

October 1, 2025
David O'Brien
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Dear David:

As Chair of the Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival I would like to personally thank you for the Hazel McCallion Foundation for the Arts, Culture and Heritage Foundation support of the Southside Shuffle Rising Stars Youth Challenge this year. This year we had 4 finalists performing Saturday afternoon on the World Stage in Memorial Park. All the acts were fantastic and it was hard for our judges to pick the top artist but they did award Callie Back first place. She will be back next year performing a full set and will be introducing the new acts vying for the coveted prize of recording at Metalworks Studios. The day was a huge success and with your help we are planning on expanding it next year to include 8 acts.

Thank you again David for your support of our Rising Stars Youth Challenge. We appreciate your support.

Best wishes,

Kristine Kane, Chair

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