

2022 IBC CAPITAL REGION BLUES NETWORK BLUES CHALLENGE

- **BAND CHALLENGE:**
Sunday August 22, 2021
The Hangar on the Hudson, Troy NY
Time: 2-5pm
Tickets: \$10 Cash or Credit Card at the door only

FEATURED BANDS:

- The Drama Kings
- George Fletcher Blues Band
- Silver Chain

- **SOLO/DUO CHALLENGE:**
Sunday September 19, 2021
Caffe Lena, Saratoga Springs
Time T/B/A (afternoon)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: August 7, 2021

CONTESTANTS TO BE ANNOUNCED: August 9, 2021



ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE:

The International Blues Challenge (IBC) represents the worldwide search for those Blues Bands and Solo/Duo Blues Acts ready to perform on the international stage, yet just needing that extra big break. The IBC is held annually in late January in Memphis, TN along historic Beale Street. There is also a Youth Showcase.

As an affiliate of The Blues Foundation, CRBN has the right to send a Band, a Solo/Duo Act and a Youth Act to represent our organization in each category at the IBC. We can also submit an entry for the Best Self-Produced CD category. Each year we stage live regional preliminary IBC competitions to determine which acts will represent us at the Challenge in Memphis.

The IBC is judged by blues professionals from across the world who have years of experience in listening to, producing, and creating blues music. The Blues Foundation has established a set of criteria by which all competing musicians are evaluated throughout the five days of the IBC.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE IBC AT:

<https://www.capitalregionbluesnetwork.org/Programs/>

<https://blues.org/international-blues-challenge/>



THE CAPITAL REGION BLUES NETWORK

The Capital Region Blues Network (CRBN) is an affiliate of the Blues Foundation whose mission is "To preserve blues heritage, celebrate blues recording and performance, expand worldwide awareness of the blues, and ensure the future of this uniquely American art form."

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CRBN Blues Challenge Rules & Guidelines



Prizes

- Nomination to the International Blues Competition ([IBC](#)) in Memphis, January 18th to January 22nd, 2022
- **Cash prizes towards expenses for the trip to Memphis (prize money paid out on registration for IBC):**
 - **Band - \$1,500 cash**
 - **Solo-Duo - \$750 cash**

To Enter:

- Submit your entry to Richard Green: richard@crbn.org
- To enter performers should submit a recording of their material. Most formats accepted e.g. MP3, YouTube link, SoundCloud link, CD (please ask for mailing address) etc.
- Submit a minimum of 2 but no more than 4 songs
- Submit a brief bio listing the performers and their instruments (and/or vocals)

Eligibility:

- A band is considered to be any combination of 3 or more performers whereas a solo-duo act is one or two performers
- At least one performer must be a current CRBN member. (Go to www.crbn.org/membership)
- Must have at least one original song
- Must play primarily blues music. (The definition of what qualifies as “blues” is broad and we do not have a strict definition.)
- Must be available for the challenge:
 - The challenges will be in the afternoon, approx. 1 – 5 pm.
 - Performers may be required to be at the venue for sound check as early as 10am.
- Must be available to travel to the IBC in Memphis (see dates above)
- Must be prepared to abide by [IBC competition rules](#)
- Must not live in an area served by another blues society
- No performer can have been nominated for a Blues Music or WC Handy Award