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### **JOHNNY RIVERS INDUCTEE AT 8TH ANNUAL DELTA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### **ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST TODD MARTIN, AVERY MICHAELS AND EXIT 209 HEADLINING FESTIVAL**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the schedule of festivities for the Eighth Annual Delta Music Festival on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Ferriday, La. This year's inductee, Johnny Rivers of Baton Rouge, becomes the 18th member of the Hall of Fame and will receive a star on the museum's "Walk of Fame" sidewalk. The celebration includes arts, crafts, food, games and more. Admission is \$3.

After musical performances from talent throughout the state, the induction will take place. Avery Michaels and Exit 209 and Elvis tribute artist Todd Martin and the Memphis Mafia Showband 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 recent 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, Pete Fountain, Mickey Gilley, John Fred Gourrier, Allen "Puddler" Harris, Clarence "Frogman" Henry, Johnny Horton, Dale Houston and Grace Broussard, Jerry Lee 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 and the Delta Music Museum, call 318.757.9999 or visit our Web site at [www.sos.louisiana.gov/dmm](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/dmm).

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