

Grand Opening

The Blues in Claiborne County: From Rabbit Foot Minstrels to Blues and Cruise

Schedule of Events and Participants

Friday, June 30, 2006

| Time | Event | Features | Venue |
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| 5 p.m. | Reception and Viewing of the Exhibit | Finger foods, wine, juices, and other refreshments will be available as patrons get their first look at the exhibit | The Gallery Building of Mississippi Cultural Crossroads |
| 6:15 | Welcome and Acknowledgements | Introduction of participants and special guests | The Mayer-Marx Building, recently restored with state and local funds |
| 6:30 | Keynote Address | David Evans, Professor of Music University of Memphis | The Mayer-Marx Building |
| 7:15 | Panel Presentations and Discussion | Alex Albright, Professor of English East Carolina University “Neglected Players and Performers in African-American Minstrel Shows” Jerry Bangham, Professor of Theatre Alcorn State University (retired) “Milton Quigless: From Alcorn to Rabbit Foot and Back in Two Weeks” Jim Sherraden, Curator and Printer The Hatch Show Print Collection “Printing for the African-American Minstrel Trade: Images and Accounts” Joyce Bolden, Professor Emerita of Music Alcorn State University Moderator | The Mayer-Marx Building |
| 8:30 | Performance | Fresh from three weeks in Paris, David Evans and his Last Chance Jug Band With David Evans, vocals, guitar, and kazoo; Dick Raichelson, keyboard; Elmo Lee Thomas, harmonica; Richard Graham, jug and washboard; Clint Wagner, violin, mandolin and banjo. Cash bar available. | The Big Tent, provided by the Mississippi Development Authority, on the lot across from the mural at Mississippi Cultural Crossroads |

All events take place on Market Street in the two blocks south of the Claiborne County Courthouse