

# Exit 56 Blues Fest celebrates 15 years Memorial Day Weekend

BROWNSVILLE, TN, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bring your lawn chair and experience two days of live Blues music and a host of events with free admission to fill your Memorial Day Weekend! The 15th Annual Exit 56 Blues Fest will be held Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center located conveniently off of Exit 56, on Interstate 40 in Brownsville TN.

"Fifteen years ago, Exit 56 Blues Fest began as a small one-day affair," reflects Sonia Outlaw-Clark, Delta Heritage Center Director. "Now, it's truly remarkable to see it has flourished into a vibrant two-day celebration, featuring an inspiring Women in Blue showcase and the impressive Corvette Car show. This incredible journey wouldn't have been possible without the support of our dedicated partners and the passionate Blues enthusiasts who return year after year to experience the eclectic mix of performers and styles of the Blues we offer."

One thing that has held true throughout the 15 years of the event is the annual poster unveiling. This year's featured artist is Leland Porter, a visual artist and West Tennessee musician known as "Simply Leland." Porter will unveil his original art and this year's Exit 56 Blues Fest poster during the Opening Ceremony at noon on Saturday, May 24.

Come hungry and enjoy the food trucks, explore the arts and craft vendors and view the Corvettes, while listening to the undeniable power of the blues found right here at its home in West Tennessee! Each day of activities begins at 10:00 am and the last performance begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday.

The event schedule is as follows:



Bluesman and visual artist Leland Porter, also known as "Simply Leland" will perform at the 15th annual Exit 56 Blues Fest Memorial Day weekend.

Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

10:00 am - 3:00 pm: Volunteer Corvette Club of West TN Annual Corvette Car Show

9:00 am Registration; 3:00 pm Awards

10:00 am - 6:00 pm: Arts and Crafts Vendors and Food Trucks

10:00 am - 6:00 pm: Live Blues Music featuring local and regional Blues artists.

12:00 pm: Opening Ceremony and the 2025 Poster Unveiling featuring the talented West Tennessee musician and visual artist Leland Porter.

#### Music Line-Up

10:00 am THEO "BOOGIEMAN" DASBACH

11:00 am SEAN "BAD" APPLE

12:00 pm LINZIE BUTLER & THE BONAFIDE BLUESMEN

1:00 pm LAST CHANCE JUG BAND

2:00 pm MAXWELL RUSSELL & SHAKEDOWN KINGS

4:00 pm SIMPLY LELAND & TENNESSEE SMOKE

5:00 pm TERRY "HARMONICA" BEAN

6:00 pm DON VALENTINE & HOLLYWOOD ALLSTARS

Sunday, May 25, 2025 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Arts and Crafts Vendors and Food Trucks

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Women in Blues Showcase featuring local and regional Women artists

#### Music Line-Up

10:00 am HOPE MACGREGOR

11:00 am MEG WILLIAMS

12:00 pm JONI BISHOP

1:00 pm SHY PERRY

2:00 pm JULIA CRUZ MAGNESS

3:00 pm REBA RUSSELL

4:00 pm JOYCE HENDERSON & BLUES MACHINE

The free community festival is sponsored by: Ford BlueOval City, City of Brownsville, Tennessee Entertainment Commission, Aeneas Internet & Telephone, Jazz Foundation of West Tennessee, Budweiser, Golden Circle Insurance Agency, Rawls Funeral Home and Brownsville Mini Warehouses. Media Partners are WBBJ TV Channel 7, Jammin Jackson 97.7, The Hog 92.3 and N-Da-Kno with Jazzii A.

If you're in search of a unique weekend to experience the "Blues," visit Brownsville, Tennessee and the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center for the Exit 56 Blues Fest.

More information about the event can be found at [Exit56Blues.com](http://Exit56Blues.com). Contact the Delta Heritage Center at 731-779-9000 or [info@westtnheritage.com](mailto:info@westtnheritage.com).

About Exit 56 Blues Fest: For the past 14 years, celebrating the Country Blues in the hometown of Blues Pioneers "Sleepy" John Estes, Hammie Nixon and Yank Rachel. The family friendly festival offers Blues music accompanied by activities, food, and arts and crafts.

About the Center: The West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center, in Brownsville, is a music heritage destination that offers a refreshing Southern experience showcasing the history and culture of rural West Tennessee. Inside visitors can learn about the history of cotton, explore the scenic and "wild" Hatchie River and get to know the legendary musicians who call West Tennessee home. Also located on the grounds is the Tina Turner Museum at Flagg Grove School, the childhood school of Tina Turner, and the last home of Blues pioneer Sleepy John Estes. The Delta Heritage Center is also a featured stop along the Americana Music Triangle connecting Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans and an official Tennessee Music Pathways location. To learn more about the Center, visit [www.westtnheritage.com](http://www.westtnheritage.com) or call 731-779-9000.

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