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## Personal file: Brendan Hogan

**Born:** Belmont, June 12, 1980

**First musical memory:** "My mother unpacking a stereo and putting an LP on, and it was Michael Jackson, when I was too young to walk."

**A surprising fact about you:** "My mother used to tell me that when I was 2 or 3, I used to see colors around people when I met them and I would react to them" based on the different colors.

**Favorite instrument:** "Guitar."

**Electric or acoustic?** "Acoustic."

**Someone you know who should be more famous:** "Peter Parcek."

**And he is?** "A local blues guitar player."

**Your musical guru:** "Chris Stovall Brown."

**Something that comes naturally:** "Music."

**Something you're proud of:** "Being here at WGBH at the age of 23."

**On the air, are you talking to anyone in particular?** "Nope. Just to imaginary friends and the man inside my head."

**What don't people understand about the blues:** "That the blues will make you feel good, too. ... It's not necessarily drinking and being-depressed music."

**A favorite recording that few people know:** " 'Forrest Sykes Plays the Boogie.' He's so obscure that even some of the musicians who played with him can't remember him."

**Someone you admire:** "My mother. She's just the strongest person I know and a huge inspiration."

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