**40th Blues Music Award Nominees**

**Acoustic Album:**

*A Woman's Soul*, Rory Block

*Black Cowboys*, Dom Flemons

*Global Griot*, Eric Bibb

*Journeys To The Heart Of The Blues*, Joe Louis Walker/Bruce Katz/Giles Robson

*Wish The World Away*, Ben Rice

**Acoustic Artist:**

Ben Rice

Guy Davis

Hadden Sayers

Harrison Kennedy

Rory Block

**Album of the Year:**

*America's Child*, Shemekia Copeland

*The High Cost Of Low Living*, The Nick Moss Band Featuring Dennis Gruenling

*Journeys To The Heart Of The Blues*, Joe Louis Walker/Bruce Katz/Giles Robson

*Rough Cut*, Curtis Salgado and Alan Hager

*Why Did You have To Go*, Anthony Geraci

**B.B. King Entertainer:**

Beth Hart

Bobby Rush

Lil' Ed Williams

Michael Ledbetter

Sugaray Rayford

**Band of the Year:**

Anthony Geraci & The Boston Blues All-Stars

Larkin Poe

Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials

Nick Moss Band

Welch-Ledbetter Connection

**Best Emerging Artist Album:**

*Burn Me Alive*, Heather Newman

*Free*, Amanda Fish

*Heartland And Soul*, Kevin Burt

*Tough As Love*, Lindsay Beaver

*Wish The World Away*, Ben Rice

**Blues Rock Album:**

*The Big Bad Blues*, Billy F Gibbons *High Desert Heat*, Too Slim and the Taildraggers

*Live At The '62 Center*, Albert Cummings

*Poor Until Payday*, The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band

*Winning Hand*, Tinsley Ellis

**Blues Rock Artist:**

Billy F Gibbons

Eric Gales

J.P. Soars

Kenny Wayne Shepherd

Tinsley Ellis

**Contemporary Blues Album:**

*America's Child*, Shemekia Copeland

*Belle Of The West*, Samantha Fish

*Chicago Plays The Stones*, The Living History Band

*Hold On*, Kirk Fletcher

*Wild Again*, The Proven Ones

**Contemporary Blues Female Artist:**

Beth Hart

Danielle Nicole

Samantha Fish

Shemekia Copeland

Vanessa Collier

**Contemporary Blues Male Artist:**

Kenny Neal

Rick Estrin

Ronnie Baker Brooks

Selwyn Birchwood

Toronzo Cannon

**Instrumentalist – Bass:**

Danielle Nicole

Michael "Mudcat" Ward

Patrick Rynn

Scot Sutherland

Willie J. Campbell

**Instrumentalist – Drums:**

Cedric Burnside

Jimi Bott

June Core

Tom Hambridge

Tony Braunagel

**Instrumentalist – Guitar:**

Anson Funderburgh

Christoffer "Kid" Andersen

Laura Chavez

Monster Mike Welch

Ronnie Earl

**Instrumentalist – Harmonica:**

Billy Branch

Bob Corritore

Dennis Gruenling

Kim Wilson

Mark Hummel

**Instrumentalist – Horn:**

Doug James

Jimmy Carpenter

Kaz Kazzanof

Mindi Abair

Nancy Wright

Vanessa Collier

**Pinetop Perkins Piano Player (Instrumentalist – Piano):**

Anthony Geraci

Bruce Katz

Jim Pugh

Marcia Ball

Mike Finnigan

**Instrumentalist – Vocals:**

Beth Hart

Danielle Nicole

Janiva Magness

Michael Ledbetter

Shemekia Copeland

**Song of the Year:**

“Ain't Got Time For Hate,” written by John Hahn and Will Kimbrough

“Angelina, Angelina,” written by Anthony Geraci

“Cognac,” written by Buddy Guy, Tom Hambridge, Richard Fleming

“No Mercy In This Land,” written by Ben Harper

“The Ice Queen,” written by Sue Foley

**Soul Blues Album:**

*Back In Business*, Frank Bey

*Every Soul's A Star*, Dave Keller

*I'm Still Around*, Johnny Rawls

*Love Makes A Woman*, The Knickerbocker All-Stars

*Reckoning*, Billy Price

**Soul Blues Female Artist:**

Annika Chambers

Barbara Blue

Candi Staton

Thornetta Davis

Whitney Shay

**Soul Blues Male Artist:**

Frank Bey

Johnny Rawls

Sugaray Rayford

Wee Willie Walker

William Bell

**Traditional Blues Album:**

*The Blues Is Alive And Well*, Buddy Guy

*The High Cost of Low Living*, Nick Moss Band Featuring Dennis Gruenling

*The Luckiest Man*, Ronnie Earl & The Broadcasters

*Tribute to Carey Bell*, Lurrie Bell & the Bell Dynasty

*Why Did You Have To Go*, Anthony Geraci

**Koko Taylor Award (Traditional Blues Female Artist):**

Fiona Boyes

Lindsay Beaver

Ruthie Foster

Sue Foley

Trudy Lynn

**Traditional Blues Male Artist:**

Anthony Geraci

Cedric Burnside

James Harman

Lurrie Bell

Nick Moss