

Birthdays Blues

Allen Toussaint: "My music is homegrown from the garden of New Orleans, music is everything to me short of breathing. Music also has a role to lift you up - not to be escapist but to take you out of misery." Writer, producer, songwriter, arranger, session pianist, solo artist, Allen Toussaint was born on **January 14, 1938** in New Orleans. By age 7 he was playing piano and as a teen was in a band with Snooks Eaglin. Toussaint then worked with Earl King and next was hired by Dave Bartholomew for a Fats Domino and Smiley Lewis recording session. By 1960 he was producing records for the Mint label with hits like Jessie Hill's "Ooh Poo Pah Doo," Ernie K-Doe's "Mother-In-Law" and Benny Spellman's "Fortune Teller" and "Lipstick Traces." While on military leave in 1963, he recorded "Whipped Cream" that became a Herb Alpert hit in 1965.

After his discharge, Toussaint's songs for Lee Dorsey's "Ride Your Pony," "Working In A Coal Mine" and "Everything I Do Gonna Be Funky (From Now On)" were a string of hits. Next, he produced The Meters in 1969. Finally Toussaint recorded his own album in 1971, "From A Whisper To A Scream." In 1975 he recorded his "Southern Nights" album which included "What Do You Want The Girl To Do." Toussaint continued producing for artists like Etta James, Albert King, Elvis Costello and Joe Cocker plus formed his own label—NYNO at his Sea-Saint Studio. Sadly, Allen Toussaint died suddenly while on tour in Madrid, Spain on November 10, 2015.



Sagittarius

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

12/1/36 – Lou Rawls, Chicago, IL
 12/4/36 – Larry Davis, Kansas City, MO
 12/4/55 – Cassandra Wilson, Jackson, MS
 12/5/1899 – Sonny Boy Williamson, Glendora, MS
 12/6/25 – Robert Ealey, Texarkana, TX
 12/6/36 – Toni Lynn Washington, Raleigh, NC
 12/7/13 – Blind John Davis, Hattiesburg, MS
 12/7/49 – Tom Waits, Pomona, CA
 12/8/25 – Jimmy Smith, Norristown, PA
 12/8/39 – Jerry Butler, Sunflower, MS
 12/8/47 – Greg Allman, Nashville, TN
 12/9/34 – Junior Wells, West Memphis, AR
 12/10/26 – Guitar Slim, Greenwood, MS
 12/11/26 – Big Mama Thornton, Montgomery, AL
 12/11/44 – Booker T. Jones, Memphis, TN
 12/12/18 – Joe Williams, Cordele, GA
 12/12/27 – John Weston, Marianna, AR
 12/13/35 – Wayne Bennett
 12/13/58 – Lurie Bell
 12/13/63 – Lucky Peterson, Buffalo, NY
 12/15/36 – Andrew "B.B." Odom, Denham Springs, LA
 12/16/49 – Sugar Blue, New York City, NY
 12/17/37 – Art Neville, New Orleans, LA
 12/17/39 – James Booker, New Orleans, LA
 12/17/42 – Paul Butterfield, Chicago, IL
 12/18/33 – Lonnie Brooks, Dubuissou, LA
 12/18/43 – Keith Richards, Dartford Kent, England
 12/18/47 – Rod Piazza, Riverside, CA
 12/19/17 – Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, Houston, TX
 12/19/18 – Professor Longhair, New Orleans, LA
 12/20/07 – Pleasant Cousin Joe, Wallace, LA
 12/20/25 – Tiny Kennedy, Chattanooga, TN
 12/21/1902 – Peetie Wheatstraw, Ripley, TN
 12/21/43 – Walter "Wolfman" Washington, New Orleans, LA
 12/21/59 – Mem Shannon, New Orleans, LA

