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Washington Blues Society 2014 Best of the Blues Awards ("BB Awards") Winners Announced!

The Washington Blues Society's annual Best of the Blues Awards ("BB Awards") was held at the Kirkland Performance Center on Sunday, June 29th to honor musicians and artists nominated by blues society members in 29 award categories.

Brian Lee and the Orbiters received awards in the Best Blues Act and the Little Bill and the Blue Notes Traditional Blues Act categories, and guitarist Mark Riley was honored for Slide Blues Guitar and Lifetime Achievement. Riley joins a select group of musicians in the Washington Blues Society Hall of Fame, and Alice Stuart and the Formerlys is the second band inducted in the Hall of Fame (following Little Bill & The Blue Notes). Bandleader CD Woodbury received Blues Songwriter and Electric Blues Guitar awards, and the CD Woodbury Band received the BB Award for Washington Blues Recording ("Monday Night") and band-mate Mike Marinig won for Best Blues Horn. The Stacy Jones Band was honored in the Chris Leighton Blues Drummer (Rick Bowen) and Blues Female Vocalist (Stacy Jones) categories. Bowen also picked up his second plaque as Best Blues Writer. The August 2014 Bluesletter will have complete coverage of the awards; a list of BB Award winners is attached to this announcement.

"The BB Awards is a signature event of the Washington Blues Society and we are pleased to have returned to the Kirkland Performance Center," said Washington Blues Society President Tony Frederickson. "It was an outstanding night of music that honored the past, the present and the future of blues music in the Pacific Northwest. Music Director Cherie Robbins and the rest of the Board of Directors worked hard to put on a memorable show for our members and the musicians honored at this year's BB Awards. The evening featured many nominees performing live and our after-party at Hector's in downtown Kirkland with our Best New Blues Band nominees was amazing!"

The 2015 BB Awards will return to the Kirkland Performance Center for the third straight year on Sunday, April 12th. Advance tickets are \$20 for Washington Blues Society members, \$30 for non-members and \$25 for seniors. Youth 15 and under free. Tickets: <http://www.kpcenter.org>

The Washington Blues Society is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and advancing the culture of blues and roots music in Washington State and is affiliated with the Blues Foundation (www.blues.org) in Memphis, Tennessee. In 2009, the Blues Foundation awarded the prestigious Keeping the Blues Alive Award to the Washington Blues Society for its achievement as a blues society, and in 2012, the blues society's entry into the International Blues Challenge, The WIRED! Band, took home first place honors in the world's largest gathering of blues talent.

Attached: 2014 Washington Blues Society BB Award Winners

2014 Washington Blues Society Best of the Blues ("BB Awards") Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Award Recipient</u>
Mark DuFresne Blues Male Vocalist	Sammy Eubanks
Blues Female Vocalist	Stacy Jones
Electric Blues Guitar	CD Woodbury
Slide Blues Guitar	Mark Riley
Blues Bass	Polly O'Keary
Chris Leighton Blues Drummer	Rick Bowen
Blues Horn	Mike Marinig
Paul Green Blues Harmonica	Jim McLaughlin
Blues Piano/Keyboards	Arthur Migliazza
Acoustic Blues Guitar	Rod Cook
Blues Act	Brian Lee & the Orbiters
Little Bill & the Blue Notes	
Traditional Blues Act	Brian Lee & the Orbiters
Solo/Duo Blues Act	Son Jack, Jr. & Michael Wilde
New Blues Band	Jesse James & the Mob
Blues Performer	James King
Blues Songwriter	CD Woodbury
Blues Recording	"Monday Night" by the CD Woodbury Band
Blues Club	Highway 99 Blues Club
Blues Writer	Rick Bowen
Blues Image	Patti Allen Bluesletter Cover (Photo by Tom Hunnewell)
Blues Graphic Artist	Dennis Hacker
Blues DJ	Jonathan "Oogie" Richards
Keeping the Blues Alive	Paul Quilty & Willow Stone
Lifetime Achievement Award	Mark Riley
Hall of Fame	Mark Riley
Hall of Fame Band	Alice Stuart & the Formerlys
Non Festival Blues Event	Washington Blues Society Blues Bash at the Red Crane (Shoreline, WA)
Blues Festival	Sunbanks
Open Blues Jam	The Madison Pub
Blue to the Bone Award	Don Polson
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