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**TORONTO**  
**FEBRUARY 1**

HOSTED BY

**ALANA BRIDGEWATER & JOHNNY MAX**

PERFORMANCES BY

**JACK DE KEYZER & DIONE TAYLOR**

**OTTAWA**  
**FEBRUARY 8**

HOSTED BY

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Big thanks to Sandy Mamane (Dione Taylor), Rob Pattee (Crystal Shawanda), Louis Thomas (Matt Andersen), Heidi Fleming (Durham County Poets), and Doug Cox (Liam Docherty) for their collaboration and help on the talent management.

# TORONTO

## FEBRUARY 1

Pacha Sound Studio &  
Canterbury Music Studio

**HOSTED BY:**  
ALANA BRIDGEWATER & JOHNNY MAX

**GUITARIST OF THE YEAR**  
*Sponsored by: Long & McQuade Musical Instruments*

Garrett Mason  
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JW-Jones  
Sue Foley  
Tony D

**ELECTRIC ACT OF THE YEAR**  
*Sponsored by: Aurora Winter Blues Festival*

Dawn Tyler Watson & Ben Racine Band  
Jack de Keyzer  
JW-Jones  
Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar  
Sue Foley

**PERFORMANCE: DIONE TAYLOR**

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Join us for the Maple Blues Awards Pre-Toast and After Party gatherings that will take place on Zoom before & after each segment to celebrate the winners, to catch up with the community, and to connect our bluesy souls in a positive way! No dress code but blues attire is a must! Follow TBS website and social media for more info.

DIONE TAYLOR

# TORONTO

## **ACOUSTIC ACT OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: Folk Music Ontario*

Harrison Kennedy

Matt Andersen

Michael Jerome Browne

Rick Fines

## **MEMORIAL: JOHN VALENTEYN**

## **B.B. KING INTERNATIONAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

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Christone "Kingfish" Ingram

Ghost Town Blues Band

Larkin Poe

Rick Estrin & The Nightcats

Victor Wainwright

## **RECORDING/ PRODUCER OF THE YEAR**

\*See following page  
for nominees.

## **PERFORMANCE: JACK DE KEYZER**

**TORONTO**



JACK DE KEYZER

**RECORDING/PRODUCER  
OF THE YEAR**

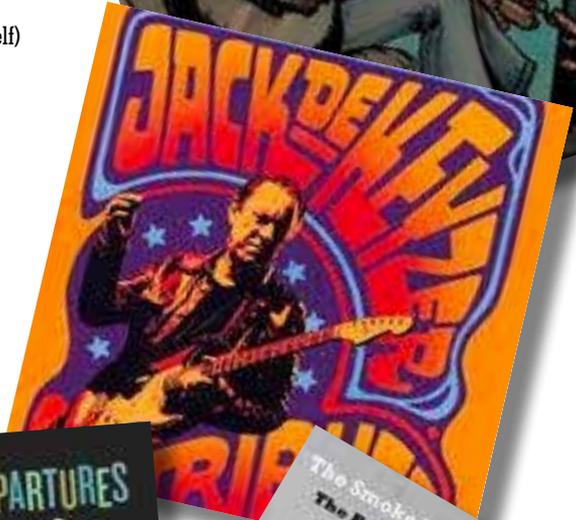
*Church House Blues* (True North)  
Crystal Shawanda  
Producer: Dewayne Strobel

*Hand Me Down Blues* (Self)  
Durham County Poets  
Producer: Bill Garrett

*Tribute* (Blue Star)  
Jack de Keyzer  
Producer: Jack de Keyzer

*Sonic Departures* (Solid Blue)  
JW-Jones  
Producer: Eric Eggleston

*Ballad of Albert Johnson* (Self)  
Smoke Wagon Blues Band  
Producer: Steve Sherman



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CRYSTAL SHAWANDA • PAUL REDDICK  
KENNY "BLUES BOSS" WAYNE  
MICHAEL KAESHAMMER  
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**OTTAWA**



# **OTTAWA FEBRUARY 8**

**Overflow Brewing Co.**

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**HOSTED BY:**

**ANGELIQUE FRANCIS  
& MATT SOBB**

**BASSIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: Ottawa Blues Society*

Alan Duffy

Alec Fraser

Gary Kendall

John Dymond

Keith Picot

**BLUES WITH**

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Alec Fraser

Brent Parkin

Danny Brooks

Joe Murphy

Ken Whiteley

Michael Fonfara

Tom Lavin

**PERFORMANCE:**

**CRYSTAL SHAWANDA**

**CRYSTAL SHAWANDA**

## MEMORIAL SEGMENT

PERFORMANCE: JW-JONES

## FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

*Sponsored by: Limestone City Blues Festival*

Angel Forrest

Crystal Shawanda

Dawn Tyler Watson

Dione Taylor

Samantha Martin

## ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

*Sponsored by: TD Kitchener Blues Festival*

Dawn Tyler Watson

Downchild

Jack de Keyzer

JW-Jones

Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar

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**FEBRUARY 15**  
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**HOSTED BY:** DAWN TYLER WATSON  
& BEN RACINE

**SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: SOCAN*

Colin Linden  
Crystal Shawanda/Dewayne Strobel  
Dione Taylor  
Kevin Harvey  
Paul Reddick

**HARMONICA PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: Lee Oskar Harmonicas*

Guy Bélanger  
Harpdog Brown  
Paul Reddick  
Roly Platt  
Steve Marriner

**PERFORMANCE:**  
**MATT ANDERSEN**

MATT ANDERSEN

# MONTREAL



## MEMORIAL SEGMENT

### PIANO/KEYBOARD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

David Vest  
Duane Blackburn  
Jesse O'Brien  
Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne  
Michael Kaeshammer

