

## Birthdays Blues

**Freddie King** - "The Texas Cannonball" was born on September 3, 1934 in Gilmer, Texas and died at age 42 on December 28, 1976 in Dallas. At age six, his mother and brother began teaching him guitar and ten years later, the family moved from Dallas to Chicago's southside where he soon discovered Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, Little Walter, Eddie Taylor, Robert Lockwood, Jr., T-Bone Walker, Jimmy Rogers and many others while working in the steel mills and gigging at night. In 1952 he married Jessie Burnett from Texas. Freddie King's first blues band was Every Hour Blues Boy with Jimmie Lee Robinson (guitar) and Sonny Scott (drums). King began recording on the Parrot label in 1953 and in 1960 signed with the King/Federal label where he recorded his big hits, "Have You Ever Loved A Woman," and "Hide Away" that reached number five on Billboard's rhythm & blues chart in 1961. Soon he was touring with his brother, Benny Turner, on bass and his valet/driver Tyrone Davis and with Jackie Wilson, Sam Cook and James Brown. Freddie's love of Chicago's all-night bars and gambling drove his wife to move back to Texas with their six children and Freddie joined them in 1963. In 1968 he singed with Cotillion, an Atlantic subsidiary label, and in 1969 with Leon Russell's Shelter label where he recorded "Going Down" in 1971. He began touring often with rock musicians like his friend Eric Clapton and signed on Clapton's label, RSO. Besides Eric Clapton, Freddie influenced Stevie Ray Vaughan, Peter Green, Mick Taylor, Lonnie Mack and many others. In 1982 Freddie King was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame and in 2012 into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



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## Leo

July 24- August 23:

8/1/53 - Robert Cray, Columbus, GA  
 8/1/57 - Dieta Farr, Chicago, IL  
 8/2/1844 - Pork Miller, Burkeville, VA  
 8/3/15 - Mercy Dee Walton, Waco, TX  
 8/3/62 - Joanna Connor, Brooklyn, NY  
 8/6/1900 - Willie Brown, Cleveland, MS  
 8/6/22 - Willie Nix, Memphis, TN  
 8/7/17 - Mose Vinson, Holly Springs, MS  
 8/7/23 - Jimmie Witherspoon, Gordon, AR  
 8/7/44 - Denny Freeman, Orlando, FL  
 8/8/62 - Deak Harp, New Jersey  
 8/8/1900 - Lucky Millinder, Anniston, AL  
 8/8/33 - Joe Tex, Rogers, TX  
 8/12/17 - Big Walter Price, Gonzales, TX  
 8/12/20 - Percy Mayfield, Minden, CA  
 8/12/52 - Terry "Big T" Williams, Farrell, MS  
 8/13/19 - Baby Boy Warren, Lake Providence, LA  
 8/13/21 - Jimmy McCracklin, St. Louis, MO  
 8/13/21 - Son Seals, Osceola, AR  
 8/16/28 - Eddie Kirkland, Dothan, AL  
 8/17/39 - Luther Allison, Widener, AR  
 8/18/28 - Barkin' Bill Smith, Cleveland, MS  
 8/19/36 - Little Johnny Christian, Cleveland, MS  
 8/21/31 - Roscoe Shelton, Lynchburg, TN  
 8/22/10 - Addie "Sweet Peas" Spivey, Houston, TX  
 8/22/11 - Kate McTell, Savannah, GA  
 8/22/17 - John Lee Hooker, Clarksdale, MS

## Virgo

August 24 - September 22:  
 8/23/1903 - Ruby Smith, New York, NY  
 8/24/1905 - Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup, Forest, MS  
 8/24/15 - Wynonie Harris, Omaha, NE  
 8/26/1902 - Jimmy Rushing, Oklahoma City, OK  
 8/28/1903 - Mary "Diamond Teeth Mary" McClain, Logan City, WV

8/29/20 - Charlie Parker, Kansas City, KS  
 8/29/24 - Dinah Washington, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 8/30/13 - Olive Brown, St. Louis, MO  
 9/1/40 - Johnny Moore, West Point, MS  
 9/2/14 - Booker T. Laury, Memphis, TN  
 9/3/24 - Charlie Booker, Moorhead, MS  
 9/3/34 - Freddie King, Gilmer, TX  
 9/4/18 - Archie Edwards, Union Hall, VA  
 9/5/1907 - Albert "Sunnyland Slim" Laundrew, Vance, MS  
 9/6/36 - Ollie Nightingale, Batesville, MS  
 9/7/34 - Little Milton, Inverness, MS  
 9/10/25 - Roy Brown, New Orleans, LA  
 9/10/51 - Johnny Rawls, Purvis, MS  
 9/11/40 - Walter "Wolfman" Belfour, Holly Springs, MS  
 9/13/22 - Charles Brown, Texas City, TX  
 9/15/11 - Silas Hogan, Westover, LA  
 9/16/25 - BB King, Indianola, MS  
 9/16/26 - Fred Below, Chicago, IL  
 9/16/35 - Billy Boy Arnold, Chicago, IL  
 9/17/31 - Eddie Burks, Greenwood, MS  
 9/18/29 - Louis Myers, Byhalia, MS  
 9/19/1887 - Lovie Austin  
 9/20/30 - Eddie Bo, New Orleans, LA  
 9/22/55 - Hash Brown, Texas

