

# Now Accepting Entries For The 2020 Capital Region Blues Network Blues Challenge!

## Challenge Dates:

- **Band Challenge** – afternoon of Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>  
@ The Linda, Albany.
- **Solo/Duo Challenge** – afternoon of Sunday September, 13<sup>th</sup>  
@ Caffe Lena, Saratoga Springs
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## Prizes:

- **Nomination** to represent CRBN at the International Blues Competition ([IBC](https://blues.org/international-blues-challenge/)) in Memphis, January 19<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 (<https://blues.org/international-blues-challenge/>)
- **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
- Premium guitar setups from [Kokotele Guitar Works](https://www.kokoteleguitarworks.com/) (1 for each guitarist/bassist in the winning band) <https://www.kokoteleguitarworks.com/>

## To Enter:

- Submit your entry to Richard Green: [richard@crbn.org](mailto: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)
- The CRBN Board of Directors will select up to 4 contestants to compete

## Deadline for Entries:

- Band challenge deadline - June 6<sup>th</sup>. Chosen contestants will be announced by June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Solo-duo challenge deadline: July 26<sup>th</sup>. Chosen contestants will be announced by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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](http://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, January 19<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
- Entrants and winners understand & agree that all cash prizes awarded are contingent on traveling to Memphis and attending the IBC
- Must be prepared to abide by [IBC competition rules](https://blues.org/ibc-rules-guidelines-local-affiliate-challenges/) (<https://blues.org/ibc-rules-guidelines-local-affiliate-challenges/>)
- 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