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## Birthday Blues

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New Orleans Funk Master - **Walter**

**"Wolfman" Washington** was born Edward Joseph Washington Jr. on December 20th, 1943 in New Orleans, LA. He changed his name to Walter while in school "war war" fighting with other kids. The "Wolfman" came from "wolfing" - a term used from dueling guitar challenges. His unique falsetto singing and guitar work was a rich mix of rhythm & blues, soul, funk and jazz. Like many musicians, he began in the church, singing in choirs. A self-taught guitarist that began in the 50's, Washington made his first guitar out of a cigar box. As a teenager he became a full-time musician backing up Irma Thomas, Ernie K-Doe, Lee Dorsey and started his All Fools Band. He worked with Johnny Adams for 20 years and in the late 70's he had his own band, The Roadmasters. He began recording in the 80's and signed with Rounder Records in 1985 - "Wolf Tracks" was released in '86 and next with Pointblank Records with "Sada," named after his newborn daughter. Walter often performed at the DBA and the Maple Leaf Bar with Joe Krown on keys and Russell Batiste, Jr. on drums. He was featured in the 2000 documentary "Make It Funky." He released two records in 2008 - "Doin' the Funky Things" and "Live at the Maple Leaf." His last recording was in 2018, "My Future Is My Past." Two days after his 79th birthday, Washington died from tonsil cancer in New Orleans on December 22, 2022.



## Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

12/1/36 – Lou Rawls, Chicago, IL  
12/4/36 – Larry Davis, Kansas City, MO  
12/4/55 – Cassandra Wilson, Jackson, MS  
12/5/1899 – Sonny Boy Williamson, Glendora, MS  
12/6/25 – Robert Ealey, Texarkana, TX  
12/6/36 – Toni Lynn Washington, Raleigh, NC  
12/7/13 – Blind John Davis, Hattiesburg, MS  
12/7/49 – Tom Waits, Pomona, CA  
12/8/25 – Jimmy Smith, Norristown, PA  
12/8/39 – Jerry Butler, Sunflower, MS  
12/8/47 – Greg Allman, Nashville, TN  
12/9/34 – Junior Wells, West Memphis, AR  
12/10/26 – Guitar Slim, Greenwood, MS  
12/11/26 – Big Mama Thornton, Montgomery, AL  
12/11/44 – Booker T. Jones, Memphis, TN  
12/12/18 – Joe Williams, Cordele, GA  
12/12/27 – John Weston, Marianna, AR  
12/13/35 – Wayne Bennett  
12/13/58 – Lurie Bell  
12/13/63 – Lucky Peterson, Buffalo, NY  
12/15/36 – Andrew "B.B." Odom, Denham Springs, LA  
12/16/49 – Sugar Blue, New Orleans, LA  
12/17/37 – Art Neville, New Orleans, LA  
12/17/39 – James Booker, New Orleans, LA  
12/17/42 – Paul Butterfield, Chicago, IL  
12/18/33 – Lonnie Brooks, Dubuison, LA  
12/18/43 – Keith Richards, Dartford Kent, England  
12/18/47 – Rod Piazza, Riverside, CA  
12/19/17 – Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, Houston, TX  
12/19/18 – Professor Longhair, New Orleans, LA  
12/20/07 – Pleasant Cousin Joe, Wallace, LA  
12/20/25 – Tiny Kennedy, Chattanooga, TN  
12/20/43 – Walter "Wolfman" Washington, New Orleans, LA  
12/21/1902 – Peetie Wheatstraw, Ripley, TN  
12/21/59 – Mem Shannon, New Orleans, LA