## Libra

September 23 - October 22:

9/23/34 - Little Joe Blue, Vicksburg, MS  
 9/24/24 - Alden "Tarheel Slim" Bunn, Bailey, NC  
 9/25/10 - Rosa Lee Hill, Como, MS  
 9/25/36 - Booba Barnes, Longwood, MS  
 9/27/27 - George "Earring" Mayweather, Tilly's Mills, AL  
 9/28/10 - Houston Stackhouse, Wesson, MS  
 9/28/35 - Koko Taylor, Memphis, TN  
 9/30/30 - Eddie Bo, New Orleans, LA  
 9/30/35 - ZZ Hill, Naples, TX  
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# Nighttime Is The Right Time

## Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine Sampler #32 - 2022

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We have music in the night for you. Music from Chicago, London UK, New Orleans, Indiana, Massachusetts, California, Detroit, Mississippi, Florida and Wisconsin.

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And thank you to our hard-working team: Sugar, Charles Auringer, Bob Monteleone, Guy Powell and all our subscribers!

Roll up the rugs and don't forget to boogie!  
Love, peace and happiness,  
Robert Jr. Whitall



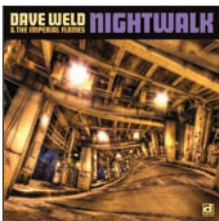
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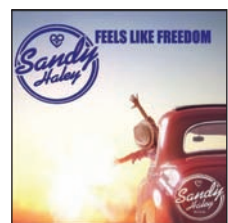
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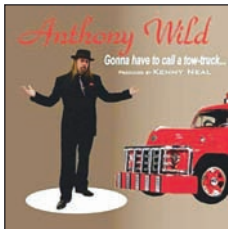
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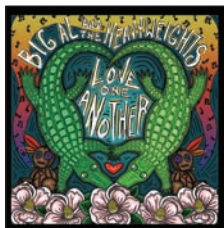
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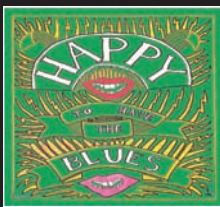
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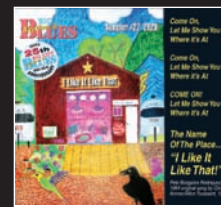
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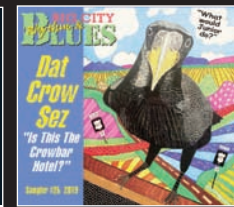
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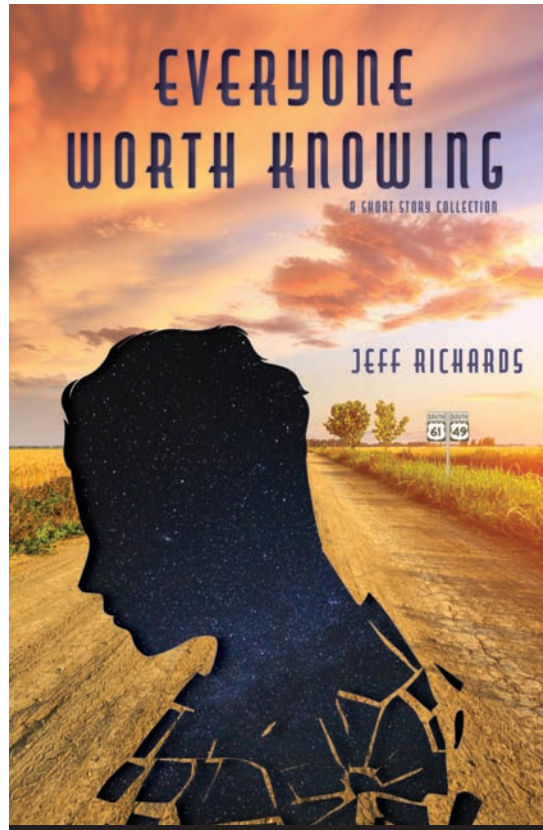
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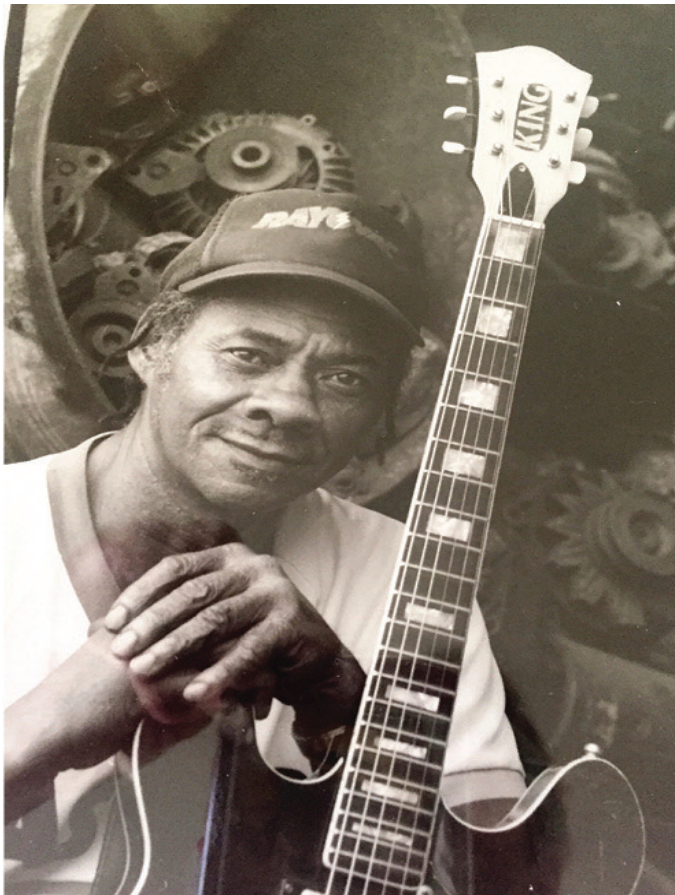


