



Springing the Blues Festival by the Numbers

Since its inception in 1991, the Springing the Blues festival has had a tremendous impact on the Jacksonville Beach area, the artists and the concert-goers who come back year after year. Here's a look back to celebrate 28 years of Blues in Jacksonville.

Management & Staff

- **10 months** of planning by volunteers
- **100+ volunteers** commit their time to make it a great fan experience

Economic Impact

- **\$5.5 million** infused in the local economy each year
- More than **5,300** hotel rooms sold yearly
- **15,000** restaurant meals bought each year by festival attendees
- Proceeds from the festival have been disseminated to various local charities, including:

Beaches Arts Foundation	Exchange Club
Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry	Fletcher High School Blues/Jazz Band
Beaches Habitat for Humanity	Improving Children's Playgrounds
Blues in the Schools	Jacksonville Beach Food Kitchen
Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE)	Meals on Wheels
Duval County 4-H	
Entertainment and Arts Collaborative of Northeast Florida	

Festival Honors & Awards

- Named by *The Florida Times-Union* as one of the **top 10 events** for 2010 (*The Florida Times-Union*, January 1, 2010)
- Named one of the **top 20 destination events in the country** by the Southeast Tourism Society
- Named by *Downbeat Magazine* as one of the **top 50 Music Festivals in the world**

The Artists

- The festival has featured **298 blues artists** in 28 years
- **790** Blues Music Award nominees
- **189** Blues Music Award winners
- **18** International Blues Challenge winners and top 3 finalists
- **10** Blues Hall of Fame inductees
- More than **300 artists** each year submit requests to perform at the festival

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