



# MBAS VICTORIAN BLUES MUSIC AWARDS 2023

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## ENTRY CONDITIONS – ALBUM

- **Only Blues music will be accepted.**
- The Act representative entering the album (1 person) must be a financial member of the Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society.
- **The album must have been commercially released between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023.**
- The album must comprise a minimum of 10 tracks OR at least 35 minutes of music.
- The album must have been commercially pressed in a run of at least 500 copies OR an internet release via a recognised internet distribution channel such as iTunes, Spotify, etc.
- The album must contain at least 50% previously unreleased material.
- Albums must be submitted in CD version (**only one CD copy required**).
- The album must have been either recorded or mixed or mastered in Victoria.
- **The performing artist must be a Victorian resident.**

## ENTRY CONDITIONS – SONG OF THE YEAR

- **Only Blues music will be accepted.**
- The composer must be a financial member of the Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society.
- **The song must have been recorded between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023 (not necessarily commercially released).**
- Song must be submitted in CD version (**only one CD copy required**).
- The song must have been either recorded or mixed or mastered in Victoria.
- **The performing artist must be a Victorian resident.**

## ELIGIBILITY

**TRIO/BAND:** A Victorian act is one that contains members who are all currently resident in Victoria and have resided in Victoria for a minimum of one year.

**DUO:** In the case of a Victorian duo, both members must have been resident in Victoria for a minimum of one year.

**SOLO:** A solo artist must currently reside in Victoria and have resided in Victoria for a minimum of one year.

**NOTE:** Guest artists appearing on your submitted recordings who are not residents of Victoria are permitted, providing they are not the feature act.

## JUDGING

- Judging will only be considered on the basis of the recordings presented.
- There will be 5 blues music industry professionals as judges, independent of the MBAS, who will judge in isolation from each other.
- The judges' results will be presented in writing.
- Judges are not obligated to score in a category if they deem the nominated album/song not suitable.
- Judges will score the nominated album/song on its own merits and not against other artists' albums/songs.
- The final arbiters of any disputes will be the MBAS Committee.

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

**Awards will be announced with trophies presented at the MBAS XMAS Party, Tuesday 19th December 2023, Flemington Bowls Club, Cnr Smithfield & Racecourse Roads, Flemington VIC 3031.**

## ENTRY

**To enter your recording for the Victorian Blues Music Awards, please complete the enclosed Nomination Form and Declaration, accompanied by one CD copy:**

**BY POST:**  
Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society  
"Victorian Blues Music Awards"  
PO Box 104  
Williamstown Vic 3016

**OR**

**IN PERSON:**  
To an MBAS Committee Member any Tuesday Blues jam night at the 'House of Blues' – Flemington Bowls Club, cnr Smithfield & Racecourse Roads, Flemington.

**CLOSING DATE FOR AWARD ENTRIES:  
TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2023 – 9pm  
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



# MBAS VICTORIAN BLUES MUSIC AWARDS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

## ALBUM DETAILS

NAME OF ALBUM: .....

ARTIST/S: .....

RELEASE DATE: .....

## ALBUM OF THE YEAR

- One song from the Album to be nominated

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER: .....

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## ARTIST OF THE YEAR (includes male and female)

- Judged on a nominated track from the Album
- One song from the Album to be nominated

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER: .....

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ARTIST/S: .....

## SOLO/DUO OF THE YEAR

- A Solo/Duo Album may contain guest performers, but the song nominated must be performed by one or two musicians only.

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER: .....

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ARTIST/S: .....

## BAND OF THE YEAR

- Judged on a nominated song.
- Band eligibility must be an act containing members who regularly perform together.
- The nominated track cannot be the same track as nominated for Artist of the Year.

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER: .....

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## EMERGING ACT

- Judged on a nominated song.
- This must be the first commercial album of the Artist/s.
- This category excludes any act or acts which contain members who have previously won Awards, including VICTAS or Chain Awards, MBAS Blues Challenge or Blues Performer of the Year.

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER: .....

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The following nomination can be independent of any album-released track and open to any song provided it was recorded during the qualifying period (not necessarily commercially released).

## SONG OF THE YEAR

- Judged on a nominated song.

NAME OF NOMINATED SONG AND ALBUM TRACK NUMBER (if applicable): .....

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# MBAS VICTORIAN BLUES MUSIC AWARDS DECLARATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Nominated Artist: .....

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Nominated Company (or Artist Representative or Manager): .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

### DECLARATION

I declare that I have read all the **ENTRY CONDITIONS** and **ELIGIBILITY** criteria which are in place for the Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society's Victorian Blues Music Awards 2022 and agree to abide with and comply with all the conditions stated in these nomination forms.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Name & Position (Please Print): .....

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I am a current financial member of the MBAS. Member No. (if known): .....

OR

I am submitting MBAS Member Form with payment (next page - as attached)

### CONTACT DETAILS OF ARTIST (Please Print):

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....



# MEMBERSHIP FORM

*All memberships are for 12 months*

## 3 FILL IN YOUR DETAILS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

Name 1 (Adult): \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 (Adult): \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- NEW** All new memberships receive a **FREE MBAS KEYSRING**
- RENEWAL** Member No. (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- INDIVIDUAL** Membership: **\$40** annually
- FAMILY** Membership: **\$60** annually  
(Couple residing in the same household including dependant children)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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**BLUES WEEKLY**



All Memberships receive MBAS Blues Weekly by email Mondays for updates on Blues events plus a weekly Gig Guide. If you decide you no longer wish to receive the Blues Weekly e-subscription, you can unsubscribe at any time.

## 4 PAYMENT DETAILS

I enclose:  **CHEQUE**  **MONEY ORDER** Make all cheques/money orders payable to: Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society (not MBAS)

**CASH** In person only at an MBAS Event

**CREDIT CARD:**  Visa  Mastercard Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:  
DO NOT  
POST CASH!**

**PRINT AND SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR VICTORIAN BLUES MUSIC AWARDS ENTRY.**