

## LEVAN LORTKIPANIDZE

Location: New York City and Mississippi



LEVAN LORTKIPANIDZE is a multi-talented musician who is capable of performing world-class performances. He is a vocalist, and an expert performer on flute, harmonica, guitar, dobro, slide guitar, Hammond, and piano. He is capable of performing several genres of music. He has been welcomed on the stage by BB King and also other notable Legendary Blues Performers. He has been welcomed into the recording studio by musicians who have worldwide followings. He has performed in documentaries, on TV and in live theater performances. He has an exceptional and varied performance history. Levan Lortkipanidze was born in Tbilisi, Georgia. After graduation from Tbilisi Conservatory, he came to Nashville, TN on a recording contract with McFarland Brothers.

Levan is available for various performing and recording opportunities. Contact – Facebook Messenger - <https://www.facebook.com/levan.lortki...> Or Management: Mississippi Delta Blues, Inc. [deltablues@bellsouth.net](mailto:deltablues@bellsouth.net) and 662-347-2869. [www.msdeltablues.com](http://www.msdeltablues.com)

### MISSISSIPPI 2023

- **The Reopening of the Historic Club Ebony, Indianola, MS (Home of BB King)** Levan was a guest artist.  
“Club Ebony, a Historic Blues Venue Tied to B.B. King, Rises Again  
The Indianola, Miss., club was part of the chitlin circuit, where Black performers found refuge during the Jim Crow era. After urgent renovations, it will reopen this week.” New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/29/arts/music/club-ebony.html>
- Performing at the Blue Biscuit in Indianola, MS with Mississippi Morris
- Performing at the Blue Biscuit in Indianola, MS with his band.
- Performing in Jackson, MS with the Blue Monday Band, The Central Mississippi Blues Society.

### EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES 2012 - 2022

- 2022 - **International Blues Festival** in Lagodekhi, Kakheti (Blues Village)
- 2022 – 2020 Georgian American Rock band The Core, **Lead Guitarist**
- 2018 Batumi Sea Jazz Festival performed together with Sopho Khalvashi
- 2018 Sopho Khalvashi Georgian Public Broadcasting Music TV series **Acustica** performing live.

- 2017 Together with Sopho Khalvashi performed for world famous Georgian **NBA Basketball player Zaza Pachulia's** homecoming concert. The concert was broadcast live on Imedi TV.
- 2017 – 2020 Lead guitarist, harmonica, flute, and singer at Georgian Blues band **“Old Road Band”**. Have performed various shows throughout Georgia.
- 2016 Together with Sopho Kkhalvashi and Band performed at **New Year's live TV concert** which was broadcasted live at Rustavi 2 Channel
- 2012 Performing flute at Artgeni Folk Music Festival together with Internationally recognized **Georgian National Ballet** Sukhishvili ASA Party

**MILITARY SERVICE (from time in US until time in his home country of Georgia)** --51st Georgian Infantry Battalion and U.S. Marine Corps detachment was deployed as a civilian military interpreter during NATO Resolute Support mission at Bagram Air Base, Parwan Province Afghanistan. Serving NATO ISAF Mission in Helmand Province Afghanistan as a Georgian-English Military Translator.

#### **UNITED STATES PERFORMANCES 2004 - 2010**

- 2010 Featuring artist together with Mauldin Brothers at **Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club**.
- 2009 – Featured recording artist on Alphonso Sander's Album 'Mississippi Influence' recorded at **B.B. King Studio**.
- 2009 – at Mississippi Valley University as a blues artist participated in Blues Workshop together with Grammy Nominated artists **Branford and Delfeayo Marsalis**.
- 2009 – Featured artist together with Legendary Blues Harmonica **Player Billy Branch at B.B. Kings Club Ebony**.
- September 17, 2009, to October 10, 2009, Together with Synetic Theatre performing William Shakespeare's **“A Midsummer Night's Dream” (Philostrate/Flute, Guitar)**.
- February 2010 together with Synetic Theatre **received the Helen Hayes Awards:** Category - The Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble at the Warner Theatre, Washington D.C.
- May 2008 W.C. Handy Blues Awards Ceremony performed live show together with W. C. Handy award nominee **Big George Brocks** and iconic blues guitarist **Hubert Sumlin**.
- August 2008 together with David Lee Durham participated at the **B.B. King Museum Grand Opening Ceremony in Indianola, Mississippi performed together with David Lee Durham**.
- August 2008 was featured artist at **B.B. King International blues music workshop with B.B. King and his band**.
- September 2008 together with David Lee Durham and Ladies Choice band played as an **opening act for B.B. King and his band in Indianola Mississippi**.
- October 2007 featured as Hammond organ and Harmonica player on **famous Southern Rock Band “The Electric Mudd” Album with title “Back to the Deaden”**.
- November 2006 - performed together with David Lee Durham and Ladies Choice band at the 12th annual **Luzern Blues Festival in Switzerland**
- September 2006 - **Opening act for B.B. King** and his band at Homecoming Festival in Indianola, Mississippi.

- August 2006 **Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival** Performing with David Lee Durham and Blues Band. Also performed together with Legendary Blues Artis Cadillac John.
- July 2006 – Together with David Lee Durham performed show at **Morgan Freeman’s Ground Zero Blues Club.**
- June 2006 – Together with David Lee Durham and Blues band **performed live show at Club Ebony with Grammy Nominated Blues artist Keb Mo.**
- 2006 - Together with David Lee Durham **recorded a live Album which was produced by B.B. King Studio.** On the album Levan Lortkipanidze was featured with two original songs “Swing for the night” and “Sunday Night Blues.
- June 2006 - Featured as Blues Artist (Flute and Piano) **B.B. King Documentary movie filmed by Robert Magee “Night at Club Ebony”.**
- May 2006 Together with legendary blues **guitarist Hubert Sumlin futured as a blues artist on Big George Brocks Blues Album “Round Two”.**
- May 2006 featured on Hammond organ on the **documentary with title “Hard Times” filmed by Damian Blaylock.** The documentary about the Legendary Blues artist Big George Brock.
- May 2005 was **nominated as a Delta Blues Musician of the year by Indianola Mississippi Blues Society.**
- June 2004 together with David Lee Durham and Ladies Choice Band won a **1<sup>st</sup> place in the Mississippi Regional Blues Challenge.**
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