## Capricorn

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

12/22/19 – Lil Green, Clarksdale, MS  
12/22/35 – Little Esther Phillips, Galveston, TX  
12/23/40 – Jorma Kaukonen, Washington, D.C.  
12/24/1908 – Jabo Smith, Pembroke, GA  
12/24/20 – Dave Bartholomew, Edgard, LA  
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12/25/41 – Eb Davis, West Memphis, AR  
12/25/49 – Joe Louis Walker, San Francisco, CA  
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12/27/34 – Scotty Moore, Gadsden, TN  
12/27/44 – Tracy Nelson, French Camp, CA  
12/28/14 – Pops Staples, Winona, MS  
12/28/11 – Peg Leg Sam, Jonesville, SC  
12/28/21 – Johnny Otis, Vallejo, CA  
12/28/38 – Charles Neville, New Orleans, LA  
12/29/27 – Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Sunflower, MS  
12/30/28 – Bo Diddley, near McComb, MS  
12/31/30 – Odetta, Birmingham, AL  
1/1/1896 – Mama Yancey, Cairo, IL  
1/1/1918 – Johnny Young, Vicksburg, MS  
1/2/39 – Little Smokey Smothers, Tchula, MS  
1/4/36 – Clarence Carter  
1/4/42 – Precious Bryant, Talbot County, GA

1/5/1895 – Elizabeth Cotton, Chapel Hill, NC  
1/5/32 – Johnny Adams, New Orleans, LA  
1/5/58 – Michelle Wilson, Boston, MA  
1/6/51 – Kim Wilson, Detroit, MI  
1/7/36 – Joe Hill, Dunbar, WV  
1/8/1904 – Tampa Red, Smithville, GA  
1/9/36 – Katie Webster, Houston, TX  
1/9/41 – Barbara Carr, St. Louis, MO  
1/10/1897 – Sam Chatmon, Bolton, MS  
1/10/29 – Leon Estelle, Kansas City, KS  
1/10/35 – Eddy Clearwater, Macon, GA  
1/10/48 – Cyril Neville, New Orleans, LA  
1/11/24 – Slim Harpo, Loblolly, LA  
1/12/1904 – Mississippi Fred McDowell  
1/12/1916 – Jay McShann, Muskogee, OK  
1/13/59 – Kid Ramos, Fullerton, CA  
1/14/38 – Allen Toussaint, New Orleans, LA  
1/15/30 – Earl Hooker  
1/16/1896 – Robert Wilkins, Hernando, MS  
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1/16/45 – Big Al Blake, Oklahoma  
1/17/50 – Paul Rishell  
1/18/33 – Vernon Garrett, Omaha, NE  
1/19/25 – Henry Gray, Kenner, LA  
1/19/36 – Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Helena, AR  
1/19/43 – Janis Joplin, Port Arthur, TX

## Aquarius

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 19)

