

2017 "Billtown Blues Challenge" Festival Audition Application

Only WORKING Blues Bands -or- Solo/Duo Artists based in Pennsylvania will be considered.

If selected, all performing members of your band as described below, must be present at the **Audition Concert on Saturday, March 25, 2017**. If you win the audition, all performing members of your act as described below must be present to perform at the **28th Annual Billtown Blues Festival**. You cannot compete as a solo/duo artist and also compete with a band. The completion and submission of the application does not guarantee acceptance. The audition winners in each category will be eligible to submit for acceptance in the International Blues Competition (IBC) in Memphis for 2018. (For more details on the IBC and eligibility criteria, visit www.blues.org/ibc or www.billtownblues.org)

As our Association does not charge an entrance fee, ALL participating applicants must be a member of the Billtown Blues Association. Example: 5 band members = 5 memberships, same for Solo/Duo

(Membership application is on page 16.)

The Following Items MUST Be Included With Your Application OR IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE:

1. A 300 dpi COLOR photo original for publicity purposes.
(Absolutely NO ink jet or laser prints, or newspaper photos please.)
2. A biography on the members of your band, to be used for publicity purposes.
3. A demo tape or CD with three of your songs. (If there are more than three songs included on the demo, please indicate which three you want to be considered.)
4. BBA membership for all participating applicants.

NOTE: You may E-mail items 1. and 2. above **or** include them on a CD. If you choose to do so, the **COLOR** photo size is 4" x 6", 300 dpi resolution in .jpg or .pdf format. The bio must be a Microsoft Word document (.doc) **or** the text embedded in the body of the E-mail. If using E-mail please send to address below and in the subject line enter: "BBA Audition Application" or it will not be accepted.

Applications must be postmarked on or before January 1, 2017

Mail this completed application (no hand deliveries please) **and** the four required items above to:

**BBA Audition Application
c/o Tom and Lori Butler
557 Main Street
So. Williamsport, PA 17702**

QUESTIONS: Call (570) 322-6237 or E-mail us at hoboblues@wildblue.net

Name of Band: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ (Emergency) cell phone # _____

What city is your band based in: _____ Band's Website: _____

Name(s) of band members and instrumentation: _____

What style of blues do you perform? Electric ___ Acoustic ___ R & B ___ Other _____

List three (3) venues/festivals in which you have performed in the past year:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____