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- WHO:** The Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Hayward
- WHAT:** [The 6th Annual Hayward-Russell City Blues Festival](#)
- WHERE:** 777 "B" Street at Hayward City Hall Plaza, Hayward, CA
- WHEN:** July 9 & 10, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- WHY:** For the last 6 years, the Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Hayward has presented the history of **Russell City** in the form of a blues festival. Russell City was a small unincorporated town located in the West Winton area of Hayward where Southland Mall is now located. During the 1930's, 40's, 50's and early 60's African Americans moved to Russell City from various southern parts of the United States to work in the maritime industry. In the evenings, after work, they played blues music in two small clubs in Russell City called **The Country Club** and **Miss Al's Place**. These clubs are where many blues greats just as Big Mama Thorton, Lowell Fulson, Big Joe Turner, Pee Wee Crayton, T-Bone Walker and many more performed. They helped to create West Coast Blues and put it on the map. This festival will help fund a Blues in the Schools Program and assist at-risk youth who are interested in the music industry as a profession in the Hayward and Tri-Valley area. This year's festival will feature multi-award winner Bobby Rush, Maria Muldaur famous for Midnight at the Oasis, and Alabama bluesman Lil Jimmy Reed. Enjoy the Russell City Memorial Blues Band with Billy Dunn, Big Bob Deance, Bobby Webb, Gino Landers and a host of others who performed in the early clubs of Russell City and take you back to where it all began.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

Bay Area Blues Society, 408 13th Street, Oakland
The Bistro, B & Main Street, Hayward, CA
The Bookstore, B & Main Street, Hayward
The Cobbler, 22443 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
highsierratickets.com
tickets.com

TICKET PRICES

General Public – in advance \$15/at gate \$20
Two Day Tickets – in advance only \$26
College Students & Seniors (62 yrs) with ID - \$10
Group rates of 10 or more \$10
Children under 12 FREE with parent/guardian