



THE BLUES FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE 40TH ANNUAL

# BLUES MUSIC AWARDS

MAY 9 2019



MEMPHIS TN

## 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



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**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  
Mark "Kaz" Kazanoff  
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