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Blues Heaven Festival Unveils Final Lineup for November 8th and 9th at Arena Nord, Frederikshavn.

The 18th edition of Denmark's most prominent blues and soul festival, Blues Heaven, is set to open its doors to a spectacular atmosphere where audiences and top international musicians come together for 14 unforgettable concerts. In 2023, the festival attracted attendees from 17 different countries. This year, the festival will showcase 50 musicians from 9 nations, many of whom are **American Grammy® and Blues Music Awards (BMA) winners**.

The lineup is fully booked with a star-studded roster that promises to make every blues and soul enthusiast sway to the rhythm and tap their feet. Audiences can look forward to a thrilling weekend filled with raw energy, emotional music, and the true spirit of the blues.

Saturday's Headliner:

The pride of Chicago, [Ronnie Baker Brooks](#), also known as the "Crown Prince of the Blues," will take center stage. Ronnie, the rightful heir to the blues throne after Buddy Guy. He is "An exceptional guitarist and an innovative, boundary-pushing songwriter." and an intense, soulful vocalist.

On Friday, October 11, 2024, the world's largest blues record label, Alligator Records, will release the highly anticipated new album "[Blues In My DNA](#)" from the award-winning blues-rock guitarist, songwriter, and vocalist. This album, his fifth, is a modern, organic masterpiece.

Firmly rooted in blues, Ronnie integrates his unique mix of rock, funk, and soul into his music. *"I just play what I feel," he says. "It all comes from the heart."* He adds, *"I grew up playing alongside my father, Lonnie Brooks, learning from peers and blues legends. I saw how Alligator Records created a platform for blues artists like my father, who released eight albums on Alligator. Collaborating with Alligator now feels like coming home. I look forward to continuing to create Chicago blues, part of my family's legacy and shared history."* Ronnie Baker Brooks is the most requested artist in Blues Heaven's 18-year history, making this his fourth appearance at the festival – a record no other artist has achieved.

Friday's Headliner:

Mississippi blues legend Castro Coleman, better known as [Mr. Sipp "The Mississippi Blues Child,"](#) and the 2024 GRAMMY® winner, will headline Friday night. Born on August 25, 1976, in McComb, MS, he started playing guitar at age 6. Sipp has become one of Mississippi's most important blues ambassadors through hard work and perseverance.

In 2014, he won **the International Blues Challenge** and the **"Gibson Best Guitarist Award."** That same year, Sipp was honored with the **"Bobby Rush Entertainer of the Year"** award. In 2015, he won multiple Jackson Music Awards, including **"International Male Blues Artist," "Blues Artist of the Year,"** and **"Entertainer of the Year."** He was also named BMA's **"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 in Arena Nord, Frederikshavn, Denmark. He is recognized for his outstanding vocals, songwriting, musicianship, ability to produce records, and upbeat show, making him "The Total Package."

Other Announced Artists Include:

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 event has established itself at the top of Europe's "go-to" blues and soul festivals, where music lovers know to seize the opportunity to experience the magic of live music 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 Memphis's Board of Directors of The Blues Foundation.
- ✓ 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.