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Houston women get Blues Award nominations



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Diunna Greenleaf performs at Discovery Green during the free weekly concert series "Blues and Burgers" co-sponsored by KTSU on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in Houston. This was the third week of the series which will run through the second Wednesday of November. Photo: Andrew Richardson, Houston Chronicle

Three prominent Houston singers -- Trudy Lynn, Diunna Greenleaf and Annika Chambers -- received nominations for the 39th annual Blues Music Awards, which will be held in Memphis in May.

Lynn was nominated in the soul blues female artist category along with Mavis Staples, Bettye LaVette, Denise LaSalle and Vaneese Thomas. Chambers and Greenleaf are nominated for the Koko Taylor Award for traditional blues female singer. The category also includes fellow Texan Ruthie Foster, along with Miss Freddye and Janiva Magness.

Nominees for contemporary blues female artist include Shemekia Copeland, a New York native who has a following in Houston due in part to her father blues great Johnny Copeland, who started playing in Houston in the mid-1950s.

Nominees in other categories include Taj Mahal, the North Mississippi All-Stars, Bobby Rush and Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

The event will be held at the Memphis Cook Convention Center on May 10. More info on the Blues Foundation and the event [here](#).