Capricorn

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

12/22/19 – Lil Green, Clarksdale, MS
 12/22/35 – Little Esther Phillips, Galveston, TX
 12/23/40 – Jorma Kaukonen, Washington, D.C.
 12/24/1908 – Jabo Smith, Pembroke, GA
 12/24/20 – Dave Bartholomew, Edgard, LA
 12/25/40 – Arthur Adams, Medon, TN
 12/25/41 – Eb Davis, West Memphis, AR
 12/25/49 – Joe Louis Walker, San Francisco, CA
 12/26/47 – George Porter, Jr.
 12/27/34 – Scotty Moore, Gadsden, TN
 12/27/44 – Tracy Nelson, French Camp, CA
 12/28/14 – Pops Staples, Winona, MS
 12/28/11 – Peg Leg Sam, Jonesville, SC
 12/28/21 – Johnny Otis, Vallejo, CA
 12/28/38 – Charles Neville, New Orleans, LA
 12/29/27 – Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Sunflower, MS
 12/30/28 – Bo Diddley, near McComb, MS
 12/31/30 – Odetta, Birmingham, AL
 1/1/1896 – Mama Yancey, Cairo, IL
 1/1/1918 – Johnny Young, Vicksburg, MS
 1/2/39 – Little Smokey Smothers, Tchula, MS
 1/4/36 – Clarence Carter

1/4/42 – Precious Bryant, Talbot County, GA
 1/5/1895 – Elizabeth Cotton, Chapel Hill, NC
 1/5/32 – Johnny Adams, New Orleans, LA
 1/5/58 – Michelle Wilson, Boston, MA
 1/6/51 – Kim Wilson, Detroit, MI
 1/7/36 – Joe Hill, Dunbar, WV
 1/8/1904 – Tampa Red, Smithville, GA
 1/9/36 – Katie Webster, Houston, TX
 1/9/41 – Barbara Carr, St. Louis, MO
 1/10/1897 – Sam Chatmon, Bolton, MS
 1/10/29 – Leon Estelle, Kansas City, KS
 1/10/35 – Eddy Clearwater, Macon, GA
 1/10/48 – Cyril Neville, New Orleans, LA
 1/11/24 – Slim Harpo, Lobdell, LA
 1/12/1904 – Mississippi Fred McDowell
 1/12/1916 – Jay McShann, Muskogee, OK
 1/13/59 – Kid Ramos, Fullerton, CA
 1/14/38 – Allen Toussaint, New Orleans, LA
 1/15/30 – Earl Hooker
 1/16/1896 – Robert Wilkins, Hernando, MS
 1/16/32 – Lester Davenport, Tchula, MS
 1/16/45 – Big Al Blake, Oklahoma
 1/17/50 – Paul Rishell
 1/18/33 – Vernon Garrett, Omaha, NE
 1/19/25 – Henry Gray, Kenner, LA
 1/19/36 – Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Helena, AR
 1/19/43 – Janis Joplin, Port Arthur, TX

Aquarius

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 19)

1/20/1885 – Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, Mooringsport, LA
 1/20/36 – Luther Tucker, Memphis, TN
 1/21/36 – Snooks Eaglin, New Orleans, LA
 1/21/43 – B'nois King, Monroe, LA
 1/21/48 – Zora Young, Prairie, MS
 1/22/31 – Sam Cooke, Clarksdale, MS
 1/22/58 – Teeny Tucker, Dayton, OH
 1/23/10 – Django Reinhardt, Libercheis, Belgium
 1/23/67 – Ronnie Baker Brooks
 1/24/1907 – Tuts Washington, New Orleans, LA
 1/24/41 – Aaron Neville, New Orleans, LA
 1/24/49 – John Belushi, Chicago, IL
 1/26/34 – Huey "Piano" Smith,
 1/25/1899 – "Sleepy" John Estes, Ripley, TN
 1/25/38 – Etta James, Los Angeles, CA
 1/27/14 – Smokey Hogg, Westconnie, TX
 1/27/18 – Elmore James, Richland, MS
 1/27/30 – Bobby "Blue" Bland, Rosemark, TN
 1/29/23 – Eddie Taylor, Benoit, MS
 1/29/46 – Bettye Lavette, Muskegon, MI
 1/29/81 – Johnny Lang, Fargo, ND
 1/30/28 – Ruth Brown, Portsmouth, VA
 1/31/06 – Roosevelt Sykes,
 1/31/28 – Chick Willis, Cabiness, GA
 1/31/44 – Charlie Musselwhite, Kosciusko, MS
 1/31/52 – Paul DeLay, Portland, OR
 1/31/53 – Big Time Sarah, Coldwater, MS
 2/1/51 – Sonny Landreth, Canton, MS
 2/3/35 – Johnny "Guitar" Watson, Houston, TX
 2/3/35 – Jody Williams, Mobile, AL
 2/4/54 – Curtis Salgado, Everett, WA
 2/5/1898 – Will Shade, Memphis, TN
 2/7/34 – Earl King, New Orleans, LA



