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Begin your blues journey at Tunica's Gateway to the Blues Museum located on Highway 61 — the Blues Highway. See the story of the blues come to life in all its tormented and anguished glory. You'll experience interactive exhibits, artwork and more—including a recording studio where you'll learn the basics of blues music with a chance to record your very own blues song. So, before you trek through blues country, get in a blues state-of-mind at the Gateway to the Blues Museum.



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# Keeshea Pratt Band

2018 IBC BAND WINNER

Houston Blues Society

In January 2018, my life as I knew it took a full leap. I grew up dreaming and performing in front of the mirror for myself and for my family. It was always my dream to be a superstar performing all over the world, spreading love through music. I knew at an early age that I was born to be an entertainer. Sometimes we go on with our lives and forget to stop believing in our dreams, the dreams that a higher power put inside of us to show us our purpose! Well, on a cold Saturday night in Memphis—January 20, 2018, to be exact—my deferred dream began to become my reality. My band won The Blues Foundation's 34th International Blues Challenge. Immediately that night, people were asking me, "How does it feel?" "What are you feeling right now?" "Are you excited?" At first my response was gonna be the cliché thing to say, "Oh my God, I don't know what to say." But I couldn't. This was my response: "I am grateful, I am astonished, I am overjoyed, yet I know that with this win comes a responsibility to uphold the



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