1/20/1885 – Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, Mooringsport, LA  
1/20/36 – Luther Tucker, Memphis, TN  
1/21/36 – Snooks Eaglin, New Orleans, LA  
1/21/43 – B'nois King, Monroe, LA  
1/21/48 – Zora Young, Prairie, MS  
1/22/31 – Sam Cooke, Clarksdale, MS  
1/22/58 – Teeny Tucker, Dayton, OH  
1/23/10 – Django Reinhardt, Liebrechts, Belgium  
1/23/67 – Ronnie Baker Brooks  
1/24/1907 – Tuts Washington, New Orleans, LA  
1/24/41 – Aaron Neville, New Orleans, LA  
1/24/49 – John Belushi, Chicago, IL  
1/26/34 – Huey "Piano" Smith  
1/25/1899 – "Sleepy" John Estes, Ripley, TN  
1/25/38 – Etta James, Los Angeles, CA  
1/27/14 – Smokey Hogg, Westconnie, TX  
1/27/18 – Elmore James, Richland, MS  
1/27/30 – Bobby "Blue" Bland, Rosemark, TN  
1/29/23 – Eddie Taylor, Benoit, MS  
1/29/46 – Bettye Lavette, Muskegon, MI  
1/29/81 – Johnny Lang, Fargo, ND  
1/30/28 – Ruth Brown, Portsmouth, VA  
1/31/06 – Roosevelt Sykes  
1/31/28 – Chick Willis, Cabiness, GA  
1/31/44 – Charlie Musselwhite, Kosciusko, MS  
1/31/52 – Paul DeLay, Portland, OR  
1/31/53 – Big Time Sarah, Coldwater, MS  
2/1/51 – Sonny Landreth, Canton, MS  
2/3/35 – Johnny "Guitar" Watson, Houston, TX  
2/3/35 – Jody Williams, Mobile, AL  
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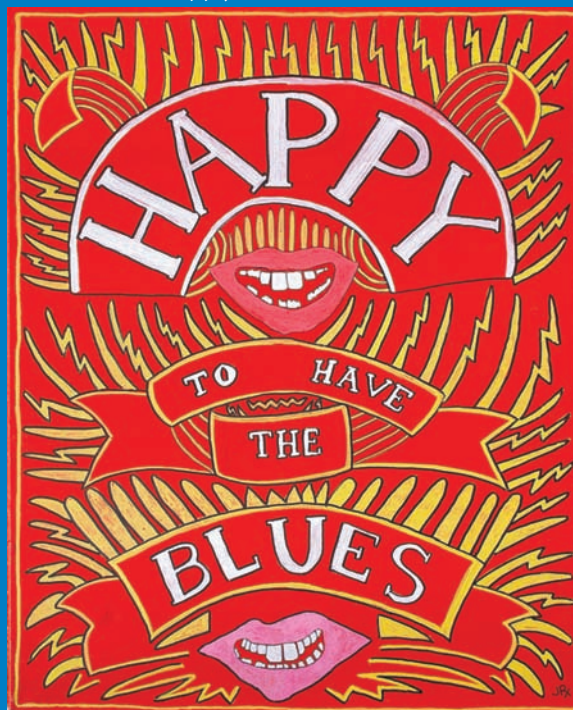


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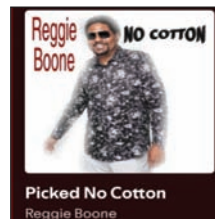


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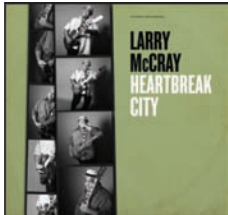
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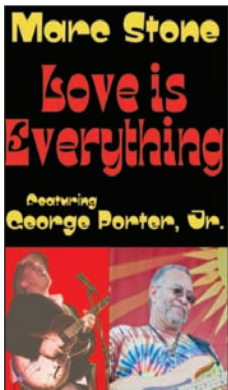
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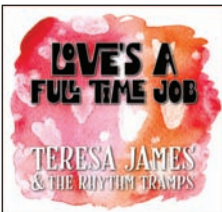


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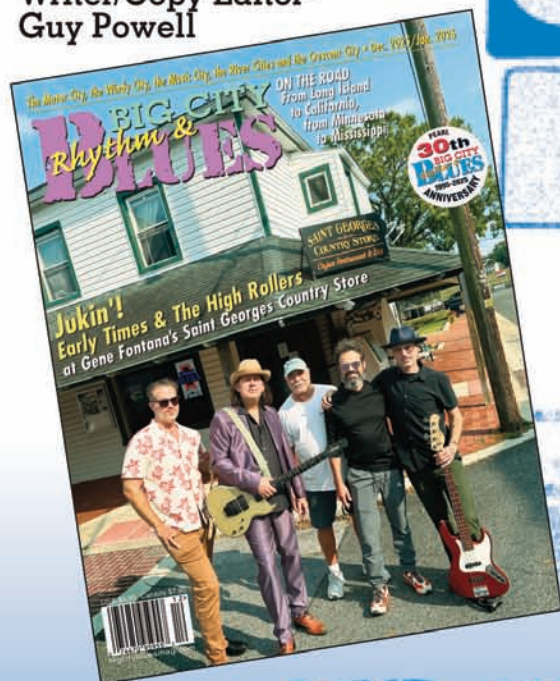
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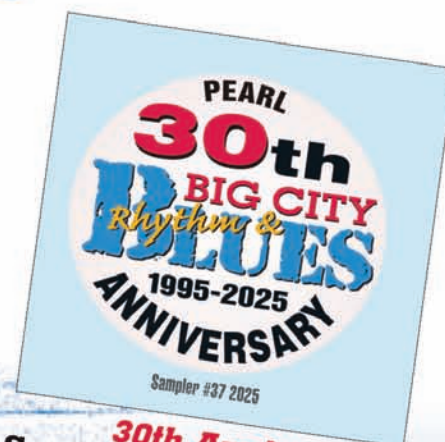