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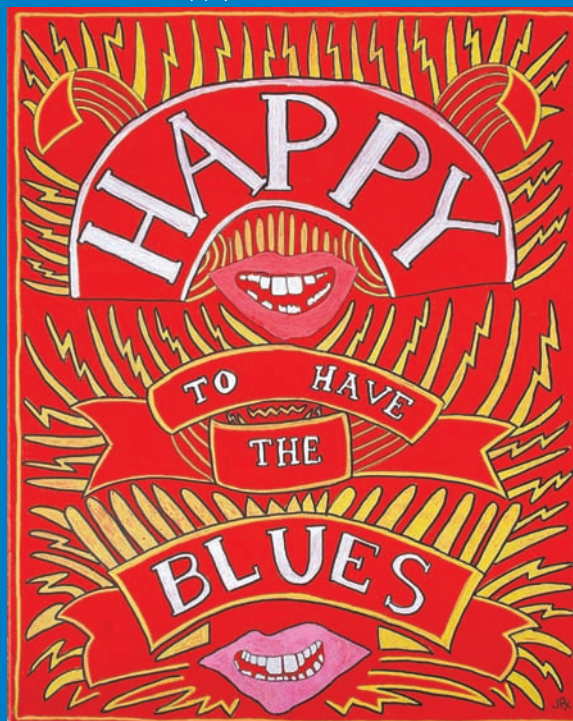
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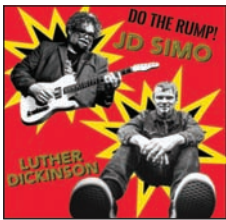
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1. Tab Benoit
 "Overdue" (5:44)
I Hear Thunder,
 Whiskey Bayou Records
www.whiskeybayourecords.com



Long "Overdue," long awaited - Tab Benoit's new release "*I Hear Thunder*" is finally here! Like a rebirth, Benoit is free to unleash his powerful music with his co-songwriter and guitarist, Anders Osborne. Let's raise a glass!

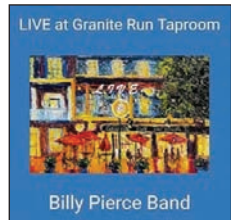
2. JD Simo & Luther Dickinson
 "Found Love" (3:09)
Do the Rump!
 Forty Below Records
www.fortybelowrecords.com



Collaborating duo - JD Simo & Luther Dickinson's union is a rare electrifying stellar collision with *Do the Rump!* And here is a taste

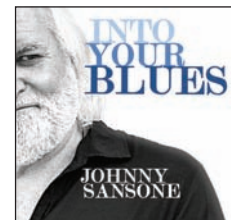
with this song "Found Love." You will love it!

3. Billy Pierce Band
 "Cherry Ball Blues" (5:17)
Billy Pierce Band Live
 Got Slide Records
www.bilypierce.com



Billy Pierce got slide! You will want even more of The Billy Pierce Band after being baptized by their Skip James rendition of "Cherry Ball Blues." Get your dance on!

4. Johnny Sansone
 "Blowing Fire" (3:48)
Into Your Blues,
 Big Radio Records
www.johnnysansone.com



Award-winning, multi-talented Johnny Sansone is "Blowing Fire" with fellow New Orleanian Jason Ricci

sharing harmonica and vocal licks. Hot, hot, hot!

5. The Zac Schulze Gang
 "Hole In My Pocket" (3:02)
Live and Loud
 Flat Iron Records
www.zacschulzegang.rocks



Hotly in demand, touring all over Europe, Zac Shultze - guitarist/vocals and his high-energy rhythm Gang - brother drummer/vocalist Ben Schulze and bassist/vocals Ant Greenwell, knows how to bring it *Live and Loud!*

6. Christopher Wyze & The Tellers
 "Stuck in the Mud" (3:56)
Stuck in the Mud
 Big Radio Records
www.christopherwyzeandthetellers.com



Singer, songwriter, storyteller Christopher Wyze and his band The Tellers record-



ed "*Stuck in the Mud*" at Muscle Shoals and The Shack Up Inn. Christopher Wyze fills up his mojo from the rich Mississippi Delta to bring you his "heartfelt" bluesy real-life experience songs.

