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Hayward Russell City Blues Festival

Press Release

Hayward Russell City Blues Festival Texas Blues Comes To Hayward, California

Who: Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Hayward

What: Hayward Russell City Blues Festival

Where: Hayward City Hall Plaza, 777 "B" Street, Hayward, CA

When: July 11 & 12, 2009 11 am to 7 pm

July 10, 2009 9 pm to 1 am Kick off Party at the Bistro, B & Maine Streets, Hayward, CA

July 11, 2009 9 pm to 1 am After Party at the Bistro, B & Maine Streets, Hayward, CA

June 14, 2009 12 to 4 pm Cobbler Car Show, Foothill Blvd and A Street Parking Lot, Hayward, CA

Why: This year's Hayward Russell City Blues Festival will feature an array of Texas Blues Artists to celebrate the festival's 10th Anniversary theme, **From Texas to Russell City**. The state of Texas will provide some of the greatest blues artists to ever perform in the bay area. After great demand our original car show will return.

Artists: **Tutu Jones** began his blues career at the age of 4 playing drums and guitar; Guitarist, songwriter and singer **Andrew "Jr. Boy" Jones** began working professionally at age 16 with Freddie King's backing band, the Thunderbirds; **Phillip Walker**, Cherokee Indian from Port Arthur, Texas is considered a Texas Guitar Gunslinger; Vocal and Harp great, **Blues Boy Willie** aka The Juke Joint King, hails from Memphis, Texas; Texas Boogie King, **Nat Dove**, has performed for over 40 years, writes, arranges songs, and teaches blues history; **Vernon Garrett** resides in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and has been singing blues since he was 15 years old; At the age of 78, **Tomcat Courtney** is an authentic bluesman and will bring his down-home Texas guitar style and vocals to Hayward; Raised in Houston, Texas, **Sherman Robertson** quickly earned his reputation as a great guitarist after being lead guitarist with blues superstar Bobby "Blue" Bland and Junior Parker and now has a reputation of his own as Texas electric blues guitarist; Mike Osborn performs a **Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute**; **Alvin Draper**; **Preacher Luke Scott**; **Country Pete & His Cottonfield Blues Band**; **Willie G**, **Bobby Webb Donnie Mucker**; **The Russell City Memorial Blues Band**, **Wylie Trass**, **Teddy "Blues Master: Watson**; and **Terrible Tom Bowden** and more.....

TICKET INFO

\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door per day / \$30 2-day in advance
\$10 students/seniors (62+) in advance; \$15 student/seniors (62+) at the door per day with ID
highsierratickets.com * The Bistro on B & Maine Streets * The Cobbler on Foothill Blvd.

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