



### CONTEMPORARY BLUES ACT

This act should draw upon a more smoothed-out take on the genre that incorporates the influences of rock or pop. The style should be more polished, but still definitely soulful. Contemporary can include anything more modern and yes that can be today's electric sounds from Chicago and Texas, but also California's sound and European, it can also include influences such as hip hop and electronic.

- ★ Ben Rice & The PDX Hustle
- ★ Chad Rupp & the Sugar Roots
- ★ Ty Curtis & Taylor Newville

### "LLOYD JONES" R&B ACT

This act should possess the style of American music that emerged from the various sub-genres of jazz and blues that were popular throughout the first half of the 20th century. They should have deep roots in a variety of soulful styles including Gospel music, with its rhythmic style and spiritual call-and-response vocal arrangements.

- ★ Fenix Rising Band
- ★ LaRhonda Steele Band
- ★ Ben Rice & The PDX Hustle
- ★ Norman Sylvester Band

### TRADITIONAL BLUES ACT

This act should be focused on original styles of blues, not necessarily just acoustic, but the classic era of Chicago or Detroit of the 1950s/early 60s with original electric acts (like John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, Sonny Boy Williamson as examples) and also could include those acts considered Folk, Roots or Americana.

- ★ Bottleneck Blues Band
- ★ Kivett Bednar Band
- ★ Tevis Hodge Jr.

## NEW ACT

These acts are the fresh new faces of blues/roots music in the Northwest -- the 2024 acts that have started performing (or came to your attention.)

- ★ Nikki Jones Band
- ★ Taylor Newville
- ★ Revival Brothers Band
- ★ Ty Curtis and Taylor Newville

## REGIONAL ACT

These should be blues/roots acts that have branched out and performed in 2024 throughout the Northwest with some notoriety BEYOND our local community.

- ★ Ben Rice & the PDX Hustle
- ★ Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots
- ★ Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys

## "DUFFY BISHOP" FEMALE VOCALIST

The 2024 female blues/roots vocalist in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Nikki Jones
- ★ Rae Gordon
- ★ LaRhonda Steele

## "CURTIS SALGADO" MALE VOCALIST

The 2024 male blues/roots vocalist in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ John Kennicott (Johnny Wheels)
- ★ Chad Rupp
- ★ Ben Rice

## "ROBBIE LAWS" ELECTRIC GUITAR

The 2024 electric blues/roots guitarist in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Alan Hager
- ★ Brandon Logan
- ★ Jason JT Thomas
- ★ Kevin Selfe
- ★ TJ Wong

## "TERRY ROBB" ACOUSTIC GUITAR

The 2024 acoustic blues/roots guitarist in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Ellen Whyte
- ★ Alan Hagar
- ★ Mary Flower
- ★ Tevis Hodge Jr
- ★ Ben Rice

## BASS

The 2024 blues/roots bass player in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Lisa Mann
- ★ Timmer Blakely
- ★ Rob Shoemaker
- ★ Jim Solberg

## KEYBOARD

The 2024 blues/roots keyboard player in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Dave Fleschner
- ★ Brady T. Goss
- ★ Pat McDougall
- ★ Steve Kerin

## "JIMI BOTT" DRUMS

The 2024 blues/roots drummer in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Marty Henninger
- ★ Brian Foxworth
- ★ Alec Donn
- ★ Dave Melyan

## HARMONICA

The 2024 blues/roots player in our area who has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Kim Field
- ★ Johnny Wheels (John Kennicott)
- ★ Mitch Kashmar

## HORNS

The 2024 blues/roots horn or horn section in our area that has been particularly notable and outstanding.

- ★ Ben Rice & the PDX Hustle Horn Section - John Dover & Pete Peterson
- ★ Pete Moss
- ★ Renato Caranto

## VENUE

The most notable and outstanding venue for seeing live music in our area in 2024.

Sound quality, booked acts, ease of access, great service, food and beverage quality should be taken into consideration.

- ★ Mekong Bistro
- ★ The Blue Diamond
- ★ Billy Blues Bar & Grill

## NORTHWEST RECORDING

The most notable and outstanding recording released in 2024 and recorded by a Northwest act at a Northwest based studio.

- ★ Gate C23 - Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots
- ★ Crushing on the Bartender - Single by Ben Rice & the PDX Hustle
- ★ So Happening - Single by Ty Curtis

## NATIONAL RECORDING

The most notable and outstanding recording released in 2024 and done by any performer at any studio nationally.

- ★ Fine by Me - Album by Curtis Salgado
- ★ Gate C23 = Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots
- ★ We've Got The Music - United By Music America

## PHOTOGRAPHER

The most notable and outstanding amateur or professional photographer in 2024 who captured live blues music this last year at any indoor or outdoor event.

- ★ Debra Penk
- ★ Norm Eder
- ★ Kathy Rose

## DANCE AMBASSADOR

The most notable and outstanding dancer in 2024 who has graced the blues stages with their talent.

- ★ Bobbi Jane Lassen
- ★ William Crow
- ★ Beth Lucchi

## NORTHWEST EVENT

The most notable and outstanding musical event in the Northwest in 2024

- ★ 27th Annual NW Women Rhythm & Blues Christmas Concerts
- ★ Winter Blues Music Festival 2024
- ★ Peninsula Rhythm & Blues Festival

## PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

The most notable and outstanding blues performance in 2024 by any performer.

- ★ Revival Brothers Band at the Waterfront Blues Festival
- ★ United By Music America at Waterfront Blues Festival
- ★ 27th Annual NW Women Rhythm & Blues Christmas Concerts
- ★ Taylor Newville & Ty Curtis Sail on Sisters Cruise

## THE HURLEY AWARD

The most notable and outstanding 2024 stage crew member.

- ★ Robin Gibson
- ★ Rebecca Rutledge
- ★ Christopher Siverly
- ★ Vic Sorioso

