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## THE BLUES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 37TH BLUES MUSIC AWARD NOMINEES

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The Blues Music Awards are universally recognized as the highest accolade afforded blues music performers. The annual Blues Music Awards ceremony is the premier event for blues professionals, musicians, and fans from all over the world.

The focus of this celebration is to honor this rich cultural tradition by recognizing the past year's superior achievements in blues performance, songwriting, and recording.

James Harman leads the list with five nominations, with Anthony Geraci and Sugaray Rayford close behind with four nominations each. Harman and Geraci will go head to head in three categories: Best Song, Best Album, and Best Traditional Blues Album. Harman's special gift at musical storytelling combined with the soulful sound on his newest release 'Bonetime' propelled him to a nomination as Best Traditional Male Blues Artist, and his strong musicianship opened the door for a nomination as Best Instrumentalist-Harmonica, while Geraci's piano finesse led to a nomination for the Pinetop Perkins Piano Player.

Rayford, with a more modern sound, received nods for Contemporary Blues Album and Contemporary Blues Male Artist as well as Best Song and B.B. King Entertainer. 2016 Grammy nominated Cedric Burnside and Shemekia Copeland along with Doug MacLeod, The Cash Box Kings, Victor Wainwright and Wee Willie Walker each received three nominations.

A ballot will be soon be sent to all Blues Foundation members as they have the privilege of deciding which nominees will actually take home a Blues Music Award in May.

### 37TH BLUES MUSIC AWARD NOMINEES

#### - Acoustic Album

Doug MacLeod - Exactly Like This  
Duke Robillard - The Acoustic Blues & Roots of Duke Robillard  
Eric Bibb - Blues People  
Guy Davis - Kokomo Kidd  
The Ragpicker String Band - The Ragpicker String Band

#### - Acoustic Artist

Doug MacLeod  
Eric Bibb  
Gaye Adegbalola  
Guy Davis  
Ian Siegal

#### - Album

Anthony Geraci & the Boston Blues All-Stars - Fifty Shades of Blue  
Buddy Guy - Born to Play Guitar  
James Harman - Bonetime  
The Cash Box Kings - Holding Court  
Wee Willie Walker - If Nothing Ever Changes

- Band

Andy T - Nick Nixon Band  
Rick Estrin & the Nightcats  
Sugar Ray & the Bluetones  
The Cash Box Kings  
Victor Wainwright & the Wild Roots

- B.B. King Entertainer

John Németh  
Rick Estrin  
Shemekia Copeland  
Sugaray Rayford  
Victor Wainwright

- Best New Artist Album

Eddie Cotton - One at a Time  
Igor Prado Band - Way Down South  
Mighty Mike Schermer "" Blues in Good Hands  
Mr. Sipp - The Blues Child  
Slam Allen - Feel These Blues

- Contemporary Blues Album

Buddy Guy - Born to Play Guitar  
Eugene Hideaway Bridges - Hold on a Little Bit Longer  
Shemekia Copeland - Outskirts of Love  
Sonny Landreth - Bound by the Blues  
Sugaray Rayford "" Southside

- Contemporary Blues Female Artist

Beth Hart  
Karen Lovely  
Nikki Hill  
Samantha Fish  
Shemekia Copeland

- Contemporary Blues Male Artist

Brandon Santini  
Eugene Hideaway Bridges  
Jarekus Singleton  
Joe Louis Walker  
Sugaray Rayford

- Historical Album

The Henry Gray/Bob Corritore Sessions, Vol. 1, Blues Won't Let Me Take My Rest on Delta Groove Records  
Hawk Squat by J. B. Hutto & His Hawks on Delmark Records  
Southside Blues Jam by Junior Wells on Delmark Records  
Buzzin' the Blues by Slim Harpo on Bear Family Records  
Dynamite! The Unsung King of the Blues by Tampa Red on Ace Records

- Instrumentalist-Bass

Charlie Wooton  
Lisa Mann  
Michael "Mudcat" Ward  
Patrick Rynn  
Willie J. Campbell

- Instrumentalist-Drums

Cedric Burnside  
Jimi Bott  
June Core  
Tom Hambridge  
Tony Braunagel

- Instrumentalist-Guitar

Anson Funderburgh  
Kid Andersen  
Monster Mike Welch  
Ronnie Earl  
Sonny Landreth

- Instrumentalist-Harmonica

Billy Branch  
Brandon Santini  
James Harman  
Jason Ricci  
Kim Wilson

- Instrumentalist-Horn

Al Basile  
Doug James  
Kaz Kazanoff  
Sax Gordon  
Terry Hanck

- Koko Taylor Award (Traditional Blues Female)

Diunna Greenleaf  
Fiona Boyes  
Ruthie Foster  
Trudy Lynn  
Zora Young

- Pinetop Perkins Piano Player

Allen Toussaint  
Anthony Geraci  
Barrelhouse Chuck  
John Ginty  
Victor Wainwright

- Rock Blues Album of the Year

Joe Bonamassa - Muddy Wolf at Red Rocks  
Joe Louis Walker - Everybody Wants a Piece  
Royal Southern Brotherhood - Don't Look Back  
Tinsley Ellis - Tough Love  
Walter Trout - Battle Scars

- Song

'Bad Feet/Bad Hair' written and performed by James Harman  
'Fifty Shades of Blue' written by Anthony Geraci and performed by Anthony Geraci & the Boston Blues All-Stars  
'Gonna Live Again' written and performed by Walter Trout  
'Southside of Tow' written by Sugaray Rayford and & Ralph Carter and performed by Sugaray Rayford  
'You Got It Good (and That Ain't Bad)' written and performed by Doug MacLeod

- Soul Blues Album

Bey Paule Band - Not Goin' Away  
Billy Price & Otis Clay - This Time for Real  
Jackie Payne - I Saw the Blues  
Tad Robinson - Day into Night  
Wee Willie Walker - If Nothing Ever Changes

- Soul Blues Female Artist

Bettye LaVette  
Dorothy Moore  
Missy Anderson  
Toni Lynn Washington  
Vaneese Thomas

- Soul Blues Male Artist

Frank Bey  
Jackie Payne  
Johnny Rawls  
Otis Clay  
Wee Willie Walker

- Traditional Blues Album

Andy T - Nick Nixon Band - Numbers Man  
Anthony Geraci & the Boston Blues All-Stars - Fifty Shades of Blue  
Cedric Burnside Project - Descendants of Hill Country  
James Harman - Bonetime  
The Cash Box Kings - Holding Court

- Traditional Blues Male Artist

Cedric Burnside  
Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin  
James Harman  
Jimmy Burns  
John Primer

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