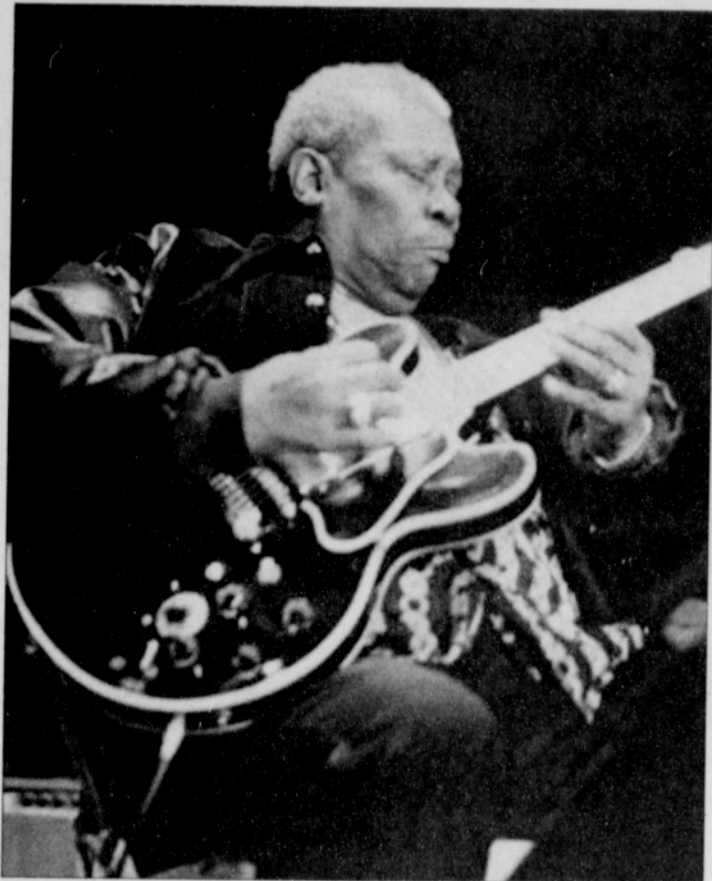


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## B.B. King Crowned With Top Blues Title

Prestigious awards recognized a montage of newcomers and veterans



AWARDS (clockwise from left): B.B. King - Entertainer of the Year; Pinetop Perkins - Inducted into The Blues Hall of Fame; Koko Taylor - Traditional Female Artist; Shemekia Copeland - Blues Album of the Year, Contemporary Female Artist, Contemporary Blues Album; Magic Slim and the Teardrops - Blues Band of the Year; Robert Randolph - Best New Artist.



(AP) — B.B. King won entertainer of the year for the fifth consecutive year at the 24th annual W.C. Handy Blues Awards.

Last week's awards show honored newcomers and veterans alike. Shemekia Copeland, daughter of the late Johnny Copeland, won three awards, including blues album of the year for her Dr. John-produced "Talking to Strangers."

It marked the second time that Copeland has won the category; she won in 2001 for her sophomore effort, "Wicked."

In the night's most diverse category, sacred steel virtuoso Robert Randolph beat out Yugoslavian blues diva Ana Popovic, hill-boogie one-man-band Richard Johnston, country-blues artist Precious Bryant and former guitarist Nick Moss to win the best new artist debut.

Copeland also won awards for contemporary female artist and contemporary blues album for "Talking to Strangers."

Memphis-born Koko Taylor took home her 23rd trophy, win-

ning traditional female artist and retaining her title as all-time Handy champion.

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goslavian blues diva Ana Popovic, hill-boogie one-man-band Richard Johnston, country-blues artist Precious Bryant and former Jimmy Rogers guitarist Nick Moss to win the best new artist debut award for his album, "Live at the Wetlands."

Magic Slim & the Teardrops were named blues band of the

year, while Charlie Musselwhite won contemporary male artist. Musselwhite also won for blues instrumentalist-harmonica.

One-time Sun recording artist and Muddy Waters sideman, pianist Pinetop Perkins, won for keyboards, and he was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, established by Handys producer

the Blues Foundation.

The Memphis-based Blues Foundation is a nonprofit umbrella organization for more than 100 blues societies. The 25-category Handy ballot is chosen by an international panel of blues industry professionals, and then voted on by more than 30,000 blues fans.

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