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# BIG CITY Rhythm & Blues SUGAR MAE

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RIP Alfred "Chippy" Weston. Kermit Ruffins, Trombone Shorty, James Andrews and many others, 4/22/2022.



Little Jimmy Reed, Baton Rouge Blues Festival, 4/23/22.



Mike Zito, Baton Rouge Blues Festival, 4/23/22.



Rosie Ledet happy to be back at Jazzfest, 4/29/22

## And I Ain't Lyin'!

Before Sugar & Junior began celebrating the return of the **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (Jazzfest)**, **Little Freddie King** invited them to join him at Saturday's **Baton Rouge Blues Festival & the French Quarter Festival**. The Baton Rouge Festival is located downtown above the Mississippi River with three stages surrounding Louisiana's Old State Capitol building where inside another stage up the ascending staircase with a stunning stain glass dome. Some of Saturday's line-up included **Jonathan Long, Selwyn Birchwood, Eddie Cotton, Oscar Davis, Little Jimmy Reed, Mike Zito** and many

**Irma Thomas, Gospel Tent Stage, 4/30/22**



more acts. At 5:45 pm, Sugar & Junior were honored to emcee for **Little Freddie King** on the LA1 stage.

Sunday afternoon back in New Orleans, a huge downpour had Sugar & Junior inching through the French Quarter traffic but they made it just in time to **French Quarter Fest**. As **Little Freddie King's** guests, they were seated on stage and what a view of the Mississippi with freight ships sailing around the bend and a riverboat leaving the dock under a huge rainbow. Thank-you **Little Freddie & Wacko Wade!**

Finally, the long-awaited **Jazzfest** began on Friday, April 29th. Thank-you **Tom O'Connor** for your hospitality! Once in the gates Sugar saw **Rosie Ledet, Little Freddie King, Bombino**

**Little Freddie King, French Quarter Fest, 4/24/22**



**War & Treaty's** emotional set at the Blues Tent Stage. Saturday's nonstop music included **Mem Shannon, Cyril Neville, George Porter Jr., Martha Redbone, James Andrew, Irma Thomas, Tab Benoit** and **Jose Feliciano** who performed as **The Who** could be heard from the Festival Stage. Sunday, the first of May, Sugar began her jazzfestin' at "**The New**

**Orleans Classic Recording Revue**" with **Clarence "Frogman" Henry, The Dixie Cups, Wanda Rouzan** and **Al "Carnival Time" Johnson**. **CJ Chenier** followed the revue then Sugar walked across the hot race-track to see **Anders Osborne** at the Festival Stage and **Cha Wa** at Congo Square at the Gentilly Stage - **Jon Cleary** followed by **The Voice of the Wetlands Allstars**. Sugar finished up the day at the busy Blues Tent with **Randy Newman** and **Deacon John**. Over at the Festival Stage the **Red Hot Chili Peppers** were filling in for the **Foo Fighters** and paying tribute to the late great **Taylor Hawkins**.

