



CHARLOTTE BLUES SOCIETY PRESENTS

Pick a song. One song. Try it on.

SHAKE HANDS WITH THE BLUES YOUTH CHALLENGE

A simple way for young musicians to meet the Blues, find their own sound, and give one honest performance.

COME AS YOU ARE.

No studio. No full band. No polished image to live up to.
Just one song, your voice or instrument, and a chance to make it yours.

WHO

- Age 25 and younger
- Solo, duo, or band
- Singers and instrumentalists
- Generally within 250 miles
- of Charlotte

WHAT

- One private audio entry
- Backing tracks are optional
- Your own arrangement is welcome
- A phone recording is enough
- Human judges only

HOW

- Listen to the songs
- Pick the one that fits
- Record your performance
- Send in one private entry
- Finalists perform live

THE FIVE SONGS

- 01 Sweet Home Chicago
- 02 Hoochie Coochie Man
- 03 The Thrill Is Gone
- 04 Got My Mojo Working
- 05 I'd Rather Go Blind

The Blues Brothers version
Muddy Waters
B.B. King
Muddy Waters
Etta James

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO sound like anybody else.

The point is not perfection. It is a real performance with feeling, groove, and some of yourself in it.

OUR PROMISE

Participant information and performances will not be used to create AI-generated content or train AI systems. Entries are heard and judged by people, never AI.

\$1,000 IN AWARDS

1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$100 Two spirit awards \$75 each

LIVE FINAL

Sunday, February 7, 2027

Heist Brewery & Barrel Arts • Charlotte, North Carolina

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