

CBA MUDDY AWARD NOMINATIONS February 2026

CONTEMPORARY BLUES ACT

Alan Hager/Albert Reda Duo

Beacon Street Titans

Billy D and the hoodoos

Bottleneck Blues Band

Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots

Fenix Rising Band

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James Santiago Ortega

Jane Doe featuring Ellen Whyte and Sonny Hess

John Bunzow

Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys

Josh Makosky and Naomi Tatsuoka

Kevin Selfe and The Tornadoes

Kim Field and the Perfect Gentlemen

Kivett Bednar Band

Ms Vee and a Badass Band

Nikki Jones Band

Norman Sylvester Band

Phil Wagner

Pocket Funk

Rae Gordon Band

Taylor Newville and the Riders

The Revival Brothers Band

TJ Wong Band

Ty Curtis

“LLOYD JONES” R&B ACT

Arietta Ward

Ben Rice & the PDX Hustle

Bottleneck Blues Band

Bridge City Soul

Curtis Salgado & Alan Hager

Fenix Rising Band

James Santiago Ortega

Juliet Sings

Kivett Bednar Band

LaRhonda Steele

Lilla

Ms. Vee and a Badass Band

Myrtle Brown and Executive Groove

Mystic Mama

Nikki Jones Band

Pocket Funk

Rae Gordon Band

Rich Layton and the

Sonny Hess Band

Tevis Hodge Jr

The Steele Family

The Strange Tones

TJ Wong Band

Ty Curtis

Vintage Soul

TRADITIONAL BLUES ACT

A. C. Porter

AC Porter And The Live wires

Alan Hager & Albert Reda

Billy D and the Hoodoss

Bottleneck Blues Band

Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots

Fenix Rising Band

Johnny Wheels & the Swamp Donkeys

Kim Field & The Perfect Gentlemen

Kit's Bag O' Cats

Kivett Bednar Band

Mark Shark - Trouble In Mind

Mary Flowers

Ms Vee and a Badass Band

Nikki Jones Band

PDX Preachers

Phil Wagner

Rae Gordon Band

Rich Layton & Tough Town

Suburban Slim Band

Taylor Newville and the Riders

Tevis Hodge Jr

TJ Wong Band

NEW ACT

Beacon Street Titans

Bon Temp Rulers

Jenny Moriarty

Joel Astley Band

Kit's Bag o' Cats

Len & Lan Band

Lilla

Ms Vee and a Badass Band

Naomi Tatsuoka

Nikki Jones Band

PDX Preachers Blues Band

Pocket funk

Sleeper Wave

Sugar Roots

Taylor Newville and the Riders

The Flowtenders

The Fun Guys

The Sportin' Lifers with Erin Wallace

REGIONAL ACT

Ben Rice and the PDX Hustle

Billy Stoops and The dirt angels

Bottleneck Blues Band

Chad Rupp and the Sugar Roots

Ellen Whyte Ensemble

Fenix Rising

Gino Matteo

Joel Astley

Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys

Kivett Bednar Band

Ms Vee and a Badass Band

Nikki Jones Band

Norman Sylvester

NW Women Rhythm & Blues

One Way Out PDX

Polly O'Keary and the Rhythm Method

Rich layton and Tough Town

Strange Tones

Taylor Newville and the Riders

TJ Wong Band

Tommy Castro

Ty Curtis

United by Music America

“CURTIS SALGADO" MALE VOCALIST

AC Porter

Al Polito

Alan Hager

Ben Rice

Brady Goss

Brandon Logan

Brian Foxworth

Cameron Kirkman

Chad Rupp

Fenix Sanders

Hank Shreve

Johnny Wheels

Josh Makosky

Kivett Bednar

Marty Henninger

Norman Sylvester

Phil Wagner

Reggie Houston

TJ Wong

Ty Curtis

“DUFFY BISHOP” FEMALE VOCALIST

Arietta Ward

Taylor Newville