7. Kelly's Lot
 "Mama's Blues" (5:25)
The Blues Remind Me
www.kellyslot.com



Kelly's Lot has been on the road for over 30 years. Bandleader Kelly Zirbes' "Mama's Blues" is a love story dedicated to her mom who turned her onto the blues. Kelly and her husband, guitarist Perry Robertson, are successful co-writers and co-producers.

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8. Jesse Dayton
 "Talkin' Company Man Blues" (4:10)
The Hard Way Blues
 Blue Elan Records
www.jessedayton.com



Austin-based guitarist who is never home, Jesse Dayton knows very well how the road goes on forever. Dayton's music reflects the world spinning around him as his hard driving music moves him forward.

9. Val Starr & the Blues Rocket
 "Big City Blues (Rescue Me)" (4:11)
To the Blues and Back Again,
 Sandwich Factory Records

www.valstarrandthebluesrocketband.com



Val Starr loves the blues, blues, blues and more blues. And Starr wants to play the blues for you! Starr's new blues release shows off her skills. Extraordinary!

10. Ghalia Volt
 "Every Cloud" (3:32)
Shout Sister Shout
 Ruf Record
www.rufrecords.de



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Belgium native Ghalia Volt is experimenting and stirring up the blues with her opening song "Every Cloud" from her Sister Rosetta Tharpe-inspired title *Shout Sister Shout*. Enjoy!

11. Katie Knipp
"Outlaw Doc" (3:49)
Me
Katie Knipp Publishing
www.katieknipp.com



Californian Katie Knipp is so talented, unique, and such an original that Walter Trout even said about her new record, "It just knocked me out!" Katie Knipp's "Outlaw Doc" brings you a blues ballad reaching back in time.

12. Eric Johanson
"Familiar Sound" (4:12)
The Deep and The Dirty, Ruf Records
www.rufrecords.de



Although Eric Johanson may be described as a new modern blues innovator, his Louisiana musical traditions run through his veins. The result here is a beautiful sample from Johanson's new release.

13. Honey Island Swamp Band
"Sugar for Sugar" (5:04)
Custom Deluxe, Color Red Records
www.color-red.com
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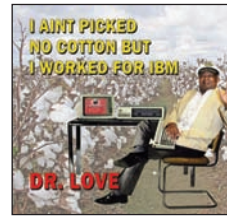
funk and more. Honey Island will get you right in their pocket with "Sugar for Sugar." Play it again!

14. David Glynn
"Saratoga Trunk" (3:46)
Callin' Me Down, Self-produced
http://soundcloud/daveglynn



"It was a blackout of proportions I can never explain," so said our friend Gayle about the *Saratoga Trunk*, a bar in Bellevue, Washington. Words, music, guitars, etc. by Dave Glynn.

15. Dr. Love
"I Ain't Picked No Cotton But I Worked For IBM" (7:21)
Self-produced Single
ctdavis28@gmail.com
www.dr-love.com



Atlanta's Tom Davis' (aka Dr. Love) fun blues song is perfect timing for a well-deserved celebration of Carlin Smith's (aka C-Note, who is on harp) retirement! Thank-you Dr. Love for all the love!

16. Chain Reaction
"Still in the Game" (4:22)
Still In The Game, www.vision561.com



Eric Harabadian - Chain Reaction's vocalist/guitarist with Bobby D (guitars/vocals), Larry Fritzley (bass), and Jeff Phillips (drums) are "Still in the Game" even after 30 years! Plus, Eric is a filmmaker and writer for Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine. Kick it!

17. Andy Moss with Pete Kahn
"My Church" (5:50)
A New Single
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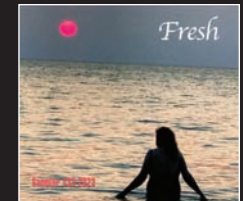
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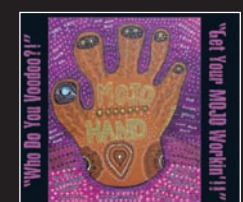
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Blues Trio - Clay Swafford (keys), Andrew Ali (harp) & Jontavious Willis (guitar), #41 LRBC, 10/29/24

And I Ain't Lyin'!

