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Blues Heaven Festival announces the November 8 and 9 final program at Arena Nord, Frederikshavn.

The 18th edition of Denmark's most prominent blues and soul festival invites you to 14 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 the **American Grammy® and (BMA) Blues Music Awards**.

The program is now fully booked, and the star-studded lineup will have every blues and soul lover swinging their hips and tapping their feet. The audience can look forward to a spectacular weekend filled with raw energy, emotional music, and true blues spirit.

Friday's Headliner:

Mississippi blues legend Castro Coleman, better known as **Mr. Sipp**, "**The Mississippi Blues Child**," is the 2024 **GRAMMY®** winner. Born on August 25, 1976, in McComb, MS, he began playing guitar at 6. Through hard work and perseverance, Sipp is now one of Mississippi's most important blues ambassadors!

2014, he won the **International Blues Challenge** and received the "**Gibson Best Guitarist Award**." That same year, Sipp was awarded "**Bobby Rush Entertainer of the Year**." In 2015, he won several **Jackson Music Awards**, including "**International Male Blues Artist**," "**Blues Artist of the Year**," and "**Entertainer of the Year**." He was also named BMA "**Best New Artist**." In 2016, he received "**The Spirit of Little Walter Award**."

Mr. Sipp was the first musician to have his handprint inducted into the "**Wall of Fame**" at the Blues Heaven festival at Arena Nord in Frederikshavn, Denmark. He is recognized for his fantastic vocals, songwriting, musicianship, ability to produce records, and entertain fans with an optimistic show, making Mr. Sipp "**The Total Package**."

Saturday's Headliner:

Chicago's pride, **Ronnie Baker Brooks**, known as "**Crown Prince of The Blues**," is the rightful heir to the blues throne after **Buddy Guy**. Ronnie is a dazzling guitarist, an innovative, boundary-pushing songwriter, and an intensely soulful vocalist. RBB is the artist most requested to return to Blues Heaven, making him the only artist in the festival's 18-year history **to have performed four times!**

RBB recently signed a record deal with **Alligator Records**. He says, "I grew up playing with my father, **Lonnie Brooks**—studying and learning from colleagues and blues legends. Alligator Records created a platform for blues artists like my father. Now, teaming up with Alligator feels like coming home. I am excited to continue creating Chicago blues, part of my family heritage and our shared history."

These names have already been announced:

The Nick Moss Band (US), The Cash Box Kings (US), Mark Hummel w/ Anson Funderburgh (US), Nora Jean Wallace (US), Blues Beatles (BRA), Robert Jon & The Wreck (US), Dawn Tyler Watson (CAN), Big Daddy Wilson (US), JW-Jones (CAN), Nathan James (US), Harrell Davenport (US), Big Creek Slim (DK) & Kent Erik Thorvaldsen (NOR).

Blues Heaven is an internationally recognized festival. The multi-award-winning festival has established itself as one of the "go-to" European blues and soul festivals, so music lovers know to seize the chance to experience the magic of music live when Arena Nord transforms into a true star-studded blues paradise.

- ✔ 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**.
- ✔ 2020, "**Keeping the Blues Alive**" by Blues Foundation in Memphis. This award is the highest accolade one can receive.
- ✔ 2021, Peter Astrup was elected to the **Board of Directors** of The Blues Foundation in Memphis.
- ✔ 2022, the **European Blues Union** awarded "**Behind The Scenes**" for extraordinary contributions to the blues music.

Ticket Prices: Friday: DKK 94/ € Saturday: €107 Weekend pass: €181

Visit www.bluesheaven.dk for more information about artists, transport, hotels, tickets, etc.