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Washington Blues Society and Anacortes Brewery Proudly Announce the Winners of the 2018 Best of the Blues Awards ("BB Awards")

The Washington Blues Society, in partnership with the Anacortes Brewery, announce the Winner of the annual Best of the Blues Awards presented Sunday April 15th at the Northwest Music Hall in Everett. The awards show honored musicians, artists, events and venues nominated by blues society members in 32 award categories. The show featured dynamic performances from nominees for "Best Band," along with special guests. Congratulations to ALL.

FULL LIST OF 2018 Best of the Blues Awards Winners

MARK DUFRESNE MALE VOCALIST AWARD Chris Eger

BLUES FEMALE VOCALIST Stacy Jones

ELECTRIC BLUES GUITAR CD Woodbury

SLIDE BLUES GUITAR Sean Denton

BLUES BASS Tom Jones

CHRIS LEIGHTON BLUES DRUMMER AWARD Rick J Bowen

BLUES HORN Mike Marinig

PAUL GREEN BLUES HARMONICA AWARD (tie) Stacy Jones Joel Astley BLUES PIANO/KEYBOARD

Michael Baxter

ACOUSTIC BLUES GUITAR

(tie)

Brett Benton

John Maxwell

BLUES INSTRUMENTALIST – OTHER

Mike Marinig

NEW BLUES BAND

Madison Avenue Blues Revue

BLUES BAND

Stacy Jones Band

LITTLE BILL & THE BLUE NOTES TRADITIONAL BLUES ACT

Brian Lee & the Orbiters

SOLO/DUO BLUES ACT

Sheri Roberts Greimes

BLUES PERFORMER

Patti Allen

BLUES SONGWRITER

Stacy Jones

WASHINGTON BLUES RECORDING

Stacy Jones Band "Love is Everywhere"

BLUES CLUB

Madison Avenue Pub

BLUES WRITER

Rick J Bowen

BLUES PHOTO IMAGE

Michele D'Amour & Nora Michaels December Bluesletter Cover by Larry Star

BLUES GRAPHIC IMAGE

CD Cover "Black Crow Callin" Polly O'Keary & The Rhythm Method by Tim Sutherland

BLUES DJ

John Kessler

KEEPING THE BLUES ALIVE AWARD

Rick J Bowen

LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD

Scott E Lind

BEST NON-FESTIVAL BLUES EVENT

Jones Family Christmas

BEST REGIONAL BLUES FESTIVAL

Mt Baker

BEST COMMUNITY BLUES FESTIVAL Ebey Island Freedom Fest

OPEN BLUES JAM Madison Ave Pub – Unbound Blues Jam

WASHINGTON BLUES SOCIETY HALL OF FAME (INDIVIDUAL) Billy Stapleton

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