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2015 Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival: It's Boomin!

JACKSON, MS – “City with Soul”

The 2015 Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival is set for its 3rd year to celebrate Jackson's culture and rich musical heritage as Festival Organizers release its first phase of Artists for the 2015 roster. This premier two-day music festival offers a stellar music mix and line up guaranteeing a good Jackson, Mississippi time with over 30 Artists on 5 stages, including 4 indoor, air-conditioned venues, transformed into Juke Joints- *It's Boomin!*

The Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival, consistently the third weekend in August, will be held **August 14th and 15th** at the MS Ag Museum. The Ag Museum experienced a tragic fire at the end of 2014, raising questions about whether or not the festival would continue, or be forced to move. Well those questions can now be put to rest!

The core areas of the festival will not change. Several buildings in the back of the venue were affected by the fire, which prompted organizers to make some adjustments to vendor/artist parking.

Many festivalgoers described the 2014 Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival as an experience of a lifetime! Festivalgoers flooded the grounds of the Ag Museum and swayed to the sounds of Ziggy Marley's, now Grammy Award winning Best Reggae Album of the Year “Fly Rasta”, and “One Love”, made famous by his father, Bob Marley, resonated through the crowd. Momentum continued to build throughout the weekend as legendary Bobby Rush engaged the crowd with his captivating, well endowed dancers and stage antics, while FANTASiA requested that the barricades be removed so she could be close to her fans! Festivalgoers left the grounds excited and anticipating 2015!

Headliners:

THE ISLEY BROTHERS featuring **RONALD ISLEY AND ERNEST ISLEY** - The legendary Isley Brothers musical career spans over 5 decades with over **twenty Top 100 singles** and over **twenty Top 20 Albums**. Brothers **Ronald** and **Ernie** Isley are still performing their numerous hits and selling out shows across the country.

CHAKA KHAN - is an American singer-songwriter whose career has spanned four decades, beginning in the 1970s as the front woman and focal point of the funk band **Rufus**. Often dubbed the "Queen of Funk", Khan has won **10 Grammys** and has **sold** an estimated **70 million records worldwide**.

The other artists released today include: **Macy Gray, Sebastian Mikael, Bobby Rush, Dorothy Moore, Cupid, Eddie Cotton, Jr., Eden Brent, Frank McComb, John Nemeth, Larry Johnson & The Beastly Tunes, Patrice Moncell, Vick Allen** and **Truck Patch Revival**. Keep your ears peeled for the release of the final lineup!

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Biographies of other artists are available upon request.

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