There are many "music chartered" cruises out there on the high seas but for rhythm & blues lovers the **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise (LRBC)** is the best! The Holland America's Eurodam sailed out of Port Everglades to the Southeastern Caribbean on Saturday, October 26th. Music began in port at 2 pm with the **We Be Jammin'! Joanna Connor, #LRBC, 10/26/24**



Rev. Billy C. Wirtz then a Sail Away Party with **Rick Estrin & the Nightcats** at 5 pm. Evening music included **Deanna Bogart, Selwyn Birchwood, Doug MacLeod, Eden Brent & Bob Dowell, Vanessa Collier, Gabe Stillman, Paul Thorn, Daryl**

Master Hawaiian Steel Guitarist - Bobby Ingano set a record and bought over a dozen Big City Rhythm & Blues Island Shirts! Thank-you Bobby! #41 LRBC, 10/28/24



Rockin' The Blues Away - Ally Venable, #41 LRBC, 1029.23

Davis, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Joanna Connor, Kenny Neal, Southern Hospitality and Tommy Castro!

There was plenty of nonstop music while Bluesin' At Sea for

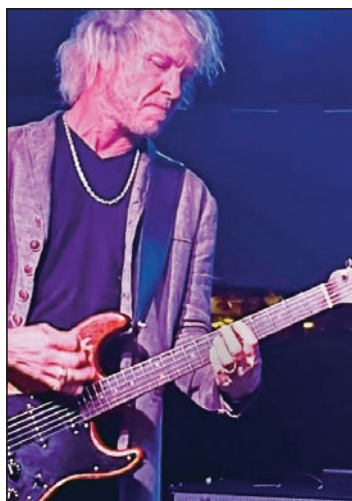


Second generation southern blues man - Kenny Neal loves sailin' on the high seas! #41 LRBC 10/29/24

the next two days including great shows with **Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Mr. Sipp, Chrstone "Kingfish" Ingram, Dumpstaphunk, Ally Venable, Jackie Venson** and more as the ship sailed smoothly over 1200 miles towards the Windward Isles. On Sunday, Sugar emceed first time blues cruiser **Studebaker John** with **Melvin "Pookie Stix"**

Kid Andersen strumming & Derrick "D'Mar" Martin drumming! #41 LRBC, 1029/24





Kenny Wayne Shepherd always in high gear on the high seas! # LRBC, 10/29/24

Carlisle at the Ocean Bar and also on Monday at the Crow's Nest. On Tuesday, Oct. 29th the ship docked at beautiful Willemstad, Curacao. Onshore blues cruisers stretched their sea legs at the LRBC's concert with the **Fundashon Bon Intenson**-- a local foundation helping disadvantaged youth at the Rif Fort. Sugar stayed on the ship and emceed at 4:30 pm for **Jontavious Willis & Andrew Alli** with **Clay Andrews** and later at 7:15 pm for **Gabe Stillman**. The next

Southern Hospitality - Damon Fowler, Chris Peet & JP Soars bluesin' it up on out above the high seas! #41 LRBC, 11/1/24



Horns Jammin' At The Piano Bar! Mark Levron (trumpet) & Tom Fitzpatrick (sax), #41 LRBC, 10/30/24

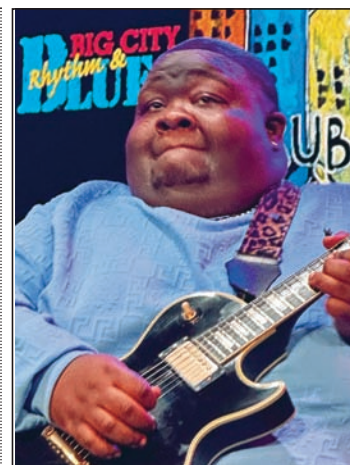
day after sailing only 70 miles, the ship docked all day at Oranjestad, Aruba which is 15 miles off the coast of Venezuela. **Kid Andersen** hosted a special tribute in honor of **Wee Willie Walker, Frank Bey, Finis Tasby, Little Charlie Baty & more**. Sugar also emceed again at the

Crow's Nest for **David Julia** who brought his fine band aboard for the first time. After a Caribbean Seafood Boil dinner, cruisers loved the Neal brothers - Fred & Darnell hosting the piano bar with a band of musicians sitting in. For Halloween,

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Kingfish Cruisin' & Playin' The Blues! #41 LRBC

Sugar enjoyed emceeing Doug MacLeod's finger pickin' workshop. And during the weeklong cruise, Sugar enjoyed working with **C-Note** and **Bob-O** at the **Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's** subscription booth. Thank you to all the cruiser subscribers! Welcome aboard! And big thanks to the entire LRBC staff! Looking forward to #42 **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, January 26-February 2, 2025!** Have a safe and happy new year!