Ellen Wyite

Etta Ward

Jennifer Moriarty

Lady Kat

Lenanne Sylvester Miller

Lilla

Lisa Mann

Ms Vee

Myrtle Brown

Naomi Tatsuoka

Nayibe Rojas

Nikki Jones

Saeeda Wright

Sonny Hess

“ROBBIE LAWS” ELECTRIC GUITAR

AC Porter

Alan Hager

Andrew Mathews

Ben Rice

Brady Goss

Brandon Logan

Cameron Kirkman

Chad Rupp

Chance Hayden

Garry Meziere

Gino Matteo

Jason JT Thomas

Josh Makosky

Kenny Blue Ray

Kevin Selfe

Kit Page

Kivett Bednar

Norman Sylvester

Patrick Stilwell

Santiago

Sonny Hess

Taylor Newville

Terry Robb

TJ Wong

Vyasa Dodson

Whit Draper

“TERRY ROBB” ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Alan Hager

Ben Rice

Billy Stoops

Brandon Logan

Brandon Logan

Chance Hayden

Ellen Whyte

Kevin Selfe

Kit Page

Mark Shark

Steve Cheeseboro

Tevis Hodge Jr.

TJ Wong

Ty Curtis

Whit Draper

BASS

Allen Markel

Andy Strange

Ben Jones

Chad Rupp

Danny O'Brien

Denny Bixby

Jake Koprowski

Jason Asby

Jeff Langston

Jim Solberg

John Wolcott

Joseph Conrad

Juliette Bull

Kevin Kelley

Leah Hinchcliff

Miyuki Hamanaka

Naomi Tatsuoka

Randy Monroe

Rob Shoemaker

Robert Ellison

Steve Maliszewski

Taylor Frazier

Willy Barber

KEYBOARD

Andrew Larsen

Ron Solomon

Brady Goss

Dave Fleschner

Dave Mersereau

Ed Neumann

Jeff Otto

Jonah Bradbury

Ken Brewer

Louis Pain

Mark Steele

Michael McGinty

Myrtle Brown

Nathan Olsen

Pat McDougall

Paul Paresa

"JIMI BOTT" DRUMS

Adam Carlson

Alec Donn

Charles Neal

Darryl Stiff

Dave Melyan

Don Shultz

Don Worth

Ed Pierce

Edwin Coleman III

Evan Shumate

Gene Ermel

Jeff Abbott

Jeff Frankel

Jeff Strawbridge

Jerry Jacques

Jimi Hardin

Joey Sullivan

Kelly Pierce

Kenny Davis

Kenny Davis

Loren Christian

Marty Henninger

Quin Hanson

Ronnie LaGrone

Shook Matthew

TC Coleman

Terrell Reed

HARMONICA

Alan Hager

Andy Moore

Bob Leach

Brian Batchey

Chad Rupp

Curtis Salgado

David Lipkind

Franco Paletta

Hank Shreve

Howard McClure

Jeff Grecny

Joel Astley

Johnny Wheels

Kevin Self

Kim Field

Kirk Hansen

Scott Dudrey

HORNS

Allan Kalik

Bob Anderson

Bruce Withycombe

Chris Mercer

Dave Mills

Drew Baird

Eddie Hagihara

Fenix Sanders

James Thornton

Joe Mc Carthy

John Morrow

John Phillip

Johnny Morrow

PDX Hustle Horns (John Dover, Pete Petersen)

Pete Petersen

Scott Franklin

Scott Franklin and Allan Kalik (Rae Gordon's horn section)

Sean McLean

The Horns of The Beacon Street Titans

The S

Tim Bly

Willie "James" Matheis

VENUE

Aladdin Theater

Wild Hare Saloon OC

Arrivederci

Billy Blues

Blue Diamond

The Get Down

HōKū Events on Madison

Holman's

Jack London Revue

Mekong Bistro

Salems Pink Elephant

Spare Room

Spirits Pub

The 1905

The Grand Theater

White Eagle Saloon

NORTHWEST RECORDING

"Fallen Angel" – Ben Rice and the PDX Hustle

"The Great Women in Blues"--Lisa Mann

Bottleneck Blues band

Curtis Salgado. Legacy Rewind: Live in '25

Dave Fleschner - Solo

Find My Way by Taylor Newville

Howlin' Waters-Terry Robb (release says 2026, but its on the music charts now

Jeanne Gregg Band " I'll have the blues please"