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Kingfish! #43 LRBC, 10/27/25

## And I Ain't Lyin'!

*"Everybody Wants To Know Why I Sing The Blues? I've Been Around A Long Time And I Have Really Paid My Dues!"— B.B. King, "Live In Africa," 1974*

Sugar celebrated B.B. King's Centennial in style on the amazing #43 **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise** with thousands of other Blues Cruisers sailing from San Diego

D.K Harrell with his new fans - Ava & Margot! #43 LRBC, 10/26/25



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Backstage with Kenny Wayne Shepherd!

to Mexico. Sugar kicked off her cruise with **Desoto Tiger Testimony - Damon Fowler, Jason Ricci & Jonathan "Boogie" Long**. Blues Cruise highlights were constant as Sugar moved easily from one of the nine stages of live Blues showcases to another showcase often playing simultaneously! Besides nonstop Blues, the #1



Deshawn D'Vibes is always jammin'! #43 LRBC, 10/29/25

amenity is all the food you can possibly eat and more! **Sugar & C-Note** worked at the **Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine** subscription booth from sunup until sundown. Sugar enjoyed both the Returnee and Virgin Parties where she saw the LRBC debut of Ireland's **Grainne Duffy**. Every morning Sugar greeted many cruisers who hadn't yet seen her favorite band, **"The Pillows."** D-Vibes was somehow always awake, ready to play and told Sugar one morning that he would love to

Congrats to Barbara House who won the "Sugar Mama" award for her generous donations! L-R: Big Llou, Barbara House, Roger & Kev Naber, #43 LRBC Awards Party, 10/31/25.







**Congratulations to the newlyweds-Deanna & Tommy! #43 LRBC, 10/26/25**

host the after after Blues party at the piano bar. Crow's Nest's always-dancing **Ron Ridenour** from Montana greeted Sugar as he was waiting patiently for the salon to open for his acupuncture appointment. And another

regular early bird — **Taryn Donath** who Sugar wasn't sure if it was "all night it's all right" or she actually gets up at dawn! On the final night of the cruise Sugar's last Blues she saw was the multi-talented St. Louis

