

Press Release

The Blues Is Alive & Well in Europe

4th EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE

Friday, 11 April 2014

Saturday, 12 April 2014

Sapnu Fabrika, Riga, Latvia

Street address: Lacplesa iela 101

<http://www.sapnufabrika.lv/?ln=en>



Doors open @ 18:30 / Showtime @ 20:00

Practical information

www.europeanbluesunion.com

www.liverigablues.lv/eng/useful-info

THE EUROPEAN BLUES UNION (EBU)

Presents the 4th European Blues Challenge in Riga, European Capital of Culture

The **European Blues Union (EBU)** is a non-profit organization established in 2010 by a group of European Blues professionals and enthusiasts encompassing festival and tour promoters, clubs, agents, Blues magazines, journalists, photographers, researchers, independent record companies and distributors, radio deejays, and Blues musicians. To achieve the common goal of bringing the Blues into the public limelight and spreading the Blues message, the EBU has various activities – The annual **European Blues Challenge (EBC)** represents its major cultural undertaking and networking of the European Blues community.

During **11-12 April 2014** Blues artists from **18 European countries**, each of them winners of their national blues challenge contests will compete at the **4th European Blues Challenge** to be held at **Sapnu Fabrika** in **Latvia's** capital city **Riga**.

International pre-ticket sale at

www.bilesuserviss.lv/eng/concerts/festivals/visi/?concert=129030

The opportunity to meet with Blues fans and enthusiasts from all over Europe

THE EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE
The Greatest Blues Event in Europe in 2014

Line-Up : Friday 11th April

20:00 – 23:45

- Croatia: **44 Blues**
- Denmark: **Big Creek Slim & The Cockroaches**
- Sweden: **The Hightones**
- Latvia: **Lavrix Band**
- Italy: **Marco Pandolfi Trio**
- Germany: **Mike Seeber Trio**
- Russia: **Bomb Lane Band**
- Finland: **Ina Forsman & Helge Tallqvist Band**
- Hungary: **T. Rogers**

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- Spain: **A Contra Blues**
- Belgium: **Fred and the Healers**
- France: **Shake Your Hips**
- Switzerland: **The Bacon Fats**
- United Kingdom: **David Migden & The Twisted Roots**
- Romania: **The Blues Nation**
- Norway: **Pristine**
- Austria: **Edi Fenzl Band**
- Netherlands: **The John F. Klaver Band**

The Saturday eve will end with a Grand Finale including the announcement of the winners at midnight and a follow-up Jam-Session!

The winners will be awarded by given the opportunity to perform at the following major European Festivals later in 2014: Frederikshavn Blues Festival (Denmark), Hondarribia Blues Festival (Spain), Lucerne Blues Festival (Switzerland), Notodden Blues Festival (Norway), Puisto Blues Festival (Finland), Sierre Blues Festival (Switzerland), Trasimeno Blues Festival (Italy), Basel Blues Festival 2015 (Switzerland).

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