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## **PETE FOUNTAIN INDUCTEE AT SEVENTH ANNUAL DELTA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### **JASON D. WILLIAMS HEADLINING FESTIVAL**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the schedule of festivities for the Seventh Annual Delta Music Festival on April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in downtown Ferriday, La. This year's inductee, Pete Fountain of New Orleans, will have an exhibit dedicated to him within the museum and receive a star on the museum's "Walk of Fame" sidewalk. The celebration includes arts, crafts, food, kids' games, pony rides and more. Admission is \$3.

After musical performances from talent throughout the state, the induction ceremony and dedication of the Arcade Theater will take place, followed by a performance by local favorites Easy Eddie and the Partyrockers. Jason D. Williams of Memphis, Tenn., reminiscent of Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley, will headline the show.

Previously known as the Ferriday Museum and housed in the old post office, the Delta Music Museum is located in Concordia Parish just minutes away from historic Natchez, Miss. The building, completed in 1940, was remodeled in 2001 to accommodate the museum's exhibits. The museum's exhibits focus on the history and culture of the Louisiana-Mississippi Delta region's music, including interactive music kiosks and mannequins. The Arcade Theater, a new addition to the museum, is a replica 6,500-square-foot facility including movable seating for 300 and a professional sound and video system. The original theater, built in the late 1920s burned in the 1950s and was permanently closed in the 1970s.

Other inductees into the museum's Hall of Fame include Jimmie Davis, Fats Domino, Mickey Gilley, John Fred Gourrier, Allen "Puddler" Harris, Clarence "Frogman" Henry, Johnny Horton, Dale Houston and Grace Broussard, Lewis, Aaron Neville, Percy Sledge, Jimmy Swaggart, Irma Thomas, Conway Twitty and Leon "PeeWee" Whittaker.

The Delta Music Museum is located at 218 Louisiana Ave. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the Delta Music Festival, the Delta Music Museum and the Secretary of State's Museums Division, visit our Web site at <http://sos.louisiana.gov/museums>.