



## Springing the Blues Festival by the Numbers

Since its inception in 1991, the Springing the Blues festival has had a tremendous impact on the Jacksonville Beach area, the artists and the concert-goers who come back year after year. Here's a look back to celebrate 29 years of Blues in Jacksonville.

### Management & Staff

- **10 months** of planning by volunteers
- **100+ volunteers** commit their time to make it a great fan experience

### Economic Impact

- **\$5.5 million** infused in the local economy each year
- More than **5,300** hotel rooms sold yearly
- **15,000** restaurant meals bought each year by festival attendees
- Proceeds from the festival have been disseminated to various local charities, including:
 

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| Beaches Arts Foundation                                   | Exchange Club                        |
| Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry                     | Fletcher High School Blues/Jazz Band |
| Beaches Habitat for Humanity                              | Improving Children's Playgrounds     |
| Blues in the Schools                                      | Jacksonville Beach Food Kitchen      |
| Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE)                 | Meals on Wheels                      |
| Duval County 4-H  |                                      |
| Entertainment and Arts Collaborative of Northeast Florida |                                      |

### Festival Honors & Awards

- Named by *The Florida Times-Union* as one of the **top 10 events** for 2010 (*The Florida Times-Union*, January 1, 2010)
- Named one of the **top 20 destination events in the country** by the Southeast Tourism Society
- Named by *Downbeat Magazine* as one of the **top 50 Music Festivals in the world**

### The Artists

- The festival has featured **320 blues artists** in 29 years
- **792** Blues Music Award nominees

- **190** Blues Music Award winners
- **18** International Blues Challenge winners and top 3 finalists
- **10** Blues Hall of Fame inductees
- More than **300 artists** each year submit requests to perform at the festival

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