In between Jazzfest weekends on Monday, May 2nd they followed **Little Freddie to Louisiana Music Factory Fest** at the Jazz Museum. Wednesday, Sugar & Junior got VIP/Backstage access to **Crabby's Crawfish Fest!** It was so good to see **Luther Dickinson** again and his "Company" with **Duane Betts**. Thank-you **Crabby & Tom O'Connor!** Later they joined their Ann Arbor friends for their

**Rick Holmstrom & Mavis Staples, Blues Tent, 5/7/22**







**Bettye LaVette, Blues Tent Stage, 5/5/22**

annual dinner at **Jacque-Imo's!**

Thursday, May 5th, Jazzfest second weekend began for Sugar back in the Blues Tent with **Joe Krown, Jason Ricci** featuring **Walter "Wolfman" Washington**. Next up was blues cigar box shredder **Jonathan Long** then across the tracks to the Festival Stage, **Marcia Ball** invited them backstage to say hi and cool off. Over at Gentilly Stage, Sugar saw **The Dirty Dozen Brass Band's Tribute to Dave Bartholomew** with guests **Elvis Costello** and **AI "Lil Fats" Jackson** followed by **Billy Strings**.

Sugar got back to the Blues Tent just in time to see the newly inducted into the **Blues Hall of Fame Bettye Lavette**. Also Bettye Lavette is an **EDM** star! **Odesza** has sampled Bettye Lavette's song & video "**Let Me Down Easy**" (1969) that is featured on the new MacBook Air feather commercial on their track "**The Last Goodbye**." Congrats Bettye for everything! After another mighty powerful Jazzfest performance, Bettye invited them backstage. Junior brought the champagne & crawfish!

**All in the family, Tab Benoit, Tab Jr. and mom Evelyn, Blues Tent, 4/30/22**

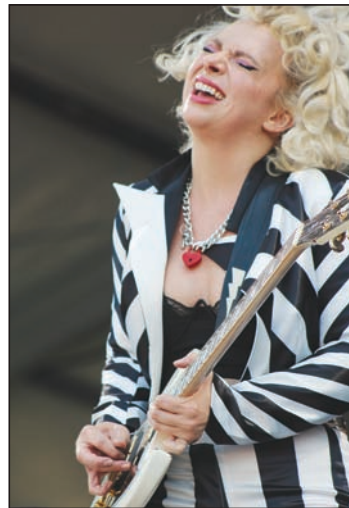


**Marcia Ball loves Jazzfest, 5/5/22**

Friday Jazzfestin' began with **J. Monque'D, Uncle Nef** and two tributes on for **Lil Buck Sinegal** featuring **Sonny Landreth, CC Adock** and **Lee Allen Zeno** and another for **Art and Charles Neville** with the funky **Meters, Ivan Neville & The Neville Brothers** with **Cyril & Charmaine Neville**. Sugar also photographed **Chris Isaak, Chubby Carrier, Big Freedia** and **Southside Johnny & The Ashbury Jukes**.

Saturday began at the Blues Tent Stage with **Bill Kirchen, Meschiya Lake** and **Rory Block** then Sugar raced around the track to catch **Samantha Fish, Rickie Lee Jones** and **Norah Jones** performing with **Puss N Boots**. Big crowds surged for **Stevie Nicks** and Sugar got back to the Blues Tent in time for **Davell Crawford, Kenny Neal** and the happy effervescent "**Bubbles**," better known as **Mavis Staples**.

The last day of Jazzfest on Sunday, May 8th began with **Brother Tyrone** and **John Mooney** then a special tribute to **Dr. John** with **Irma Thomas, Cyril Neville, Jon Cleary, Davell Crawford, John Boutte** and **John**

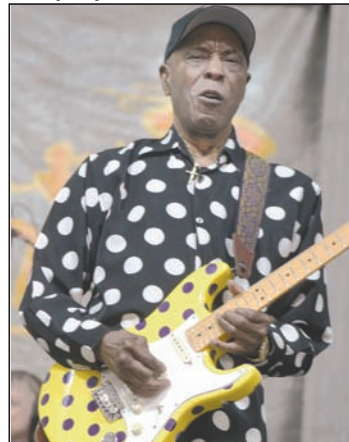


**Samantha Fish is smokin' hot! Jazzfest, 5/7/22**

"**Papa**" **Gros**. Sugar returned to the Blues Tent for **Glen David Andrews, Chris Thomas King, Walter "Wolfman" Washington** and **Buddy Guy**. Jazzfest's record high attendance was 475,00 and next year's dates are **April 28 - May 7, 2023**. See you there!

Love & happiness,  
**Sugar Mae**

**Buddy Guy, 5/8/22**



**Duane Betts, Crabby & Luther Dickinson, Crawfish Fest, New Orleans, 5/4/22**



**Rickie Lee Jones, 5/7/22**



**Norah Jones, 5/7/22**

**Billy Strings debuts at Jazzfest, 5/5/22**





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Sugar and Junior working at 2022 Blues on the Fox

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