Neal

**They Called It Rhythm & Blues**, Duke  
Robillard

### Koko Taylor Award (Traditional Blues Female Artist)

**Deitra Farr**

**Diunna Greenleaf**

**Rhiannon Giddens**

**Rory Block**

**Sue Foley**

### Traditional Blues Male Artist

**Billy Branch**

**Duke Robillard**

**John Primer**

**Johnny Burgin**

**Sugar Ray Norcia**