



SUWAŁKI BLUES FESTIVAL 2014

10-12.07.2014

REGULATION OF THE CONTEST

„SUWAŁKI BLUES FESTIVAL 2014” - THE BLUES BANDS’ CONTEST”

Suwałki Cultural Centre, hereinafter referred as the **Organization**, announces an open contest for the blues bands within the Suwałki Blues Festival 2014. The contest will consist of two separate parts of the competition, i.e. Blues Bands’ Contest and contest for qualifications to the European Blues Challenge 2015 (only for Bands from Poland). The contest will be conducted according to the rules set out in the Regulation of the contest document.

§ 1

Terms of the Contest

1. The contest is organized by the Suwałki Cultural Centre, 5 Papieża Jana Pawła II street, Suwałki, 16-400
2. Schedule of the contest:
 - a) beginning of the contest: 11-12 July 2014
 - b) the deadline for submission of applications: 15 May 2014
 - c) the date until which the applicant will receive the information about qualifying for the Contest: 15 June 2014
 - d) results of the contest: 11-12 July 2014
3. The aim of the contest is to create conditions to present a particular group of blues performers from the Baltic countries including Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to a wider audience during Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 and to perform a qualification for the European Blues Challenge 2015 (for the Bands from Poland).
4. Participants of the contest:
 - a) the participant of the Blues Bands’ Contest can be a Band performing independently or under a social or cultural institution auspice from the Baltic countries area **whose** music refers to blues music or related Genres,
 - b) participants qualifying for the European Blues Challenge 2015 can be blues bands from all over the country, referring to blues music and related genres.
5. There are no age limits.
6. If there is/are any member/members of a group who is/are underaged by law - a written permission from a legal guardian is required allowing a member/members of a group to participate in the contest and travel to the Festival.
7. Participation in the contest is free of charge and voluntary.

§ 2

Rules of the Contest

1. Requirement to submit the Contest is to deliver to the Organization a CD/DVD with the sound recording with the Band repertoire (recordings from the concerts including video recordings are also welcome), as well as the filled in and signed application form which is an attachment to the Regulation of the Contest document.
2. Technical requirements:
 - a) CD/DVD must contain minimum of 30 minutes of the band's music recorded in the format:
 - a. music files in the mp3 format (stereo, 44100 Hz, 192 kbps or more) or WAV (PCM 44100 Hz, 16bit),
 - b. video files in the avi format, mpg or DVD.
3. Either CD or DVD must be signed with the name of the band with the track list and the surnames of the authors of the songs.
4. Described CD or DVD together with the filled in application form ought to be delivered to the Organization up to 15 May 2014 to the following address: Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 Suwałski Ośrodek Kultury, ul. Papieża Jana Pawła II 5, 16-400 Suwałki with the note „SBF 2014 - contest” or „SBF 2014 - qualifications EBC 2015”.
5. Application forms which will be delivered to the Organization after 15 May 2014 will not be taken into account.
6. CD/DVD which will not meet the technical requirements and/or will be delivered without filled in application forms will not be taken into account.
7. Each Band can submit only one application.
8. Cost for the delivered medium and the delivery costs is borne by the contestant.
9. The Bands will be informed about being qualified to the competition of the blues bands as well as informed about being chosen to being qualified to ECB 2015 via email up till 15 June 2014. Qualifications will be made by the Contest Committee chosen by the Organization who will take into account sent music materials together with the application form. Committee will judge, inter alia, the level of the performance, sound, arrangement and overall artistic impression.
10. Bands qualified to the contest of the blues bands and qualifications to the EBC 2015 are to arrive to the place of where both parts of the contest shall be held and at the time given by the Organization in order to perform the sound check. Not arriving at the time appointed by the Organization will be considered as the resignation from the right to have the sound check.
11. The Organization assures a safe preservation of the equipment as well as the free entrance to all ticketed concerts during the Festival held on 11-12 July 2014.

§ 3

Jury

1. Winners of the Contest will be chosen by the Jury, which will consist of invited by the Organization people, for e.g.: well known musicians and publicists and the Organization's representative.

2. Members of the Jury will choose the best Bands by voting. Each member of the Jury has the right to vote once.
3. Jury will judge, inter alia, the level of the performance, sound, arrangement and overall artistic impression.
4. All Committee's and Jury's decisions are final and irrevocable.

§ 4 Awards

1. Organization, upon Jury's decision, shall award two main prizes:
 - a) ability to perform at the Main Stage during the Festival on 11 July 2014,
 - b) qualification to take part and in order to represent Poland during European Blues Challenge 2015 organized by the European Blues Union - only for the Polish artists.
2. Organization shall cover the costs of accommodation and catering during the period of 11-12 July 2014 (2days) for the qualified to the Contest Bands. Cost of travel shall be borne by the Bands.
3. The winners of the contests have the obligation to participate in the Festival as in § 4(1) a). Absence shall be considered as a resignation from the award which will be in Organization's disposition. Winners of the Contest shall not receive any money equivalent for not accepting the award.
4. In case of resigning from the award or unforeseen circumstances preventing winners from playing a concert during Suwalki Blues Festival 2014, the Organization reserves the right to transfer the prize to the Band, which according to the protocol has received the highest number of Jury's votes.
5. The Band qualified to take part in European Blues Challenge 2015, mentioned in § 4(1) b) shall cover the travel and accommodation cost by itself.

§ 5 Copyright laws

1. Participant of the Contest sending an application to the Contest declares that has an exclusive and an unlimited copyright to the submitted works and that:
 - a) in case of winning the Contest agrees: to the multiple public use of the tracks, publication of personal data (name, surname, place of residence) of all members of the Band in all promotional materials associated with the Organization as well as to use in promotional and marketing purposes by the Organization.
 - b) The Band authorizes Organization to the use songs and images taken during the concert of a Band and taken during Suwalki Blues Festival 2014 in order to make documentation, reportage, and in particular in order to share the above mentioned with the television, radio, online media. This also includes sharing images taken by accredited photographers with the press,
 - c) in case of winning the competition the Band authorizes to make registration of the Contest Concert by means of audiovisual techniques as well as to multiple public playback of the recording of the Concert in the promotional materials made by the Organization and their use in marketing and promotional purposes used by the Organization for an

indefinite period of time which also includes promotional CD published by the Organization.

2. In case of claims made by the third party for the violation of rights of the track qualified for the Contest, the participant of Contest who sent the track has the obligation to take all the actions in order to dismiss the claims as well as to cover all the costs and losses associated with the above mentioned including costs of possible trial and legal services.

§ 6 **Final provisions**

1. Teams qualified for the competition and those qualified as the participants of the ECB 2015 shall be informed about the Committee's decision via mail until 15 June 2014. Contest results will be announced on the Organizer's website www.suwalkiblues.com on 11 and 12 July 2014.
2. Organization reserves the right to change the rules of the Regulation of the Contest, if it does not affect the deterioration of the Contest's conditions.
3. Organization does not return sent materials.
4. This Regulation of the Contest document is the only document which defines the rules for the Contest. It is available in the Organization's office: Suwalki Cultural Centre, 5 Papieża Jana Pawła II, Suwalki, 16-400 and on the website: www.suwalkiblues.com
5. People who do not meet all of the requirements specified in this Regulation or submit false information will be disqualified. The Contest Application which do not meet all the requirements specified in this document will not be considered.
6. All questions regarding the Regulation of the Contest document should be forwarded in writing via email on: festival@suwalkiblues.com or bogdan.topolski@soksuwalki.eu.

Attachments are an integral part of the Regulation of the Contest document.

Appendix 1 - Application Form