

2020 Billtown Blues Festival Audition Application

Only working Blues Musicians 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 14, 2020. If you win the audition, all performing members of your act as described below must be present to perform at the 31st Annual Billtown Blues Festival, weekend of June 12, 13, 14, 2020. 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 2021. The winners will also have a guarantee performance "opportunity" at the 2021 Destination Blues (Feb) and the Exchange Listening Room (2020). (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

To be considered for acceptance in the BBA Audition Concert, all of the following items must be included with your application:

1. **Two** 300 dpi **COLOR** photos (originals) for publicity purposes (Absolutely NO ink jet or laser prints, or newspaper photos please.) To maximize your publicity opportunity, we ask for a photo(s) in a **horizontal** and a **vertical** format.
2. A biography on the members of your band, to be used for publicity purposes.
3. A CD with three of your songs, or individual mp3 files. (If there are more than three songs included on the CD, please indicate which three you want to be considered.)
4. BBA membership for all participating applicants.

NOTE: You may E-mail items 1, 2, and 3, 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. Depending on the .mp3 file size you may need to send each song separately. 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, 2020**

Mail or email 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@comcast.net

Name of Band: _____

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

Address: _____ Email 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. _____