

MUSIC MAKERS **RAVE**

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Dear Friends,

The Georgia Music Hall of Fame opened their Music Maker Relief Foundation exhibit on February 1st and it will be on display until June 1st. Travel to Macon and check out this beautiful display of photographs, folk art and posters. We celebrated the opening in Macon and the next day at Discover Mills in Atlanta where they have a satellite museum in this ultra modern mall. Performances by Frank Edwards, Beverly "Guitar" Watkins, Eddie Tigner, Mudcat, Cootie Stark, Cool John Ferguson, Essie Mae Brooks celebrated the new CD "The Blues Came to Georgia" which was commissioned by the Hall of Fame.

The March Givin' it Back Record Club selection is **Little Pink Anderson, Carolina Bluesman**. Little Pink began playing medicine shows with his legendary father Pink Anderson at the age of three. In this album he pays tribute to his roots, performing the old tunes that his dad made famous. Become a member of this club for \$100 and receive the first copies of a new Music Maker release each March, June, September, and December.



We are wrapping up our annual giving program. We send our love to everyone who participated and are thrilled with all the new contributors. If you have not made a donation please do so and join us in our mission to keep the bluest of the blues alive!

With warm regards,

Timothy & Denise Duffy

Artist Notes

Cootie Stark celebrated his 76th birthday last December.

Cora Mae Bryant, Cootie Stark, John Dee Holeman, Captain Luke, Macavine Hayes and George Higgs have all been visiting artists in 2002 so far.

Beverly "Guitar" Watkins had a successful tour of Italy last November and continues to put on high-powered performances throughout the USA.

Frank Edwards at the age of 93 is working on a new album.

Carl Rutherford is in need of volunteer carpenters to help him fix up his home in West Virginia. This experience would be filled with incredible music and treasured memories.

John Jackson the premier Piedmont bluesman from Virginia passed away this January.

Precious Bryant's new album, **Fool Me Good** is available in stores everywhere!



Little Freddie King of New Orleans, Louisiana puts on a terrific show of raw blues. He desires to travel and perform. Get in touch.

Need an incredible gospel soloist? Invite Essie Mae Brooks to sing at your wedding or event. Contact us.

Captain Luke, Cool John Ferguson & Tim Duffy were interviewed by Alex Chadwick on National Public Radio's, Morning Edition on February 26th.



GEORGIA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

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Blues Came To Georgia

From the cotton warehouses of Savannah to the pecan groves of Macon to the Underground of Atlanta, "The Blues Came to Georgia" a long time ago and never left. This collection of exquisite recordings was commissioned by the Georgia Music Hall of Fame to celebrate the contribution to the blues made by their native artists. Kick-back with a handful of hot-boiled peanuts and enjoy the unique personalities of 13 men and women blues artists from the land of Georgia.



Essie Mae Brown

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Guitar Gabriel

©Gallagher



Frances Bryant

©Austin



James Davis

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Music Maker News

A special thanks to Lisa Love, Liz Garcia, Sherri Treadwell, Joseph Johnson, Laura Botts, Jessica Walden-Griner, Malcolm Lane, Matt Sexton, Melvina Spence, Paul Brown, Marilyn McGhee, whose vision and hard work made the exhibit at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame a reality.

Music Makers: Portraits and Songs from the Roots of America published by Hill Street Press of Athens, Georgia will be in bookstores this October. We thank B.B. King for writing the forward.

Taj Mahal spent a week this January in Hillsborough playing the upright bass, banjo, guitar and harp with visiting artists.

Bill Lucado hosted Taj Mahal, John Price, Bill Fickett, Fred Tamarkin and a group of supporters for a planning retreat at his home in Zancudo, Costa Rica this February. Taj and Bill won the fishing contest raising money for MPRF. Congratulations to Bill for landing a 350 lb. Marlin on 20lb test line soon after we left. Plans have begun for a benefit-fishing tournament next year.

Order any CD and receive a copy of *Guitar Gabriel, Deep in the South* for an additional \$10.

Many thanks to Peter & Dede DeVries for their donation of a rototiller for the Music Maker garden. Time to get those spring greens and peas going.

Big fun in Winston-Salem, NC at the Kickin' the Downtown Blues celebration on Jan. 18th. Kim Carnall's signed script from *Sex & the City* and a guitar signed by Taj were hot items in the auction. Cheers to Kim, Taj and all the good folks at the Winston-Salem Arts and Entertainment Partnership.

Events

April 13th, Beverly "Guitar" Watkins will play for the Atlanta Blues Society at the Earthlink Live Club. Contact Larry: 404-881-9134.

