



**2 Unforgettable Days
Third Weekend in August**

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What's Rhythm without the Blues?

JACKSON, MS – “City with Soul”

The 2015 Jackson Rhythm and Blues Festival wouldn't dare just give you Rhythm! When you really think about it, what's Rhythm without the Blues? Festival organizers are pleased to announce additional artists that will definitely please the palates of blues enthusiasts August 14th & 15th. **Ana Popovic** is on her 5th Blues Music Award nomination with her contention for 'Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the year'! Her invitation to participate in the 'Experience Hendrix Tour '14' concert series says it all as she graced the stage with such legends like Buddy Guy and Zakk Wylde. A stint in Brazil teamed her up again with “Guy”, Jeff Beck, Joss Stone, Johnny Lang and Trombone Shorty. This is definitely her year, as she plans to release the album of her six-piece band in April 15'!

What do you get when you mix Blues and Soul? **Dexter Allen!** He's no stranger to the blues circuit, traveling all over the world behind Bobby Rush's lead. Dexter toured with Bobby for 3 years as a lead guitarist, and continues to make occasional appearances, since deciding to form his own band. He began playing clubs and venues spreading his unique style of guitarship and vocal ability, which landed him honors for Male Vocalist of the year in 2008, and Entertainer of the year in 2009 by the Jackson Music Awards. Dexter's music and entertaining stage performance is sure to leave you enlightened, delighted and excited!

A show that is part revival meeting and part sensual celebration, although a native of Detroit, **J.J. Thames** delivers with a Mississippi juke joint-tongue-in-cheek blues tune or a soul ballad like Etta James' "I'd Rather Go Blind", or "I Just Wanna Make Love to You". Her music encourages audiences to leave behind their dancing reservations. J.J. is what was beautiful about music from those days gone by, but her transparency, excellence, authenticity, determination and optimism, keeps her shows passionate, honest and irresistible!

Bathed in the American songbook and the sounds of the 70's and 80's, the soul and spirit of that diversity rests in **Scott Albert Johnson**. Johnson incorporates elements of rock, jazz, blues, funk, country, and world music, mixed with thoughtful lyrics, strong vocals, and virtuosic harmonica playing, to create a unique, modern concoction of sound.

Rounding off the names released today is an act that is classic, straight-up soul with no chaser: **The Bo-Keys!** Early in their careers, some members performed in B.B. King's orchestra, and anchored the Hi Rhythm Section, nailing the unforgettable introduction to the theme from “Shaft,” and survived the plane crash that claimed Otis Redding's life. The lineup is now comprised of alumni of Stax and Hi Records, plus younger musicians who've garnered an Emmy award and a Grammy nomination.

Tickets are on sale now! Logon to our website www.jacksonrhythmdbluesfestival.com to purchase tickets.

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Artists' Biography is available upon request.

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