



# BLUES NEWS

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## OFFICIAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE PREZ

First of all I want to THANK YOU!! For making the NBTB Festival a success. Jeff Augsburger and his volunteers had everything covered. Our Board Members did whatever it took to make this the best one yet! Eric had to be sitting somewhere with his arms crossed and that famous smile on his face.

Now it's time to look at the great lineup we have for the 3rd Friday events, including the Blues Deacons in August and Kilborn Alley for our Society's 10th Anniversary, in September. Can you say 'Wow!' The Normal Sweetcorn Blues Festival is coming up. There's some of our Member's bands in the lineup:

### **Saturday, Aug 28**

1:00 - 2:30 Joe Zaklan Band

3:00 - 4:30 Matthew Curry & the Blues Fury

### **Sunday, Aug 29**

12:30 - 1:45 Steve "The Harp" Mehlberg

2:15 - 3:45 Hip Pocket

Check out the Budweiser Illinois Blues Festival Labor Day weekend. Matthew Curry & the Blues Fury will compete in the RCBS Challenge. Meetings are now at the Treehouse on the third Friday of the month at 5:45 pm. OK??  
Randy

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Hope we didn't miss anyone, but if we did...THANKS!!!

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**THE BLUES FOUNDATION'S 30<sup>TH</sup> BLUES MUSIC AWARDS WILL BE AVAIL-  
ABLE ON PBS FEED THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2010  
VIA LOCAL AFFILIATE WKNO**

**[Memphis, TN]** The Blues Foundation is very proud to announce that the 30th Blues Music Awards—that you loved so much on DVD—is coming to public television. Memphis public television station WKNO is presenting a 90-minute television version featuring winners' acceptance speeches and performances available via the NETA (National Educational Telecommunications Association) satellite. Check with your local PBS station for the air time in your area!

This annual event, held in Memphis, TN, brings together Blues performers, industry representatives and fans from all over the world to celebrate the best in Blues recordings and performances from the previous year. Each year, the Foundation presents The Blues Music Awards to the artists selected by its members. They are universally recognized as the highest honor given to Blues artists.

“We are thrilled for the opportunity to have our 30<sup>th</sup> Blues Music Awards DVD available to PBS viewers in August,” said The Blues Foundation’s Executive Director Jay Sieleman, “it’s another step in the direction of creating a larger audience for the blues.”

BB King was on hand to present the BB King Entertainer of the Year Award.



Blues in the Schools is a well-established part of the blues music community. This year more than ever it seems, it could be called Blues in the Summer School. There are a number of camps around the country for young blues musicians and The Blues Foundation has been involved in one way or another with several of these.

Affiliate Blues Lovers United of San Diego's *Blues In The Schools* (BITS) program is offering its first ever **Blues Music Summer Camp** for ages 11-15 in two sessions in July and August. BITS is just wrapping up its biggest year ever, reaching over 10,000 San Diego County students with live blues performances/presentations; we're launching our pilot summer day camp program, and are about halfway through a series of events to get 1,000 harmonicas into the hands and hearts of young musicians. For more information, contact BITS@BLUSD.org or visit [www.blusd.org](http://www.blusd.org).

KidsROCK in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Alabama Blues Project in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Columbia College in Chicago, the Jazz Academy in Columbus, Ohio and the Pinetop Perkins Foundation in Clarksdale, Mississippi have all had or are having summer blues camps. And I am sure there are plenty more!!

Congratulations to the first Generation Blues honorees – Brandon Bailey, [Cale Hawkins](#), [Will Jacobs](#), and [Hunter Wolfe](#). Brandon, 18 from Memphis, TN, will be attending [Blues Week at Augusta](#); Cale, 17 from Bemus Point, NY, and Hunter, 18 from Orange, VA, will be attending [Blues Camp at Columbia College](#); and Will, 17 from Wilmette, IL will be attending [Berklee College of Music-Guitar Sessions](#). The Blues Foundation is proud to award scholarships to each of these deserving individuals. For more information on Generation Blues, Google it.

### **The 2011 International Blues Challenge will have a new format.**

Randy ,

The dates for the 2011 International Blues Challenge (IBC) will be February 1-5, in the Beale Street Historic District in Memphis, Tennessee.

We will begin the week with the FedEx International Showcase (Feb 1). IBC will move to a four day format. This new format will include 2 days of quarter finals (Feb 2-3), one day of semi-finals (Feb 4) and concluding with finals in the beautiful Orpheum Theater (Feb 5). The Youth Showcase will continue in 2011 on Friday (Feb 4) in venues on Beale Street.

Registration will open in September. Affiliates that are current will be emailed codes and instructions once the registration page is opened. Act registration will end on November 24, 2010. No late submissions will be accepted. Please schedule your competitions accordingly!

International Blues Challenge information can be found on the IBC page of our website.

Joe Whitmer  
The Blues Foundation