**Danielle Nicole got bass! #43 LRBC, 10/26/25**



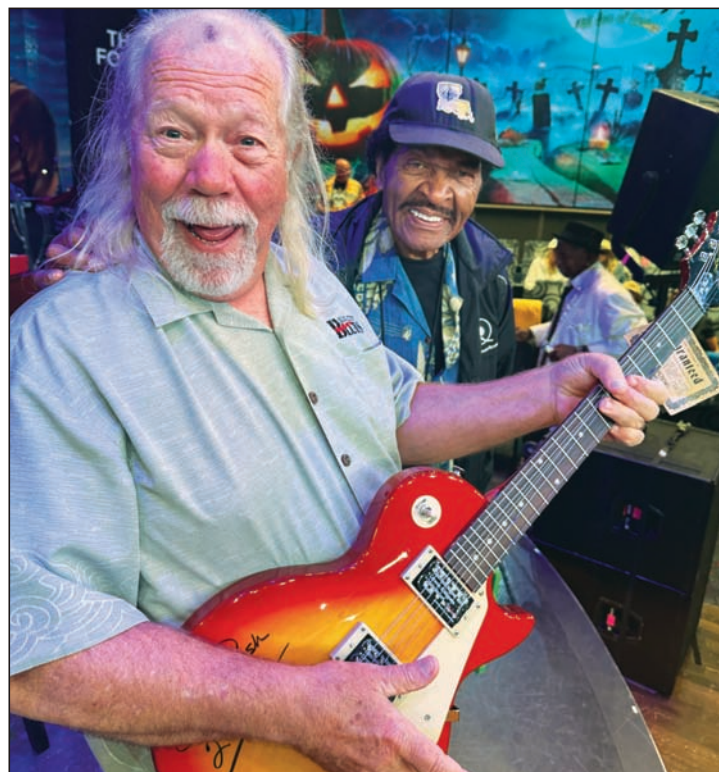
**Let's dance! Shemekia & Lil' Scrap. #43 LRBC, 10/31/25**

Bluesman **Marquise Knox** who knocked the Blues right out to sea, got down on the harp and bass too! Thank-you to all the new and renewed Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine Blues Cruisers subscribers! As always

thank-you to the fabulous **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise Krewe!**

Happy New Year!  
Love and happiness,  
**Sugar Mae**

**Congrats to Robin Wilson who won the autographed Bobby Rush's 2022 Grammy guitar! #LRBC #43, 10/31/25**





# On The Road with the Big City Rhythm & Blues SOCIAL & PLEASURE CLUB BLUES TOURS 2026-2027 Festivals & Special Events

- **January 13-17, 2026**  
**International Blues Challenge**  
Memphis, TN  
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- **January 18-25, 2026**  
**Big Easy Cruise**  
Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans & Cozumel  
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**#44 Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise**  
Eastern Caribbean  
[www.bluescruise.com](http://www.bluescruise.com)
- **February 17, 2026**  
**Mardi Gras**  
New Orleans, LA
- **March 28 & Feb. 1, 2026**  
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Clearwater, FL  
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- **April 10 - 12, 2026 Tampa Bay Blues Festival**  
St. Petersburg, FL  
[www.tampabaybluesfest.com](http://www.tampabaybluesfest.com)
- **April 11, 2026 Juke Joint Festival**  
Clarksdale, MS  
[www.jukejointfestival.com](http://www.jukejointfestival.com)
- **April 16-19, 2025**  
**French Quarter Festival**  
New Orleans, LA  
[www.frenchquarterfest.org](http://www.frenchquarterfest.org)
- **April 17-18, 2026**  
**Baton Rouge Blues Festival**  
Baton Rouge, LA [www.brblues.org](http://www.brblues.org)
- **April 23 - May 3, 2026**  
**New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival**  
New Orleans, LA



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**Big Chief Monk Boudreaux, Cyril Neville and the Wild Tchoupitoulas,  
Dew Drop Inn, New Orleans,**

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- **May 7, 2026**  
**Blues Music Awards**  
Memphis, TN  
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- **June 4-7, 2026**  
(Tentatively-TBA)  
**Chicago Blues Festival**  
[www.chicago.gov](http://www.chicago.gov)
- **July 9-11, 2026**  
**Briggs Farm Blues Festival**  
Briggsville, PA  
[www.briggsfarm.com](http://www.briggsfarm.com)
- **August 7 & 8, 2026**  
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Empire, MI  
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The Blue Note Grill
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Northside Tavern
- Darwins
- Blind Willies
- Fat Matt's
- **Ann Arbor**  
The Ark
- **Austin, TX**  
Antones
- The Continental Club
- Skylark Lounge
- **Lockhart, Tx**  
Old Pal Texas Tavern
- **Bay St. Louis, MS**  
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- **Biloxi, Mississippi**

