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CREATION OF FRANCE BLUES

AN ASSOCIATION BRINGING TOGETHER ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE BLUES COMMUNITY

The Blues is over a hundred years old and, since its first appearance, it has influence all musical genres.

In France, Blues music is very much alive thanks to a strong determination from its young people to keep it vibrant. Various music competitions have indeed confirmed the talent of these young artists.

This vitality is found throughout Europe, particularly in the Northern countries, and various people involved thought that a coordinated action was now needed. After 3 annual European Blues conferences, the “European Blues Union” was finally set up and this year, for the first time, it organises the “European Blues Challenge” on the 18th and 19th of March in Berlin (16 countries are competing). Please visit the Union site: www.bluesyou.com

France will be represented at:

- The “European Blues Challenge” by the Toulouse quartet, Awek
- The “Memphis International Blues Challenge”, thanks to the support of Institut Français and Sacem, by the Toulouse band, Awek and the Grenoble duo, Mountain Men, introduced by Blues sur Seine.

A number of people involved in the French Blues community and related music genres considered that, as for many other performing arts, it was time to set up a common structure, hence the creation of FRANCE BLUES.

The association aims to promote the Blues and related music genres, those involved in the Blues community and in particular the artists but also associations, festivals, media and specialised websites, to encourage international exchanges and more specifically in terms of cooperation between European festivals as well as to promote initiatives for young people (such as Blues at school).

EXPECTED ACTIONS

Making up of a directory listing all those involved in the French Blues community and a study of the organisation of annual music awards.

THE BOARD

Is made up of website managers (www.zicazic.com, www.paris-move.com), the “Chaîne du Blues” (www.bluesfr.net), festival organisers and volunteers, journalists, lawyers, film maker and educator, etc.

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