

Self Produced CD guidelines for bands.

Sponsored by Charlotte Blues Society (CBS)

The Blues Foundation established an award for the Best self-Produced CD, given out at the International Blues Challenge, as part of their mission to celebrate blues recording and to ensure the future of this uniquely American art form and to recognize excellence in independent Blues recordings

RULES:

- Entries for the Best Self Produced CD are permitted by Blues Foundation Affiliated Organizations only. Artists can not submit directly to Blues Foundation
- CBS is permitted one entry
- The CD entered may be recorded and performed by an act other than is entered in the current year's international Blues Challenge
- Compilations are not eligible
- Only CDs released between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017 are eligible for consideration as the 2017 Best Self-Produced CD
- Competition is not required to select which CD Affiliate will Sponsor.
- CD may not include a board member or officer of CBS
- A performer who has previously been nominated for a Blues Music Award shall not be eligible for this competition.
- If contributions of a Blues Music Award nominee are on the CD, INFORM CBS immediately to confirm eligibility based on extent of contribution.
- CD on a record label previously nominated for a Blues Music Award shall not be eligible for this competition

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Judges will evaluate each submitted CD on the following characteristics.

The criteria considered are listed in order of importance.

- 1 Blues Content
- 2 Musical Performance
- 3 Audio Quality & Production Value of the Recording
- 4 Professionalism and Visual Appearance of Cover Art Design
- 5 Credits and Line Note Information

ARTIST SUBMISSION:

- CDs must be submitted to Charlotte Blues Society by band/artist

Charlotte Blues Society will inform artist if they are chosen. CBS, as a current Blues Foundation Affiliated organization will submit directly to Blues Foundation.

Artist chosen must supply 4 copies to CBS by November 1, 2017 .

CBS will then submit to The Blues Foundation offices by the publicized deadline.

- In order for a CD to be considered for this award, the submission package must include a note on Affiliate letterhead stating the name of the artist and title of the CD being submitted for consideration