

# Are You Ready FOR THE Central Florida Blues Challenge?

*Presented by the Orange Blossom Blues Society*

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Noon till 8 p.m.**

## **LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Limited number of 10 performance slots available.**

**Submissions will be accepted beginning Monday, September 1.**

**All applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, Saturday, September 27.**

**Slots will fill fast—Do Not Delay—Application fee only \$50**

**Visit the Orange Blossom Blues Society webpage for complete rules and application.**

[www.obbs.org](http://www.obbs.org)

Blues Bands and Solo/Duo Acts will compete at the local level to earn the opportunity to represent the Central Florida Blues community at the Blues Foundation's 25th International Blues Challenge held February 4 - 7, 2009 - in Memphis, Tennessee

### **People Choice Award - Best Blues Band in Central Florida**

In addition to the IBC preliminary competition, the OBBS will also be presenting a Best Blues Band Award to one of the participating performers.



The IBC has evolved into the nation's largest and most respected showcases for Blues musicians ready to take their act to the national stage. The IBC can be described as a "Battle of the Bands" in which competitors take the stage and play a short 20 minute set for a panel of judges—judged on Blues content, Talent, Originality and Stage presence.

The IBC represents an international search by The Blues Foundation and its Affiliated Organizations (comprised mostly of blues societies) for the Blues Band and Solo/Duo Blues Act deemed ready to perform on a national stage that just need that extra break.

The list of blues greats that have competed in the IBC over the years is impressive indeed: Michael Burks, Tommy Castro, Albert Cummings, Delta Moon, Larry Garner, Diunna Greenleaf, Zac Harmon, Richard Johnston, Matthew Skoller, Susan Tedeschi, Watermelon Slim, the late John Weston and Michelle Wilson.

