



Vicksburg Blues Society
Vicksburg BLUES Challenge
Sunday, AUGUST 28, 2016
ENTRY FORM

Solo/Duo Acts and Band Acts
Ameristar Casino-Hotel • Bottleneck Blues Bar
Solo/Duo Competition 2p • Band Competition 5p*

Our Annual Regional Challenge is a preliminary competition of the International Blues Challenge. Winners in the Vicksburg Challenge will advance to compete in Memphis in the 33rd International Blues Challenge (IBC 2017), January 31 – February 4, 2017 in downtown Memphis, TN taking place in the Historic Beale Street Entertainment District.

See more at: <http://blues.org/international-blues-challenge/#sthash.aqxQEF10.dpuf>

The ACT:

Solo/Duo _____

Band _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Band Members who win the Vicksburg Challenge must be the same members to compete in Memphis. Under special circumstances, and with proper notification to VBS, a member may be submitted for consideration to be substituted for the IBC.

Performing Band Member Name

Instruments / Role

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BIO:

Please Submit:

Hi-Resolution Digital Photo _____ Stage Plot _____

Special Requirements:

Entry Fee \$25 / Band • \$15 / Solo or Duo

Fees are Non-Refundable

Winners are required to represent the Vicksburg Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, January 21-February 4, 2017. Winners will receive paid expenses (gas, food and lodging per diem).

Signed:

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Vicksburg Challenge presented by the Vicksburg Blues Society
Affiliate of the Blues Foundation

Deadline to Submit Entry Form and Entry Fee is **AUGUST 1, 2016**

To maximize your opportunity to have your performance promoted, Acts planning to compete are requested to give notification via email to VBS ASAP to Shirley@VicksburgBlues.net.

Eligibility Criteria / Restrictions

Who can enter?

A Blues act cannot enter the International Blues Challenge (IBC) directly. Only a Blues Foundation Affiliate may sponsor an act. The act is eligible as long as it has not ever received a Blues Music Award nomination. An act may not participate in the IBC in three consecutive years. An act may be a Band or a Solo/Duo.

Entrants in the Vicksburg Challenge must be Mississippi residents, residents in the region, or have close family ties and or family history with Mississippi.

Any artist whose name has appeared on a final Handy/Blues Music award is ineligible.

An individual may not compete in more than one act in any capacity.

A musician may not compete in the Band Division and the Solo/Duo Division, even if that musician represents a different affiliate in each.

If an affiliate does not conduct a competition but instead appoints a rep., that rep. may not include a board member or officer.

No other entry restrictions apply. This means that management contracts, booking agent contracts, recording contracts, performance contracts and nationally distributed recordings have no bearing on eligibility.

Scoring Criteria: As an affiliate of the Blues Foundation, we use the established scoring criteria. Categories include TALENT, BLUES CONTENT, STAGE PRESENCE and ORIGINALITY.

Please find detailed info about the IBC: www.blues.org/ibc

More information at our website: www.VicksburgBlues.net

Agreement

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is, in fact, 21 years old or older and, in fact, that all members listed on this form are, in fact, 21 years old or older, and is the responsible spokesperson for the individual(s) listed on this form. The responsible spokesperson is identified by real or stage name, and, herein, referred to as The Act. The Act is defined as a soloist or individuals performing together.

The undersigned spokesperson further attests that each person identified as a member of The Act has not appeared on a final Handy/Blues Music Award ballot and The Act has not competed at the IBC the previous two years representing any blues society or affiliate.

It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby exempt from all liability the Vicksburg Blues Society, Inc., and all persons, organizations, and companies that are directly or indirectly associated with the Annual Vicksburg Regional Blues Challenge.

It is further agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, listed on the Entry Form, permits the Vicksburg Blues Society the right to make use of his/her names, voices, pictures, visages and other likenesses of The Act, for the purpose of advertising, publishing, and promoting the Vicksburg Blues Society.

The undersigned spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of The Act is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by the terms herein stated and the rules of the Challenge as set forth by the Vicksburg Blues Society.

Be sure to read the Blues Challenge Rules before entering the Challenge.

Rules are available at www.VicksburgBlues.net

More IBC rules and information available at www.blues.org/ibc

Please return ENTRY FORMS and FEES to:
Vicksburg Blues Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 373
Vicksburg, MS 39181

Contact:
Shirley Waring
Email: Shirley@VicksburgBlues.net
Office: 601-634-6179
Mobile: 601-529-5000
www.VicksburgBlues.net

THANK YOU for being part of the Vicksburg Challenge. This year promises to be another stellar event!

Shirley Waring
Vicksburg Blues Society, Inc.