

Birthday Blues

Koko Taylor was born Cora Walton on September 28, 1928 on a sharecropper farm near Memphis, Tennessee. At age 11 her mother died leaving her and her five siblings to work the harsh cotton fields with their father. Listening to the blues on the radio and singing in church were her early influences. In 1952, she moved to Chicago with her husband Robert ("Pops") Taylor. Working as a housekeeper during the day and singing at blues clubs at night got her noticed in 1963 by Chess Records' producer Willie Dixon, who signed her and in 1965 "Wang Dang Doodle" sold more than a million copies. From 1975 to 2007 Koko recorded for Alligator Records. Taylor received a Grammy Award for the Atlantic's Blues Explosion and 29 Blues Music Awards. On June 3, 2009 the "Queen of the Blues" Koko Taylor died in Chicago at age 80.



Leo

July 24- August 23:

8/1/53 – Robert Cray, Columbus, GA
 8/1/57 – Dietra 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
 9/30/51 – Sarah Brown, Evanston, IL



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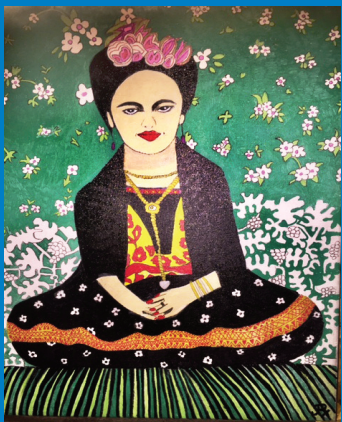
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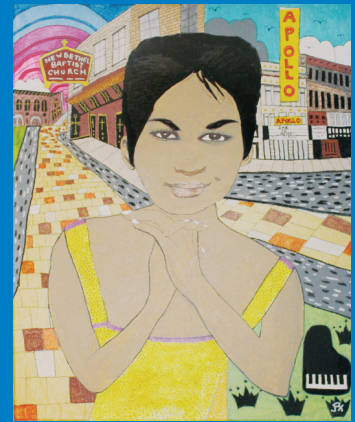
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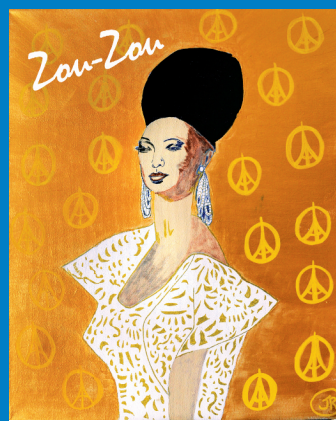
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The Raven Speaks

Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine Sampler #34 - 2023

The Raven Speaks!

Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's CD Sampler 34

Here we go at the beach in Atlantic City or the beautiful sand beaches of Lake Michigan, north away from the crowds, traffic, heat and confusion. I found this old raven behind the post office in Glen Arbor, Michigan - the "Queen of Glen Arbor!"

Ravens are cool and I have a ball trying to feed them and entertain them. I need to get one to talk and sing! We have a bird-filled sampler here, music from New York City, New Orleans, Detroit, Toronto, Austin, Texas, Simi Valley, California, Gulfport, Mississippi, Ohio and Burdickville, Michigan. Help these musicians by going to see them live and by buying their music.

Our samplers are released every six months and are not for sale. They are exclusively for Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's subscribers. Subscribe today! Help get their songs out there!

Thank-you Sugar, Charlie, Guy and Bob Monteleone!

Summertime blues! Kick out the jams!

Love, happiness, peace & hope,

"Nothing compares to 2 U..." Sister Sinead

Robert Jr. Whitall

CDs and samplers are important to musicians. After a performance that is how they make money and get to meet you! Support your local musicians and go see live music. And thank you for subscribing!



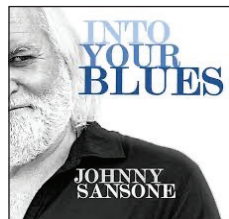
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Out The Jams!"
3. Johnny Sansone
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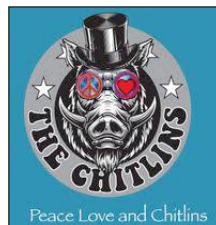
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2. Samantha Fish & Jesse Dayton
"Kick Out The Jams" (2:45)
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Johnny Sansone and Jon Fohl are quite a pair. New Orleans' finest bringing harp and guitar to a happy, groovy place. Nice shoes, Johnny.

5. The Chitlins
"Too Late" (4:30)
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The Chitlins are a Gulf Coast treasure playing



Samantha Fish and Jesse Dayton have been kicking up a storm across the country and around the globe. "Kick

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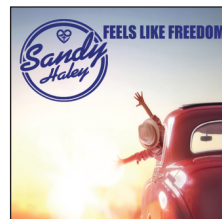
real blues and living a sailor's life. If you are on the Coast, look for The Chitlins.

