



The 18th edition of the Blues Heaven Festival will be held on November 8th and 9th in Arena Nord, Frederikshavn. Five more international bands have been announced.

Denmark's most prominent blues and soul festival, Blues Heaven, invites you inside for concerts and a fantastic atmosphere where the audience and top international musicians meet. In 2023, the festival attracted audiences from 17 countries. This year, the festival presents 50 musicians from 9 countries, many of whom are winners of Grammy® and (BMA) Blues Music Awards.

The Festival is thrilled to announce that Mississippi-born icon Castro Coleman, better known as **MR. SIPP**—"**The Mississippi Blues Child**" is one of the festival's headliners this year.

2024 Grammy® winner and Malaco Recording Artist Mr. Sipp was born August 25, 1976, in McComb, MS. He started playing the guitar at age 6. Through hard work and persistence, Sipp is now one of Mississippi's Blues' most influential ambassadors! He has been recognized for his unique vocals, songwriting, musicianship, and ability to produce records and entertain fans with a great show, making Mr. Sipp on "**The Total Package.**"

Mr. Sipp spent over 25 years as a recording artist and producer in the gospel world. Mr. Sipp was the **2014 International Blues Challenge winner**, as well as receiving the **Gibson Best Guitarist Award winner**. In the same year, Sipp was awarded the **Bobby Rush Entertainer of the Year** award by the Jus' Blues Foundation. In 2015, he won several Jackson Music Awards, including **International Male Blues Artist, Blues Artist of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year**. Sipp still has his gospel project, "**The True Believers,**" parallel to his blues career. With over 125 releases, he has played on several Grammy® nominated projects, and now, in January, he is finally lucky enough to lift the iconic Grammy® trophy at the big ceremony in Los Angeles.

Besides, Mr. Sipp has the following ready for Arena Nord: Brazilian **Blues Beatles** were founded in 2013 in São Paulo. They have taken the world by storm with their unique blend of two great music history genres: Blues and Beatles tracks. With over 300,000 Facebook followers and over **20,000,000 (20 million)** views of their videos on YouTube, the Blues Beatles are Brazil's most popular blues rock band.

JW-Jones is a Canadian guitarist, singer, and songwriter born in Ottawa in 1980. His journey towards the stars started behind a drum kit at 12. But a concert with BB King changed everything. Inspired by the blues master's magic, Jones picked up the guitar and threw himself into an intense learning course.

Nathan James (USA) has created his musical identity with homemade "washboard guitars" and self-taught skills. James Harman discovered Nathan when he was 19 and took him in his band on a worldwide tour. This valuable experience has shaped Nathan's journey from sideman to frontman.

Big Creek Slim (DK) is among the most sought-after names for its European blues scene. Norwegian **Kent Erik Thorvaldsen** is usually the frontman in the band **The Jelly Roll Men**. In this baptism of fire, the composite Danish/Norwegian duo is on a mission to bring old-school, low-down blues to the people - as it is meant to be played. Great expectations must be fulfilled when two of Scandinavia's most sincere blues souls are finally together **FOR THE FIRST TIME**.

These names have already been announced: **The Nick Moss Band (US), The Cash Box Kings (US), Mark Hummel with Anson Funderburgh (US), Nora Jean Wallace (US), Robert Jon & The Wreck (US), (US), Dawn Tyler Watson (CAN), Big Daddy Wilson (US), Harrell "Young Rell" Davenport (US).**

- ✓ 2018 - The festival was named "**International Festival of the Year**" by the French magazine Zicazic.
- ✓ 2018 - Organizer Peter Astrup was named "**Hoochie Coochie Man of the Year**" at the Danish Music Award.
- ✓ 2019 - The "**Toneværksprisen**" was awarded by Royal Unibrew and North Jutland music industry professionals.
- ✓ 2020 - "**Keeping the Blues Alive**" by The Blues Foundation. The award is considered the highest that can be achieved.
- ✓ 2021 - Peter Astrup was elected to Memphis's "**Board Of Directors**" of **The Blues Foundation**.
- ✓ 2022 - "**Behind The Scenes**" by **The European Blues Union** for achieving something extraordinary for blues music.

Ticket prices: Friday DDK 705 / € 95 Saturday DKK 805 / € 108 Weekend ticket DKK 1.355 / € 181

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