Love & happiness,
Sugar Mae

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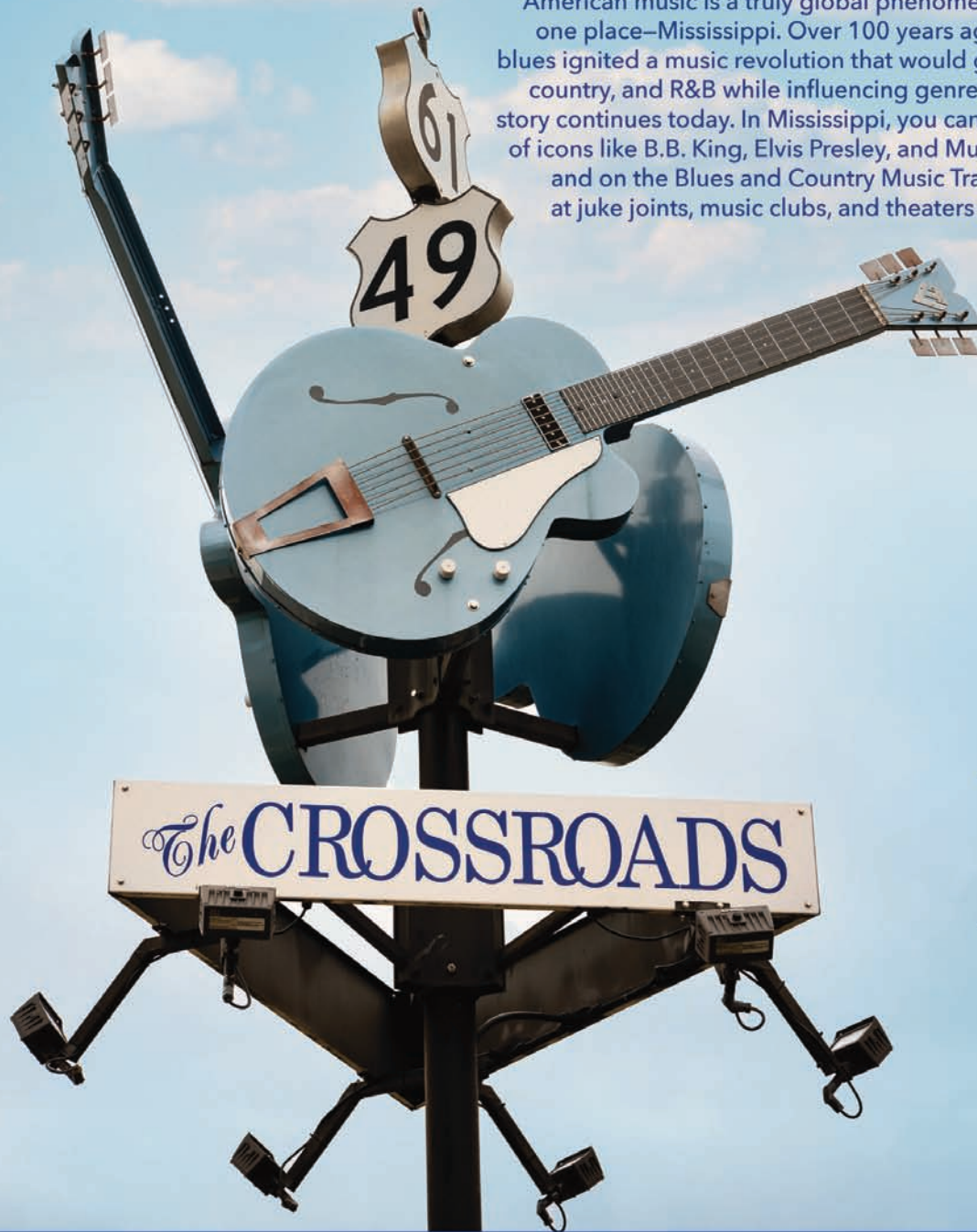
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