



## “Best of the Blues” Nominees Announced: Washington Blues Society BB Awards Return to the Triple Door!

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The Washington Blues Society’s annual BB Awards returns to Seattle’s Triple Door ([www.tripledoor.net](http://www.tripledoor.net)) on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Advance tickets are \$15 for WBS members, \$20 for non-members, and all day of show tickets will be \$25.

The BB Awards honor Washington State blues artists in 28 categories, ranging from bands, solo/duo acts and musicians to graphic artists and blues DJs. The BBs also feature the society’s Lifetime Achievement, Hall of Fame and Keeping the Blues Alive Awards recognizing contributions to blues music in Washington

**Becki Sue and Her Big Rockin’ Daddies** received a total of eight nominations: Blues Band, Electric Blues Guitar (**Tom Boyle**), Blues Bass (**Les White**), Drums (**Jeff Hayes**), Harmonica (**Jim King**), Blues Performer (**Becki Sue**), Blues Recording (**Big City Blues**), and Blues Image (**Big City Blues** CD art, designed by nationally-acclaimed blues visual artist **Phil Chesnut**).

**Mary McPage** returns to the BBs this year with nominations for Blues Female Vocalist, Performer, Keeping the Blues Alive along with nods to bandmates **Billy Page** (Drummer) and **Jevon Powell** (Electric Blues Guitar). **The Red Hotz** picked up nominations for Blues Band, Blues Female Vocalist (**Suze Sims**), Graphic Artist (**Teri Anne Wilson**), Best Non-Festival Event (**Peace Concert with the Red Hotz**), and Performer (**Suze Sims**). **The Red Hotz** represented the South Sound Blues Association at the 2007 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. **The Hudson Blues Band**, the WBS’ 2007 IBC band, received a nomination for its **Headhunter** CD, and they are joined by **Brian Butler** (**Wait All Night**) and **Becki Sue & Her Big Rockin’ Daddies** (**Big City Blues**) in the Blues Recording category.

**Son Jack Jr.** garnered four nominations: Acoustic Blues Guitar, Traditional Blues Artist, Blues Songwriter and Solo/Duo Act. Other nominees include **Highway 99**, **Monahan’s**, and the **Salmon Bay Eagles** (Blues Club), **Aemmer & Clark** (Solo/Duo Act), **Dennis Hacker** (Graphic Artist), **Blues in the Schools** (Keeping the Blues Alive), and the late **Hans Ipsen** (Lifetime Achievement).

Washington Blues Society members will receive nomination ballots during the second week of March, and all members’ ballots must be postmarked by April 2, 2008. New members can help support their favorite blues artists by joining the Washington Blues Society and voting prior to April 2, 2008!

**The Washington Blues Society is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote, preserve and advance the culture and tradition of blues music as an art form. The Washington Blues Society is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible. We are affiliated with the Blues Foundation in Memphis, TN.**

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## The 2008 Washington Blues Society Best of the Blues Awards Nominees

### ***Blues Male Vocalist***

Colonel  
Mark Dufresne  
Charles White

### ***Blues Female Vocalist***

Mary McPage  
Polly O'Keary  
Suze Sims

### ***Electric Blues Guitar***

Tom Boyle  
Scott E. Lind  
Jevon Powell  
CD Woodbury

### ***Slide Blues Guitar***

Rod Cook  
Billy Stapleton  
Mark Riley  
Nick Vigarino

### ***Blues Bass***

Howard Hooper  
Rob Moitoza  
Dominique Stone  
Les White

### ***Drums***

Jeff Hayes  
David Hudson  
Marty Vadalabene  
Billy Page

### ***Horn***

Scotty Harris  
Ron Hendee  
Randy Oxford

### ***Harmonica***

Bill Davis  
Kim Field  
Paul Green  
Jim King

### ***Piano and Keyboards***

Eric "Two Scoops" Moore  
Eric Robert  
Ed Vance  
Beth Wulff

### ***Acoustic Blues Guitar***

Ryan LaPlante  
Son Jack Jr.  
Nick Vigarino

### ***Best Blues Band***

Blues Orbiters  
Mary McPage Band  
Becki Sue & Her Big  
Rockin' Daddies  
The Red Hotz

### ***Traditional Blues Act***

Little Bill  
Ryan LaPlante  
Son Jack Jr.

### ***Solo/Duo Act***

Aemmer & Clarke  
Cooke & Green  
Son Jack Jr.  
Ryan LaPlante  
Alice Stuart

### ***New Blues Band***

Free Reign  
Kim Field & The Mighty  
Titans of Tone  
Curtis Hammond Band  
Unbound

### ***Blues Performer***

Mary McPage  
Suze Sims  
Becki Sue

### ***Blues Songwriter***

Brian Butler  
Son Jack, Jr.  
Polly O'Keary  
Mark Riley

### ***Blues Recording***

*Wait All Night*, Brian Butler  
*Big City Blues*, Becki Sue &  
Her Big Rockin' Daddies  
*Headhunter*, Hudson Blues  
Band

### ***Blues Club***

Highway 99  
Monahan's  
Salmon Bay Eagles

### ***Blues Writer***

Roy Brown  
Rev. Deb Engelhardt  
Malcolm Kennedy

### ***Blues Image***

De Lay Montage/ Hunnewell  
Becki Sue CD Art by Phil  
Chesnut  
Mount Baker Poster

### ***Graphic Artist***

Phil Chesnut  
Dennis Hacker  
Teri Anne Wilson

### ***Blues DJ***

Clancy Dunigan  
John Kessler  
Dave Samson

### ***Keeping the Blues Alive***

Blues in the Schools  
Laurette Langille  
Mary McPage  
Rhea Rolfe

### ***Lifetime Achievement***

Tom Boyle  
Paul Green  
Hans Ipsen  
Chris Leighton  
Mike Lynch  
Alice Stuart

### ***Hall of Fame***

Brian Butler  
Paul Green  
Billy Stoops

### ***Best Non-Festival Event***

Blues Vespers  
Jam for Cans  
Peace Concert with the Red  
Hotz  
WBS Summer Picnic

### ***Best Festival***

Sunbanks  
Mount Baker  
Winthrop

### ***Best Open Blues Jam***

Broomdust Jam from the Past  
at Conor Byrne  
Randy Oxford's Jam at the  
Tulalip Casino  
Oxford Saloon's Thursday  
Night Jam