



# ARBA BLUES ALBUM OF THE YEAR PRIMARY 2017 CONTEST INFORMATION

*See later advices of entries received, judging panel, etc at the related ARBA Awards webpage*



## PREFACE

The Adelaide Roots and Blues Association is to conduct its third annual competition for blues-styled albums recorded by South Australian musicians. Representatives of acts that have released Blues albums in the twelve months prior to **30th June 2017** are invited to nominate related albums by the deadline of **7th August** .. early indication of entry intentions would be welcomed.

At intervals, entries will be advised at the ARBA website and newsletters. The album Finalists will be announced in October and the trophy for **ARBA Blues Album Of The Year** will be presented in November .. preliminary details of both events below.

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- \* Albums are to have been released in purchasable hard CD and/or digital form in the period of 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.
- \* An album may be credited to a solo performer, duo or group or be an assembly of tracks by a number of artists.
- \* An album may not be a compilation of previously released material.
- \* At least half of the credited principal performers are to have been resident in SA for a greater part of the eligibility period.
- \* The release must contain a minimum of 6 tracks and/or or be at least 25 minutes in total duration.
- \* The majority of audio content is to be of a style within the broadly-accepted genre of blues music.

*If applicable, recording acts may submit entries for multiple related albums*

*A release may be entered into only one of ARBA's Blues or Roots album competitions and may not have been nor be submitted to an album contest conducted by a local blues-roots organisation of another Australian state, territory or place*

## ENTRY ROUTINE

- \* A copy of the official entry form is to be completed by a member or agent of the recording act(s) and passed over or forwarded by email or post to reach the appointed contest coordinator by the closing date of **Monday, 7th August**.

*A copy of the entry form can be gained from the coordinator or downloaded and printed via the link at the contest webpage  
See phone-email-address details for the contest coordinator and additional phone contacts at the top of the entry form*

- \* Six (6) hard copies of the album are also to reach the contest coordinator via some means by the above deadline. The copies will be retained by ARBA and after judging processes, be utilised for ARBA fund-raising purposes or donated to a charitable cause.
- \* Six burned disc copies of any digital-only releases are to be provided along with printed copies of the related artwork.

*Completed entry sheets and CD copies could be handed over at ARBA's International Blues Music Day event at the SWC on Friday 4th August  
These items might also be passed to ARBA committee representatives at prior Thursday night Gumbo Room jams*

## JUDGING-CRITERIA

- \* The entered albums will be assessed by a panel of five judges appointed by the ARBA committee.
- \* Via a prescribed scoring process, the judges will have regard for the following criteria (listed in order of importance):  
Blues Content, Vocal and Instrumental Performance, Originality, Audio Quality, Artwork/Design, Credits/Information

## FINALISTS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The top three album Finalists will be announced at the ARBA Members Event on Saturday, 14th October. Along with other ARBA awards, the trophy for the adjudged ARBA Blues Album Of The Year will be presented on the first evening of the Pt. Noarlunga Deep South Festival on Friday, 24th November.

## ENTRY TO BLUES FOUNDATION CD CONTEST

Being an affiliate of the Blues Foundation based in Memphis USA, ARBA will submit the 2017 Blues Album Of The Year to the Foundation's Self-Produced CD Contest with the winner out of world-wide entries to be announced at the IBC in January 2018.

*Personnel of the related act are to be subscribed individual or band members of ARBA and to provide four additional CD copies  
See contest details at <http://www.blues.org/international-blues-challenge/self-produced-cd>*

## 2017 ARBA ROOTS ALBUM OF THE YEAR

For Roots CD's released by SA artists from 1 Oct 2016 to 30 Jun 2017 (advanced from 30 Sep)  
See contest details at the related Awards webpage

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