

Stevie Hawkins, Celebrated Vocalist and Drummer Inducted "Legendary Blues Artist" by International Blues Hall of Fame

Renowned Blues Artist Honored for Exceptional Talent and Lifelong Dedication to Blues Music



Atlanta, Georgia Apr 22, 2024 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - In a momentous event held on April 14, 2024, in Birmingham, Alabama, **Stevie Hawkins**, a revered figure in blues music hailing from Knoxville, Tennessee, was honored with the prestigious title of "**Legendary Blues Artist**" by the International Blues Hall of Fame. This accolade stands as a testament to Hawkins' unparalleled musical prowess and unwavering commitment to the art of blues music.

Joining the ranks of iconic figures such as Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Ray Charles, Bobby Bland, Elmore James, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Son House, Willie Dixon, Etta James, Albert King, Howlin' Wolf, and BB King, Stevie Hawkins has etched his name in the annals of music history with this illustrious induction into the International Blues Hall of Fame. His place among these revered luminaries is a testament to his enduring impact on the realm of blues music.

The induction ceremony commenced with a captivating performance by Hawkins and **Cherry Book**, a fellow Blues Hall of Fame inductee from the preceding year. This was followed by an electrifying showcase by Hawkins' acclaimed band, [Stevie Hawkins & The Blues Messiahs](#), setting the stage for an evening filled with jubilation and recognition of the profound contributions made by individuals to the blues music genre.

Expressing his sincere gratitude for this esteemed recognition, Hawkins remarked, "I am deeply honored and humbled to be enshrined in the Blues Hall of Fame amongst such exceptional artists. This award is a reflection of the passion and dedication we pour into our music, resonating with audiences worldwide. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty for blessing me with a gift of passion and talent for music; to my children Deanna, Justin, and Miranda; to my beloved partner Charlotte Hannon; select family members; bandmates Tommy Cox and Steve Carr; agent Gerald Murray; as well as my supportive friends and mentors for their unwavering guidance throughout my musical odyssey. It is truly fulfilling to be inducted alongside such a talented cohort of artists who have inspired me, and I am immensely thankful for this momentous honor." Hawkins continued by offering inspiring words: "In all circumstances, maintain unwavering self-belief, strive for unparalleled excellence, infuse assurance in those around you, and relentlessly chase after your unique endowment of passion, regardless of its nature."

Hawkins also stated, "A special acknowledgment and gracious thank you is due to **Mr. James Newport**, the ambassador to the southeastern United States International Blues Hall of Fame, for recognizing the merit in my work and career, culminating in this prestigious induction, as well as bestowing my band, [Stevie Hawkins & The Blues Messiahs](#), the honor of opening the induction ceremony with a live performance. Mr. Newport is a good man and an avid supporter of blues music and blues artists. Heartfelt gratitude goes out to **Cherry Book** and others involved in the nomination process. Sharing my induction with a plethora of legendary artists who have shaped the blues music genre and served as a wellspring of inspiration over the years is a dream realized, and I am exceptionally thankful for this grand honor and recognition."

Renowned for his soul-stirring vocals, impeccable drumming, and poignant songwriting, Stevie Hawkins is hailed as a consummate storyteller in the realms of blues and soul music. His musical prowess transcends conventional boundaries, using not only his voice but also his drums as a medium to convey his emotions and narratives.

A spokesperson for the Blues Hall of Fame lauded Hawkins, stating, "Stevie's profound influence and

artistic contributions to the blues genre are truly commendable. His unwavering dedication to upholding the rich tradition of blues music is a testament to his musical legacy."

Embarking on his musical voyage as a drummer for blues icons such as William "Chico" Crawford, Rufus Thomas, Albert King, and John Lee Hooker during his formative years, Hawkins has traversed a remarkable trajectory to establish himself as a solo artist of unparalleled acclaim, garnering accolades and a devoted global fan base.

In recent times, Hawkins has been the recipient of numerous prestigious accolades, including a coveted GRAMMY award and eight distinguished blues music awards, solidifying his position as a revered figure in the blues community.

With the official title of "Legendary Blues Artist" now bestowed upon him, Stevie Hawkins stands tall as an emblem of artistic excellence and a beacon of inspiration within the realm of blues music. His enduring influence and captivating performances have rightfully earned him a revered position among the distinguished legends of the International Blues Hall of Fame.

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About Stevie Hawkins

Stevie Hawkins, a highly acclaimed blues and soul singer and drummer, has etched his name in the annals of music history with his exceptional talent and captivating performances. With a rich and powerful voice that effortlessly resonates with his audience, Hawkins is a revered figure in the music industry. With a string of accomplishments under his belt, including being a recipient of a prestigious GRAMMY® Award, Stevie Hawkins stands out as an artist of unparalleled caliber. His extraordinary contributions to the blues music genres have not only garnered critical acclaim but also earned him multiple blues awards, including being a 2024 Blues Hall of Fame "Legendary Blues Artist" Inductee, solidifying his position as a true icon of the art form.

Over the years, Hawkins has been a sought-after guest for radio interviews, where he shares his journey and insights into his creative process. His compelling personality and profound storytelling ability have made him a favorite among interviewers and listeners alike. Stevie's album releases have not only received multiple awards, global airplay, and media attention but have also garnered a wave of positive reviews from industry experts and critics. His innovative approach to songwriting and undeniable talent have been widely lauded for their authenticity and emotional resonance.

In a world where the music industry is constantly evolving, Stevie Hawkins has firmly established himself as an award-winning recording artist with his enduring talent and unwavering passion for creating exceptional music. He remains an influential figure in the world of music, inspiring generations to come with his outstanding contributions to the blues and soul genres. The Blues chose Hawkins, and he's sure as heck not going to let it down.



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