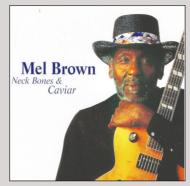
Birthday Blues

Mel Brown was born on October 7, 1939 in Jackson, MS. His father gave him a guitar at age 14. His musical family not only greatly influenced him as did many musicians he saw in the Mississippi delta, such as Elmore James, Bobby Bland, Hank Ballard and he even backed Sonny Boy Williamson. In the 50's Mel leaves for L.A. and is on the road working with bands like Johnny Otis. The Olympics and Etta James. In the 60's Mel backed Pee Wee Crayton, Johnny Guitar Watson, Billy Preston, Sam



Cooke and is also in demand at L.A. studios with Hollywood stars and T-Bone Walker. In the 60's, 70's & 80's Mel recorded his own work, joins and records (on piano & B3 too) with the Bobby Blue Bland Band and with John Lee Hooker, Lightnin' Hopkins, Roy Brown, Earl Hooker, Charles Brown & BB King. Mel joined Antone's house band in 1983 and worked with artists like Buddy Guy, Jr. Wells, Stevie Ray Vaughan, James Cotton and many more. Mel also recorded with Albert Collins and The Silent Partners. He married the vocalist of his Homewreckers Band, Miss Angel, in 1988 and they soon moved to Ontario, Canada where he continued to tour often. In 2001 he was honored with a W.C. Handy Award (Blues Music Award). Mel died in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada on March 20, 2009 at age 70.

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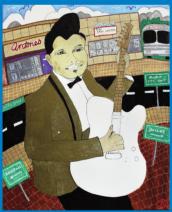
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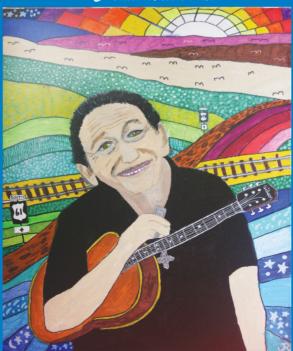
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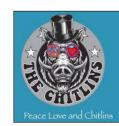
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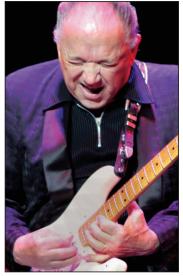
Kenny "Beedy Eyes" Smith with Joey J. Saye, BOTF.



Chicagoland Joey J. Saye opened Saturday's BOTF, June 17, 2023.

so happy to meet them and get a complimentary copy of Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine. They also toured the newly-built Ms. Jane; dined at the famous Rest Haven and danced at Red's - Clarksdale's funky lounge where Deak and Quicksand were iukin'. The next day on their way "Up North," they made a quick rest stop in Memphis before the Blues Music Awards (May 12, 2023) began where they got to visit and thank Bob O Walesa and Lynn Orman.

Every Father's Day weekend you



Jimmy Vaughan headlined at the BOTF

can find Sugar & Junior at the Blues on the Fox (June 16 & 17, 2023) in Aurora, II by the Fox River and looming in the skyline, the historic Leland Hotel where Bluebird recordings happened from 1937-1938 with Big Bill Broonzy, Washborad Sam, Henry Townsend, Sweet Peas Spivey, John Lee Curtis "Sonny Boy" Williamson, Big Joe Williams, Tampa Red and more. Thanks to the Fox Valley Blues Foundation for keeping the blues flame burning by the Fox River. The Blues on the Fox has grown from a street festival to a modern-day green park with excellent, safe facilities with plenty of parking and a convenient Amtrak station. The Blues on the Fox festival kicked off on Friday with the fabulous Ruthie Foster Band that were so gracious to allow Sugar & Junior to photograph them before their set for the Aug/Sept issue -"Chicks with Picks." Jimmie Vaughan with

And I Ain't Lyin'!

nowbirds Sugar & Junior migrated "Up North" in May and stopped and spent two nights at the always-open and popular Shack Up Inn in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where they arrived on May 9th, 2023 and found an intimate "Harmonica Experience" happening - 5 days of

Studebaker John backing up Mud Morganfield, BOTF.

honing your skills with Charlie Musselwhite, Johnny Maestro and more. Sugar & Jr. stopped by to see the Musselwhites' new/old Streamline Empress RV. Deak's Mississippi Saxophone & Blues Emporium is just around the corner in downtown Clarksdale where they found Deak entertaining a full house of visiting Danish blues ambassadors who were

Mud Morganfield, BOTF, June 17, 2023.





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Sugar with Neal brothers - Fredrick & Darnell, BOTF.





Junior, Bubba & Bill at Ms. Jane, Dublin, Mississippi, May 10, 2023.

the Texas Horns closed the evening. Saturday began with Joel J. Silva wsg
Bob Stroger and Kenny "Beedy
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blues with Mud Morganfield, Kenny
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Sugar & Junior's next adventure is on the high seas on the west coast the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise-#39 Mexican Riviera, Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 2023 - don't miss this ship!

Love & happiness, Sugar Mae

P.S. Happy Birthday Mother Owens - November 2nd!



Duwayne Burnside & Kenny Brown, BMA's, Memphis, TN, May 11, 2023

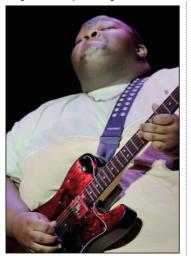


Deak Harp proudly poses in front of his new mural, Clarksdale, MS, May 10, 2023.





Kingfish & Kenny backstage at BOTF, June 17, 2023.



Smokin' Kingfish, BOTF.



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Henri & Charlie Musselwhite in front of their "new" RV, Clarksdale, MS.



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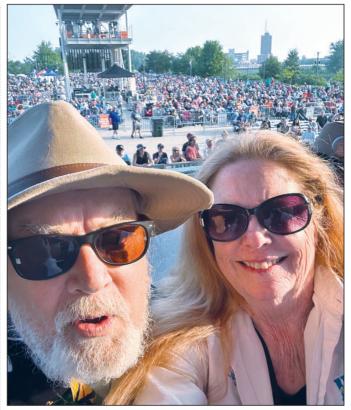
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