May 25th there will be a Music Maker Blues Revival in the Historic New Daisy Theatre on Beale Street as part of the Handy Awards in Memphis, TN. Tickets \$20. Info: 919-643-2456.

Lighnin' Wells and George Higgs tour the Southeast in April as performers for The Southern Arts Federation. April 8, Winchester, KY, Leeds Center for the Arts, 819-744-6437. April 12, Bristol, TN, Paramount Theater for the Arts, 423-274-8927. April 13, Charlotte, NC, Solo show by Lighnin' Wells for the CPCC Folk Frolics, 704-330-6246. April 19, Waterboro, SC, Hampton Street Auditorium, 843-549-1922. April 20, Beaufort, SC, Waterfront Park Concert, 843-521-0611. April 6, Chattanooga, TN, 423-755-4379. Gathering of the Vibes on July 4th and 5th Monticello, NY.

Cora Mae Bryant & Joshua Jacobson, Little Fish Anderson and George Higgs will perform on July 4 at the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival in Davenport, IA.

June 15th, Willie King will host the Freedom Creek Festival near Alcoville, AL. Contact Willie at 204-373-2521.

Music Maker Blues Revival at the Carboro Arts Center on October 5th featuring Carolina blues artists. Carboro, NC. Info: 919-643-2456.

- _____ **Chief's Back Record Club** \$195.00 1 yr. membership
 _____ **Music Maker CD's** \$19.00 each (incl. s & h)

Various Artists:

- _____ *A Living Post*
 _____ *Come So Far*
 _____ *Blues Come to Georgia*

- _____ *Guitar Gabriel, Deep in the South*
 _____ *Only \$18 with any other CD purchase*
 _____ *Algie Mae Hinton, Honey Babe*
 _____ *Beverly Watkins, Back in Business*
 _____ *Capt. Luke & Cool John, Outsider Lounge Music*
 _____ *Carl Rutherford, Turn off the Fear*
 _____ *Cool John Ferguson*
 _____ *Goose Stark, Sugar Man*
 _____ *Corz Mae Bryant, Burn With The Blues*
 _____ *Eddie Tiger, Route 66*
 _____ *Eddie Mae Brooks, Rain in Your Life*
 _____ *Etta Baker, Railroad Bill*
 _____ *George Higgs, Tobacco Blues*
 _____ *Guitar Gabriel, Volume One*
 _____ *Jerry "Boogie" McCain, This Stuff Just Kills Me*
 _____ *Jerry "Boogie" McCain, Unplugged*
 _____ *John Dee Hakeman, Bull Durham Blues*
 _____ *Neal Pattman, Prison Blues*



- _____ **Music Maker T-Shirt** \$25 each (incl. S&H)

Circle T-shirt size(s): **L XL XXL**

- _____ **Music Maker Poster** - 16" x 20" reproduction of photograph of David Johnson's family by Axel Kummer (quality suitable for framing) \$24.00 (incl. s & h)

- _____ **Post Card Book** - A collection of 30 x 1 1/2" x 4 1/2" photographs by Axel Kummer \$23.00 (incl. s & h)

- _____ **Cash Donation** (fully tax deductible)

- _____ **Total** (international donors add \$7 USD for shipping on premium items)

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Music Maker Relief Foundation

is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the true pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions gain recognition and meet their day to day needs. Today, many such musicians are living in extreme poverty and need food, shelter, medical care, and other assistance. Music Maker's aid and service programs improve the quality of recipients lives. Our work affirms to these artists that we value the gifts of music and inspiration they have delivered to the world. Our mission is to give back to the roots of American music. Our criterion for recipients is they be rooted in a Southern musical tradition, be 55 years or older and have an annual income less than \$18,000. Music Maker Relief Foundation, Inc. is a tax exempt, public charity under IRS code 501 (c) 3.

Music Maker Programs

- **Life Maintenance** - Grants for necessities such as food, medical needs, housing, etc.
- **Instrument Acquisition** - Provides quality instruments and maintenance funds to recipient musicians.
- **Tour Support** - Provides funding and services to musicians wishing to tour and record.
- **Emergency Relief** - Substantial one-time grants to recipients in crisis (medical, fire, theft, etc.)
- **Visiting Artist Program** - This program invites artists to our base in Hillsborough, NC for an extended stay. Bringing an artist out of the home environment bestows recognition and provides a place of retreat for creative experimentation. Opportunities are made available for recording, performance and documentation in accordance with artist's desires. This hiatus also gives us time with the artist to discuss in depth their needs and aspirations so we can develop a plan to improve their lives.

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