- Ground Zero Biloxi
- **Chicago, IL**  
Buddy Guy's Legends
- Rosa's Lounge
- Lee's Unleaded Blues
- Reggies
- Space
- Kingston Mines
- Taylor Street Tap
- **Clarksdale, MS**  
Red's Juke Joint
- Ground Zero
- **Detroit, MI**  
Third Man Records
- Raven Lounge
- Berts Marketplace
- Northern Lights
- PJ's Lager House
- El Club



**St. Georges Country Store**

- Token Lounge
- **Florida**  
Slippers Noodle
- **Berwyn, IL**  
Fitzgerald's
- **Fort Myers, FL**  
Buckingham Blues Bar
- **Kansas City, MO**

- Knuckleheads
- BB's Lawnside Blues & BBQ
- **Los Angeles, CA**  
Harvelles Santa Monica
- Maui Sugar Mill Saloon
- Baby Blues BBQ
- **Madison, WI**  
Red Rooster IN
- **Memphis, TN**  
Rum Boogie
- BB Kings
- Wild Bills
- **Milwaukee, WI**  
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- **New Orleans, LA**

- Tipitinas
- House Of Blues
- B J's
- Little Gem Theatre
- Kermit's Mother-In - Law Lounge
- Maple Leaf Bar
- Broadside Chickie
- Wah Wah Rock N' Bowl
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Terra Blues
- Red Lion
- **Ocean Springs, MS**  
The Shed
- The Julep Room
- **Pensacola Beach**  
Paradise Bar & Grill
- **San Francisco, CA**

- Biscuits and Blues
- The Saloon
- Eli's Mile High Club
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**Taj Mahal & Phantom Blues Band • Kenny Wayne Shepherd • Christone "Kingfish" Ingram • Dumpstaphunk Tommy Castro & the Painkillers • Ronnie Baker Brooks • Danielle Nicole Band • Victor Wainwright & the Train Vanessa Collier • Southern Avenue • Billy Branch & Sons of Blues Revue • Mr. Sipp • Doug MacLeod Nick Moss Band feat. Dennis Gruenling w/ Lil' Jimmy Reed • Phantom Blues Band • Monster Mike Welch Zac Harmon & the Drive • Jontavious Willis (Solo & Band) • Keeshea Pratt Band • Dylan Triplett • Mathias Lattin Ghalia Volt (Solo & Band) • Dave Gross & Pat Harrington • Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal (2025 IBC Winners)**

**Piano Bar Hosts:** Mitch Woods Club 88 • Rev. Billy C. Wirtz • Daryl Davis • Kelley Hunt • Eden Brent w/ Bob Dowell

**Deanna Bogart • Brooks Milgate** **Special Guests:** Harrell "Young Rell" Davenport • David Julia

**Late Night Jam Rooms:** Chuk Barber's Soul Lounge • Mr. Sipp's Sugar Shack

## LRBC #45 Mexican Riviera Oct. 31 ~ Nov. 7, 2026

San Diego, CA to Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta & Mazatlan **Holland America Koningsdam**

**TajMo: Taj Mahal & Keb' Mo' Band • Kenny Wayne Shepherd • Booker T's Stax Revue • The California Honeydrops Ruthie Foster • Paul Thorn • Tommy Castro & the Painkillers • Ronnie Baker Brooks • Devon Allman's Blues Summit feat. The Devon Allman Project, Larry McCray, Jimmy Hall & more • Rick Estrin & the Nightcats • Vanessa Collier Sugaray Rayford • Curtis Salgado • Sue Foley (Band & Solo) • Mr. Sipp • D.K. Harrell • Chris Cain Kid Andersen's Greaseland All-Stars • John Primer • Anthony Paule Soul Orchestra feat. Willy Jordan • Terrie Odabi Dwayne Dopsie & the Zydeco Hellraisers • Hadden Sayers (BoomCHANK & Solo) • 2026 IBC Solo/Duo Winner**

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