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Press Release/For Immediate Release

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 12 & 13, 2008 11 am to 7 pm
July 11, 2008 –Kick off Part at the Bistro, B & Maine Streets, Hayward, 9 pm – 1 am
July 12, 2008 –After Party at the Bistro, B & Maine Streets, Hayward, 9 pm – 1 am

WHY: This year's Hayward Russell City Blues Festival will feature Mississippi Blues musicians such as Zak Harmon; Johnny Rawls; Vasti Jackson; John Primer; Mississippi Bo; Harmonica Blues Explosion featuring Zollie Polk, Wingnut Adams & Birdleg; Bill "Howl n Madd" Perry; Billy "Big Daddy" Cade; Terry "Big T" Williams; The Caravan of Allstars; Glad Tidings Choir and the Stars of Glory. As a special treat, for the first time in California the hottest young blues band in the country from Tupelo, Mississippi - HomeMade Jamz. The band consists of 3 siblings, all under the age of 16!! Additional featured artists include one of the greatest blues guitars in the country hailing from Choctaw, Mississippi – Texas Johnny Brown. Eighty percent of the artists performing at the festival are from the great state of Mississippi and it is plain to see why our 2008 festival theme is "From Mississippi to Russell City". The Mississippi sound was very important in the development of the Russell City Blues sound. As always the Bay Area Blues Society's goal is to present how Russell City fit into the sound known as West Coast Blues. Our goal is to educate the public and celebrate the uniqueness of the City of Hayward and what was once known as Russell City – a fertile ground for great blues music. For further information including bios and pictures check our website listed above.

TICKETS

\$15 in advance; \$30 2-day in advance: \$20 at the door per day

\$10 students/seniors (62+) in advance; \$15 student/seniors (62+) at the door per day with ID

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