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## **Washington Blues Society Announces Nominees for 2012 Best of the Blues Awards (“BB Awards”) Show May 6<sup>th</sup> at Seattle’s Triple Door!**

The Washington Blues Society’s annual Best of the Blues Awards (“BB Awards”) returns to Seattle’s Triple Door on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to honor musicians and artists nominated by blues society members in over 25 award categories.

Leading the nominee field this year is the 2012 International Blues Challenge winners The WIRED! Band and Brian Lee and the Orbiters. The WIRED! Band received a total of nine nods, ranging from Blues Act, Traditional Blues Act to Performer and Image, and Brian Lee and the Orbiters received nine nominations ranging from the Mark DuFresne Male Vocalist Award, Slide Blues Guitar, Blues Act, to Blues Recording, for *Identity Theft*. The Washington Blues Society competitors in the solo-duo competition at the 2012 International Blues Challenge, Randy Norris and Jeff Nicely, are in the Solo/Duo category with two other nominees who have competed on Beale Street: Son Jack, Jr. and Michael Wilde and Back Porch Stomp. Norris and Nicely competed in the semi-finals of this year’s International Blues Challenge, the world’s largest gathering of blues bands on fabled Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee.

“I am pleased that there are a number of new nominations on this year’s BB Awards ballot,” said Eric Steiner, Washington Blues Society President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Blues Foundation in Memphis. “We are going to return to the Triple Door and celebrate the blues in the Evergreen State!”

For the first time, one radio station received three Blues DJ nominations: Everett’s KSER-FM, an independent, community-based radio outlet, hosts blues programs from prior BB Award winners Jonathan “Oogie” Richards and Clancy Dunigan. New to this year’s ballot is first-time nominee Robin K, host of the Blue Indigo program on Saturday nights.

The BB Awards will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Seattle’s Triple Door. Advance tickets are \$20 for WBS members, \$25 for non-members. All day of show tickets will be \$35. Tickets: [www.tripledoor.net](http://www.tripledoor.net). WBS members will vote for their favorite nominees by April 15<sup>th</sup> to count in the 2012 awards show. All ballots will be verified against the membership list as of April 15, 2012. The Washington Blues Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, and advancing the culture of blues music in Washington State and is affiliated with the Blues Foundation ([www.blues.org](http://www.blues.org)) in Memphis, Tennessee. More information: [www.wablues.org](http://www.wablues.org)

Attachment: 2012 Nominee Listing

## 2012 Washington Blues Society Best of the Blues (“BB Awards”) Nominees

### Mark DuFresne Blues Male

#### Vocalist:

Curtis Hammond  
Tim “Too Slim” Langford  
Brian Lee  
Kevin Sutton

### Blues Female Vocalist:

Stacy Jones  
Mary McPage  
Suze Sims

### Electric Blues Guitar:

Rod Cook  
Willy Straub  
Kevin Sutton

### Slide Blues Guitar:

Rod Cook  
Brian Lee  
Mark Riley  
Nick Vigarino

### Blues Bass:

Patrick McDanel  
Lissa Ramaglia  
Hank Yanda

### Chris Leighton Drums:

Andrew Cloutier  
Rick Jacobsen  
Carl Martin

### Horn:

Scotty Harris  
Ron Hendee  
James King  
Mike Marinig

### Paul Green Harmonica:

Stacy Jones  
James King  
Brian Lee  
Lee Oskar

### Piano & Keyboards:

Arlin Harmon  
Eric “Two Scoops” Moore  
Steve Thorpe  
Ron Weinstein

### Acoustic Blues Guitar:

Sam Marshall  
Mark Riley  
Nick Vigarino

### Blues Act:

James King & the Southsiders  
The WIRED! Band  
Brian Lee & the Orbiters

### Traditional Blues Act:

Heather B Blues  
Little Bill and the Blue Notes  
Brian Lee & the Orbiters  
Sam Marshall  
The WIRED! Band

### Solo/Duo Act:

Randy Norris & Jeff Nicely  
Son Jack Jr & Michael Wilde  
Back Porch Stomp

### New Blues Band:

Blues Buskers  
Mary McPage & the Assassins  
Dirty Rice  
T Town Aces

### Blues Performer:

Kim Field  
James King  
Brian Lee  
Kevin Sutton

### Blues Songwriter:

Stacy Jones  
Brian Lee  
Kevin Sutton

### Blues Recording:

Brian Lee & the Orbiters, Identity Theft  
Stacy Jones Band,  
No Need to Spell it Out  
James King & the Southsiders,  
Too Faced  
Too Slim & the Taildraggers, Shiver

### Blues Club:

Highway 99 Blues Club  
New Orleans Creole Restaurant  
The Oxford Saloon

### Blues Writer:

Robert Horn  
Malcolm Kennedy  
Eric Maloney

### Blues Image:

Dec 2011 Bluesletter Cover, Blues Boss  
CD Art: Shiver, Nancy Langford  
Mary McPage & Assassins Poster  
WIRED! Washington Blues Poster

### Graphic Artist:

Dimitri Antos  
Dennis Hacker  
Rick Jacobson  
Jesse Phillips

### Blues DJ:

Clancy Dunigan: KSER Everett  
Robin “K,” KSER Everett  
Jonathan “Oogie” Richards, KSER  
Everett

### Keeping the Blues Alive:

Tony Frederickson  
Ed Maloney  
Jonathan “Oogie” Richards, KSER  
Everett

### Lifetime Achievement:

Rod Cook  
Mark Dalton  
Tim “Too Slim” Langford  
Mark Riley

### Hall of Fame:

Andrew Cloutier  
Tommy Morgan  
Tim “Too Slim” Langford

### Non-Festival Blues Event:

Jam for Cans  
Snohomish Blues Invasion  
Taste of Music Snohomish  
Len Schulmeister Fundraiser

### Blues Festival:

Mt Baker Rhythm and Blues Festival  
Winthrop Rhythm and Blues Festival  
Sunbanks Blues Festival

### Open Blues Jam:

Madison Pub - Unbound Blues Jam  
Oxford Saloon – Monday Night Jam  
Raging River Café – Sunday Night Jam

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