



1st Swiss Blues Challenge

Announcement of the 4 Finalists

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The Swiss Blues Challenge is a contest organised for the first time this year in Switzerland by "Swiss Blues" to select bands to represent Switzerland in international contests such as the *EBC (European Blues Challenge)* organized in Berlin by the *EBU (European Blues Union)*, and the *IBC (International Blues Challenge)*, organized in Memphis by the Blues Foundation

Final of the 1st Swiss Blues Challenge 2011

4 finalists have been selected by a Jury, having listened to at least 4 tracks on CDs submitted by the bands. They will compete in a live performance on **September 29, 2011** in Geneva. Each band shall play for 20 minutes. A Jury will evaluate the performances and determine the winner of the Swiss Blues Challenge.

The 4 finalists of the 2011 edition are:

- **Marco Marchi and the Mojo Workers**
- **Walt's Blues Box**
- **Swamptrain**
- **Mr Blue and the Tight Groove**

The 17 bands who have participated in the contest are the four finalists plus: Andy Egert Blues Band, Stefan Imobersteg, Martin Bashung and Big B Tonic, Don P and the Blue Jags, Strong T, Fridolin's Heritage, Mono Blues Band, The Blues Mystery, Blue Spice, Azazel's Blues Earthworms, Nico Brina, Drunken Shrimps and Line 6 Blues Project.

The Jury for the pre-selection was composed of:

- Vallemaggia Magic Blues
- Blues Rules Crissier
- Blues Association Genève
- Basel Blues Festival / Bluesnews.ch
- Sierre Blues Festival
- Vully Blues Club

The Final, organised by the Blues Association of Geneva (BAG) will take place at BDG Club, Brasseur des Grottes, 6, rue de la Servette, 1201 Geneva.