Kim Field Don't Need But One

Lisa Mann's Northwestern All-Stars — The Great Women in Blues (feat. Terrie Odabi)

Nikki Jones Band - Live at Wavelength Studios

Take this Twenty- Ms Vee and a Badass Band

Trouble In Mind - Mark Shark - Gene Forte - Blue Heron
Studio Lake Oswego

NATIONAL RECORDING

"Blame It On Eve" Shemekia Copeland

"Have Mercy!" – Sean McDonald

Ain't done with the Blues--Buddy Guy

Bloom by Larkin Poe

Curtis Salgado. Legacy Rewind: Live in '25

Fallen Angel- Ben Rice

Hard Road- Christone Kingfish Ingram

Help Yourself - Blood Brothers Mike Zito & Albert Castillo

Lisa Mann's Northwestern All-Stars: The Great Women in Blues (Feat Terrie Odabi)

New Fashioned Ways: Bobby Rush and Kenny Wayne Shepherd

Nikki Jones Band Live at Wavelength Studio

Ronnie Baker Brooks Blues In My DNA

Room On The Porch - Taj Mahal & Keb Mo

Southern Avenue - Family

The Blues Is My Biography - Billy Branch

The Dave Fleschner Trio - Deep Cuts - vinyl

Young Fashioned Ways, Bobby Rush/Kenny Wayne Shepherd

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Brenda Russell

David Meyer

Jeanne Pelton

Jeff Loney

John Reilly

Linda Burch

Robert Umali Evans

Terry Stanford

Tony Sandiford

William Crowe

NORTHWEST EVENT

Lloyd Jones Band New Years Eve @ Hoku Events On Madison

AG presents After hours Jam at the Hotel Rose

Back What You Believe In - Alberta Rose Theater

Cathedral Park Jazz Festival

CBA Christmas party

Come to Mama: Celebrating Etta James at Alberta Rose Theater Mar 22

Gorge Blues & Brews Festival

John Primer and Steve Bell

John Primer with Ben Rice and Kivett Bednar at Headliners

Lloyd Jones Struggle - Blue Diamond Birthday Bash 2025

Mulino Blues Festival

Norman Sylvester Band's 40th Anniversary

NW Women R&B Christmas Concert

Peninsula Rhythm and Blues Festival

Poulsbo Blues Festival

Rae's Willamette Valley music festival

Christmas Guitar Summitt at Salem Grand

Sunbanks Blues Festival

Tevis Hodge Jr, Ty Curtis Band with Andy Stokes, Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys off the Popes deck

The Downtown Tacoma Blues Festival

Winter Music Festival

Winterfest

Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival

PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

11/23/25 Samantha Fish @ Aladdin Theater

Ben Rice and the PDX Hustle at the Waterfront Blues Festival

Christmas Guitar Summit

Come to Mama: Celebrating Etta James at Alberta Rose Theater Mar 22

Danielle Nicole

Duffy Bishop at the Jack London

Ellen Whyte Celebration October

John Primer and Steve Bell

John Primer with Ben Rice and Kivett Bednar at Headliners

Kit Page and Nina Tatum with Kit's Bag O' Cats

Kivett Bednar Band at Skyline Tavern

Ms Vee and a Badass Band at the Jack London Revue

Music Heals the Soul A Benefit for LaRhonda Steele

Nikki Jones Band, IBC Quarterfinals

Norman Sylvester Band 40th Anniversary at Alberta Rose

Northwest Women & Blues Christmas at Blue Diamond

PDX Hustle at Winthrop Festival

Revival Brothers Band at Billy Blues

Sail on Sister Cruise NW Women in Blues

Southern Avenue - Waterfront Blues Festival

Tab Benoit at Aladdin Theater

Taylor Newville and the Riders at Cathedral Park Jazz Festival

Tedeshi Trucks - Hayden Amphitheatre

Tevis Hodge Mary Flower Dumpster Joe 2.22.25

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