### DRUMMER OF THE YEAR

Cory Blackburn  
Dani Nash  
Gary Craig  
Lindsay Beaver  
Matt Sobb

### PERFORMANCE: DURHAM COUNTY POETS

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# VANCOUVER

**FEBRUARY 22**

**Blue Frog Studios &**

**Media Works Studio East Inc (Nova Scotia)**

**HOSTED BY:**

**DALANNAH GAIL BOWEN & JIM BYRNES**

**MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR**

Chuck Jackson

Harrison Kennedy

Jack de Keyzer

Jim Byrnes

Matt Andersen

**JOHN VALENTEYN BLUES**

**BOOSTER OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: Toronto Blues Society*

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**LIAM DOCHERTY**

**PERFORMANCE:**  
LIAM DOCHERTY

**MEMORIAL SEGMENT**

**HORN PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR**

Jerry Cook  
Mark LeClerc  
Gordon Aeichele  
Richard Thornton  
Mat "Moose" Mousseau

**NEW ARTIST OR  
GROUP OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by: Tim Horton's  
SouthSide Shuffle Jazz and Blues Festival*

Dione Taylor  
HOROJO Trio  
Liam Docherty  
Matt Weidinger  
Smoke Wagon Blues Band

**PERFORMANCE:**  
LINDSAY BEAVER

VANCOUVER

LINDSAY BEAVER

# MAPLE BLUES AWARDS NOMINATING PANEL

The Nominating Panel consists of industry professionals from across Canada who volunteer their time to participate.

Vince Almond, CFBX, Kamloops BC  
Brant Zwicker\*, At the Crossroads (syndicated), Kamloops BC  
Al Forrie, Hornby Island Blues Society, Hornby Island BC  
Grant Payne, Nanaimo Blues Society, Nanaimo BC  
Rod Dranfield, White Rock Blues Society, Surrey BC  
Brent Morrison, Rockin' Blues (CJSF | CJMP), Vancouver BC  
Paul Norton, CFRO | CiTR, Vancouver BC  
Ron Simmonds, CFROVancouverBC  
Cindy McLeod, Calgary Blues Music Association | The Blues Witness (CJSW)Calgary AB  
Cam Hayden, The Friday Night Blues Party (CKUA)Edmonton AB  
Holger Petersen, Stony Plain RecordsEdmonton AB  
Chris Martin, Saturday Night Blues (CBC), Edmonton AB  
Peter North, Dead Ends & Detours (CKUA), Edmonton AB  
Gord MacAulay, Canadian Blues Alliance, Saskatoon SK  
Al Wood, Saskatoon Blues Society, Saskatoon SK  
Paul Panchezak, Breakfast of Champions (CFMU), Hamilton ON  
Ken Wallis, Blues Blast (The HAWK), Hamilton ON  
Claude Cloutier, Kitchener Blues Festival, Kitchener ON  
Bruce Hall, Grand River Blues Society, Kitchener ON  
Larry Kurtz, Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival, Orangeville ON  
Liz Sykes, Ottawa Blues Society, Ottawa ON  
Deborah Cartmer, CFBU, St. Catharines ON  
Julie Hill, Blue Remedy (Radio Regent | Blues and Roots Radio), Toronto ON  
Eric Thom, Freelance Music Journalist, Toronto ON  
Stevie Connor, Blues and Roots Radio, Mississauga ON  
Andrew Galloway, Electro-Fi Records, Toronto ON  
Lori Murray, Music By The Bay, Uxbridge ON  
Nick Harding, Photographer, Wasaga Beach ON  
Lee Evans, Bluewater Blues Show, 91.3 FM, Hanover ON  
Bill King, Beaches Jazz Festival, CIUT FM, FYI Music, Photographer, Toronto ON  
John Emms, Freelance Music Writer, Timmins ON  
Rick Clarke, Bruce County Blues Society, Kincardine ON  
Kris Kane, Southside Shuffle Festival, Mississauga ON  
Jan MacDonald, Downtown Kingston Limestone City Blues Festival, Kingston ON  
Diane Keye-Kohoko, The Afternoon Drive Time, CKRZ 100.3 FM, Ohsweken ON  
Yannick Lambert, Donnacona Blues Festival, Donnacona QC  
Debra Thornington, Ottawa Blues Society | Dawg'On Blues (DAWG), Gatineau QC  
Alexandre Petit, Viree Blues Boreale, Hull QC  
John Detcheverry, Cha Cha In Blue (CKUT), Montreal QC  
Daisy Hanna, Montreal Blues Society, Montreal QC  
Phil Brisse, Montreal Blues Society, Montreal QC  
René Moisan, Bros Inc., Montreal QC  
Greg Torrington, The Blues (Stingray Music), Montreal QC  
David Bush, Royal Blues with Dr. Dave, K103.7, Kahnawake QC  
Dave Brennan, Ottawa Blues Society, Gatineau QC  
David McCabe, Montreal Blues Society, St. Urbain Premier QC  
Louis Brunet, CKMN, Rimouski QC  
Conrad Mead, 95.7 The Wolf, Fredericton NB  
Yanick Theriault\*, Cigare & Whiskey (CFBO), Moncton NB  
Sandy MacDonald, Freelance Music Journalist, Halifax NS  
Bruce Morel, Music Marketing International Inc., Dartmouth NS  
Cathy Prothro, East Coast Blues Society, Dartmouth NS  
Gene Bellows, Blues in the Night (VOBB), Bonne Bay NL  
Terry Parsons\*, Blind Lemon Radio (CHMR), St. John's NL

\*The panel is led by a steering committee consisting of Brant Zwicker, Yanick Theriault and Terry Parsons.