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## **2010 BATON ROUGE BLUES FESTIVAL BRINGS GRAMMY NOMINEE AND LOUISIANA MUSIC LEGENDS DOWNTOWN FOR *FREE* CONCERT**

**8 Popular Artists & Local Students Take the Stage April 24, 2010**

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(Baton Rouge, LA) -- The **Baton Rouge Blues Foundation** proudly brings the **2010 Baton Rouge Blues Festival** to downtown Baton Rouge **Saturday, April 24, 2010** from **Noon to 10:00 p.m.** in **Repentance Park** (located between the Old State Capitol and the River Center) and **Galvez Plaza**.

*Free to the public*, this festival will feature an impressive lineup of Blues legends and newcomers, including: 2009 Grammy Nominee **Ruthie Foster** (“*The Truth According to Ruthie Foster*” album nominated in the category of *Best Contemporary Blues Album*); local favorite and international Blues star, **Chris Thomas King**; Louisiana Blues-Rock legend **Tony Joe White**; Louisiana Blues Guitar giant **Sonny Landreth**; 2009 B.B. King Entertainer of the Year **Janiva Magness**; up-and-comer from the legendary Baton Rouge Blues family of Neals, **Tyree Neal**; Blues Guitarist **Elvin Killerbee**; Baton Rouge’s own **Susan Owens**; **Central High Blues Band** and the **Dunham School Jazz Ensemble**.

Beyond the music, festival attendees will enjoy good ol’ fashioned home cookin’ from beloved Neal family matriarch **Shirley Neal**; **Ben Payne**’s Jambalaya and Red Beans & Rice; Bluesman and local favorite **Chicago Al**’s world-famous hotdogs; **Pimanyoli**’s **Tamales**; **Ronnie**’s **Ribs**; and **Cool Tiger Ice** snow cones and nachos.





The **2010 Baton Rouge Blues Festival** is presented by the **Baton Rouge Blues Foundation** as part of the **Baton Rouge Blues Week, April 18-25, 2010**. The Festival is produced by **Pal Productions Co.** and sponsored by: **The City of Baton Rouge; Mockler Beverage; Budweiser; Coca-Cola; The Advocate; Louisiana Office of Tourism; Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors Bureau; Radisson; UnReal; Raisin' Cane's; WAFB-TV; Cox 4; Crowne Plaza; Republic Finance; Louisiana Lottery; MAPP Construction; Piccadilly; and WRKF 89.3 FM.**

For more information on the **2010 Baton Rouge Blues Festival** lineup, artists, merchandise and additional 2010 Blues Week music events, visit [www.batonrougebluesfestival.org](http://www.batonrougebluesfestival.org), or contact: **Clarke Gernon** at 225.937.7038, or **Johnny Palazzotto** at 225.907.9026. Also, visit [www.brbluesfoundation.org](http://www.brbluesfoundation.org); the **Baton Rouge Blues Festival** page on **Facebook**; the **Baton Rouge Blues Foundation** page on **Facebook**; or follow the latest Blues News on [www.twitter.com/brblues](http://www.twitter.com/brblues).

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