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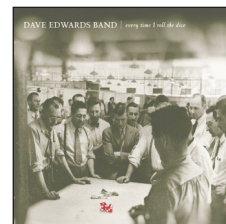
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The Dave Edwards Band. Look out! Here comes Dave and his rockin' band giving tribute



to Delbert McClinton!
"Tell Me About it!"

9. Lisa Biales
"At Christmas" (4:09)
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Lisa Biales - "The Belle of the Blues" is also our holiday queen as she celebrates Christmas year round with her California elves Tony

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15. Obatek and the Intergalactics
"Space Jam," (2:13)
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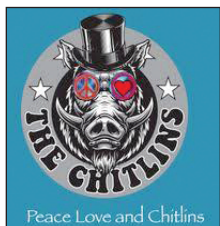
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"Don't Worry About Me" (3:56)
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Little Freddie King is New Orleans' last gut bucket pioneer. He has been playing since the last century and can still dance the night away. Coke no ice please!

12. The Chitlins
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The Burdickville Boys is a jam session band that have blossomed into a swinging good time band. You can only see them live on Tuesdays in Burdickville or buy their CDs.

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"La Belle Louisianne" (4:12)
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and it is a shame that he is not a deejay! Bon Ton Roule!

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"Space Jam," (2:13)
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Obatek & The Intergalactic have out of this world songs (nonhu-



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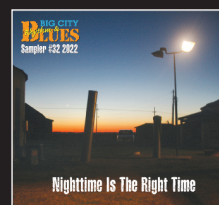
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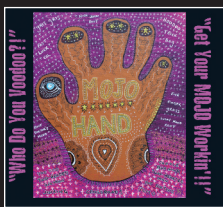
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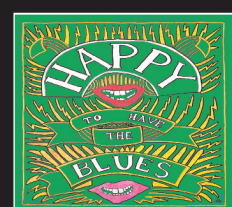
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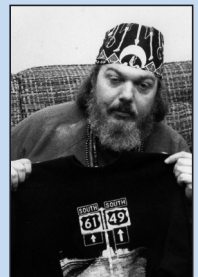
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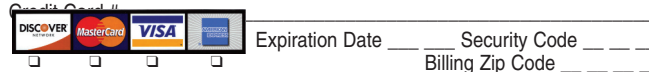
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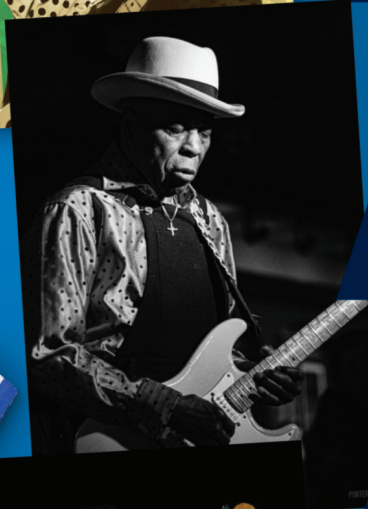


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BIG CITY Rhythm & Blues SUGAR MAE

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Buddy Guy's Damn Right Farewell Tour stopped at Jazzfest, opening for Santana who sat on the stage watching Buddy's every move.



Deak Harp kicked off Jazzfest's second weekend to a standing room only crowd, April 29, 2023.



Sugar & Junior brought Tommy Castro on a pre-Jazzfest tour stopping by Little Freddie King's home in the Musician's Village, April 20, 2023.



Celebrity Judge Lily at the 2023 NOLA Crawfish Festival!

The three days between JazzFest weekends - May 1st-3rd - is the **NOLA Crawfish Festival** at The Broadside. Sugar & Junior stopped by **Shaggy's NOLA Crawfish Festival** (5/2 & 3) where the crawfish was flowing as well as great music by **Luther Dickinson, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Terence Higgins Gator Blaq featuring Jonathan "Boogie" Long and Eric Johnson** and fun with an ultimate crawfish cook off where celebrity judges scored each dish.

Day 4, Thursday May 4th, Sugar photographed Michael Doucett first then caught up to the blues funeral second line for **Walter "Wolfman" Washington's** ancestor unveiling memorial ceremony at Congo Square Field. Back to the stages Sugar saw **John**

And I Ain't Lyin'!

Sugar & Junior's annual trek to the **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival** in its 52nd year is always held on the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May. For seven days thousands of musicians perform on the 15 stages that take over the Fairgrounds race course. Definitely a big highlight is Jazzfest food — mouth-watering Louisiana cajun and creole dishes and for this year a taste of Puerto Rico. Its rich

musical heritage and traditions were celebrated at Jazzfest's Cultural Exchange Pavillion with bomba, plena, salsa and reggaeton rhythms, parades and crafts. Sugar kicked off her 25th Jazzfest with **John "Papa" Gros, Al "Carnival Time" Johnson, Clarence "Frogman" Henry, Wanda Rouzan, The Dixie Cups, Kermit Ruffins, Charlie Musselwhite and Mavis Staples**. Day 2 **Deak Harp** brought his unique act to

the standing room only huge Blues Tent Stage with **Quicksand** on drums, next was **Charmaine Neville, Mitch Woods, Sonny Landreth, The Campbell Brothers, Samantha Fish, (Festival Stage), Catherine Russell (Economy Stage) and Kingfish**. Day 3 and the final day of the first weekend began with **Little Freddie King, Ivan Neville's Dumpstafunk, Gary Clark Jr., Kenny Neal, Tedeschi Trucks, Los Lobos and Marcus King**.

