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Live Broadcast of Blues Music Awards on XM Satellite Radio Guitar Shorty to Perform During Awards Ceremony

(Memphis)--XM Satellite Radio will broadcast the 2007 Blues Music Awards live from Memphis' Cook Convention Center on Thursday, May 10. This is the first-ever national radio broadcast of the Blues Music Awards.

Presented by The Blues Foundation, the BMAs are the premier award presented for blues artists and blues recordings worldwide. The show will be aired on XM's "Bluesville" channel. Broadcast will begin at approximately 7 p.m. CST and conclude around 1 a.m. The broadcast will feature at least 25 live performances by dozens of BMA nominees, including Alligator Records' artist Guitar Shorty. Shorty and his band will perform numbers from his award nominated "We The People" CD.

Guitar Shorty is nominated in three categories; Contemporary Blues Album of the Year for "We The People", Contemporary Blues Male Artist of the Year, and Instrumentalist -Guitar. Award presenters include British Blues legend John Mayall, former Major League Baseball player and manager Dusty Baker and his long-time friend, bluesman Elvin Bishop.

Other performing artists will include Marcia Ball, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials and Eric Lindell, Otis Taylor's banjo quartet, a soul blues revue featuring a five-nominee ensemble backed by the Steve Edmonson band, a once-in-a-lifetime harp blowout led by Mark Hummel and the full Bobby Rush Show.

Nominees planning to attend include; Barbara Blue, Big George Brock, Bill Stuve, Bob Stroger, Calvin "Fuzz" Jones, Calvin Owens, Chris Thomas King, Dave David "Honeyboy" Edwards, Dion, Dianna Greenleaf, Dr. John, EG Kight, Fiona Boyes, Frankie Lee, Guy Davis, Irma Thomas, Jackie Payne & Steve Edmonson, Janiva Magness, Johnny Rawls, Kid Ramos, Kim Wilson, Magic Slim & the Teardrops, Mannish Boys, Mitch Kashmar, Mookie Brill, Nick Moss & The Flip Tops, Nora Jean Bruso, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Rory Block, Sam Carr, Slick Ballinger, Sugar Pie DeSanto, Tab Benoit, The Kilborn Alley Blues Band, Trudy Lynn, Watermelon Slim & the Workers, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith and Zora Young to name just a few.

Tables and tickets can be purchased at <https://www.blues.org/tickets/bma.php> or by calling 901.527.2583.

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