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## **Cleveland Blues Society International Blues Competition Memphis Challenge**

The **Cleveland Blues Society** is proud to announce the **7th Annual International Blues Competition – Memphis Challenge**, September 13, 2015 at Ridge Manor Banquet Center, located at 4630 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. The **Cleveland Blues Society**, an affiliate of the International Blues Foundation, is encouraging all blues artists and bands to apply for this year's Memphis Challenge. Categories for this year's competition include: Band, Solo/Duo, Best Self-Produced CD and Youth Showcase.

The winners of these categories will represent the **Cleveland Blues Society** at the 2016 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee during the week of January 26th through January 30th, 2016. The 2016 International Blues Challenge will be the **32nd year** of Blues musicians from around the world competing for cash, prizes, and industry recognition, and represents an international search by The Blues Foundation and its Affiliated Organizations, for the Blues Band and Solo/Duo Blues Act ready to take their talent to the international stage.

**The International Blues Competition - Memphis Challenge** is a key way for the **Cleveland Blues Society** to execute their mission to increase awareness of blues music. It also offers the opportunity to promote blues musicians, who are members of the Cleveland Blues Society, in the Greater Cleveland area and throughout the world. The Memphis Challenge provides the opportunity for original blues artists to showcase their talent and perform as part of the world's largest gathering of Blues acts. For further information contact Challenge Co-Chairs Rosalie Daley or Teri Pealer at [challenge2015@clevelandblues.org](mailto:challenge2015@clevelandblues.org)). To download application packets visit our website at [www.clevelandblues.org](http://www.clevelandblues.org). For further details on the competition in Memphis, see The International Blues Foundation website @ [www.blues.org](http://www.blues.org).

Mission Statement: The **Cleveland Blues Society** is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote awareness and appreciation for the blues. Through our alliance, we endeavor to provide more opportunities for fans to see quality local and national blues artists. Additionally, we will provide educational workshops and preserve the history of the blues in our schools and throughout the greater Cleveland area.

