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**Sweden's #1 International
Blues Event Since 1992**



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2nd Weekend in July

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The story

Åmål's Bluesfest started in 1992. But the foundation to what was to become Sweden's #1 international blues event was really laid back in 1988 when the Bluesfest founder, Nils Lönnsjö, and his friend Josh Brenner visited Kenny Brown in Clarksdale, Mississippi. During their stay in the states they visited a lot of juke joints and clubs in towns like Memphis, Clarksdale and West Helena. They also got to meet blues men like T-Model Ford and legendary blues radio dj Early Wright.

A couple of years later Kenny Brown called Nils and asked if he could put a tour together in Sweden. Kenny had then started playing with Muddy Waters former harmonica player, Mojo Buford, and wanted to do a tour in Sweden. Nils got a tour set up and made one of the stops in Åmål. He enlisted a couple of other acts as well and the first edition of Åmål's Bluesfest took place in July 1992. Alongside Mojo Buford and Kenny Brown were acts like Siwert Bramstedt & Sture Elldin, The Bluesblasters, Sue's Blues, Uptown Blues Band and Hobo's Rhythm 'N' Blues Section.

From that humble start the Bluesfest has grown to a big international event, always on the 2nd weekend of July. During the years a lot of international acts from USA, Canada, South America, Africa, UK and the rest of Europe has performed on the Bluesfest.

The festival has gotten bigger during the years. For the most part it's been a four day festival, but a couple of years after the millennium the festival was actually a week long event with blues from Monday to Sunday. Nowadays the festival starts Wednesday night and ends Sunday afternoon.

During those days we have club blues, street blues, arena blues, gospel as well as workshops, exhibitions and markets. Åmål's Bluesfest isn't just a bluesfest anymore. It has become a city festival. During the festival you can hear live music being played all over the city center and all the way down to the arena at Åmål city harbor.

We've often heard people refer to our festival as a "feel-good festival" and that's something we're very proud of. Both visitors and city residents seems to find joy in the Bluesfest.

Åmål's Bluesfest is a festival for blues and music lovers of all ages. A real celebration of the power of music.

The Schedule

Thursday: Opening Blues, Exhibition, Club Blues, Blues Nite, Markets

Friday: Street Blues, Club Blues, Exhibitions, Jam, Arena Blues, Markets

Saturday: Street Blues, Club Blues, Exhibitions, Jam, Arena Blues, Markets

During the Bluesfest: Bluesfest Award & Junior Blues Prize

The Players... (a selection so far...)

USA & Canada: Mojo Buford, Canned Heat, Eric Bibb, R.L. Burnside, Magic Slim & The Teardrops, Jimmy Dawkins, Louisiana Red, Brewer Phillips, T-Model Ford, Taildragger, The Devon Allman Project, Joanna Connor, Sari Schorr, Trampled Under Foot, Keith Dunn, Chuck Hall, Mia Lexie, Nikki Hill, Bill Abel, Otis Taylor, Billy Boy Arnold, Angela Brown, Birdlegg, Johnny Rawls, Seasick Steve, Abu Talib, Lazy Lester, John Mooney, David Maxwell, Sheila Wilcoxson, Big Jack Johnson, Bob Stroger, Eddie Kirkland, Alvin Youngblood Hart, Lil' Jimmy Reed, JW Jones, Reverend Peyton & his Big Damn Band, Jai Malano, Mud Morganfield, John Primer, Robert Belfour, Corey Harris Rasta Blues Experience, Bobby Rush, Brown Sugar Dixon, Dawn Tyler Watson, Anthony Gomes, Kirk Fletcher, Corey Harris, Jeff Jensen Band, James Harman, Nathan James, Travix Haddix, Memphis Gold, Michael Roach, Chris Thomas King, Hook Herrera, Tasha Taylor, Layla Zoe, Ally Venable, Kiralina Salandy, Rich DelGrosso, Bert Deivert, Walter Trout, Bernard Allison, Danielle Nicole Band, Tad Robinson, Big Daddy Wilson, Jimmy Zavala, Rich Harper, Mason Ruffner, Zora Young, Deitra Farr, Jody Williams, Omar & The Howlers, Sharrie Williams & The Wiseguys, Junior Watson Band, Gregory Boyd, The Persuasions, The Holmes Brothers, and many more.

Africa & South America: Bonita Niessen, Miriam Mandipira, Justina Lee Brown, Songhoy Blues, Chino Swingslide.

Europe: Ten Years After, Sam Mitchell, Si Cranstoun, Paul Lamb, Ian Siegal, Kyla Brox, Big Joe Louis, The Cinelli Brothers, Little George Sueref, The Blues Band, JT Lauritsen, Thorbjörn Risager & Black Tornado, Sven Zetterberg, Rita Engedalen, Reidar Larsen, Björn Berge, Baskery, Ina Forsman, Patricia Page, Wentus Blues Band, Erja Lyytinen, Jukka Tolonen, Roffe Wikström, Peps Persson, Marie Chain, Lisa Lystam Family Band, Louise Hoffsten, Mr Bo & The Voodooers, Blues Pills, Among Lynx, Clas Yngström & Sky High, Slidin' Slim, Knock-Out Greg & Blue Weather, Nisse Hellberg, Ida Bang & The Blue Tears, Jenny & Björn, Homesick Mac, Spoonful of Blues, Filip Jers & Svante Sjöblom, Troels Jensen & HP Lange and many more.