The Dixie Cups with Arthel Neville, April 28, 2023.

Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi with their band, on the big Jazz Fest Stage, April 30, 2023.





Bandleader Deacon John Moore performs at every Jazzfest, May 4, 2023.

Money, Buddy Guy, Johnny Sansone, A Roadmasters Tribute to Walter Wolfman with Irma Thomas, Ivan Neville, Mem Shannon, Jon Cleary, Deacon John and Alex McMurray then it was time for Santana and wrapped it up at Larkin & Poe.

Day 5, Friday **J Monque D** with his young line-up of interns began her day followed by **Marcia Ball, Glen Hartman & the Earthtones** featuring **Washboard Chaz, Chris Thomas King, Sue Foley, Irma Thomas, Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway, CJ Chenier, John Boutte, Jon Batiste** and **Eric Gales**.

Day 6, there was a short rain delay but soon **Deacon John** had everyone happy in the Blues Tent while **Judith Owen & Her Gentlemen Callers** performed at The Economy Tent. Other acts Sugar heard were **The Tin Men, The Lumineers, H.E.R., John Hiatt** and **Keb Mo**.

Mavis Staples lifted everyone up at the Blues Tent Stage, April 28, 2023.



Taj Mahal brought the blues to the Fais Do-Do Stage, April 29, 2023.

For Jazzfest's finale-Sunday, May 7th, Sugar saw **Ernie Vincent, Jonathan "Boogie" Long, Jambalaya Cajun Band, Zigaboo Modeliste, Sweet Cecilia, Martha Redbone, Glen David Andrews** made an high energy appearance with **Galactic, Continental Drifters, Tab Benoit, Melissa Etheridge** and **The Flatlanders**.

Sugar & Junior ended their New Orleans trip where they began at **Elizabeth's - "Real Food Done Real Good."**

On the way back Up North, Sugar & Junior stopped by **Clarksdale's Shack Up Inn, Ms. Jane, Deak Harp's Emporium** and **Charlie Musselwhite's** house where his wife **Henri** was getting delivered a new old RV.

It's Sugar's favorite time to be living by Lake Michigan in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. "It's like living in a resort," sez Junior.



Charlie Musselwhite opened for Mavis Staples, Blues Tent Stage, April 28, 2023.

Happy trails!
Love & happiness,
Sugar Mae



Mitch Woods knows how to boogie woogie! April 29, 2023.

Kingfish flying high at Jazzfest's Blues Tent Stage, April 29, 2023.

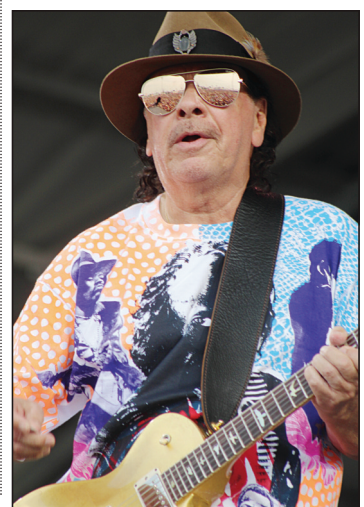


Red hot Samantha Fish, Fest Stage, April 29, 2023.



Ivan Neville performed 11 times during the 2023 Jazzfest marathon, April 28, 2023.

Carlos Santana, "Oye Como Va," Festival Stage, May 4, 2023.



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• **September 8-10, 2023**
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• **Oct. 4-7, 2023**
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Sugar, Larry Fulcher & Junior, 2023 Blues On The Fox.

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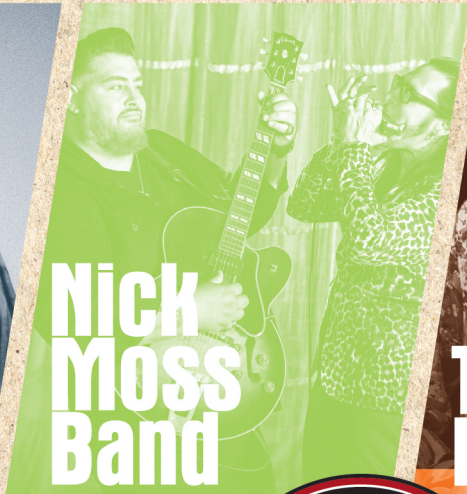
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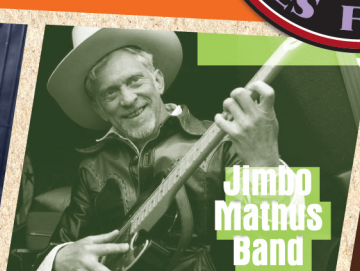
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