

2nd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon & Half-Marathon www.msbluesmarathon.com January 3, 2009

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Entertainment set for Blues Marathon events Friday and Saturday

Great Mississippi blues music will fill the air around the 2nd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon, starting at the Mississippi Blues Expo, continuing along the marathon route and capping it off at the post-race party at Hal & Mal's.

Hear the blues from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009 at the Blues Expo in the Mississippi TelCom Center, located at 105 E. Pascagoula St. in downtown Jackson. The Expo is free and open to the public and also features vendors selling running-related merchandise and select Mississippi merchandise.

Friday music schedule at the Expo:

- 11 a.m. – Bill Abel
- 12 p.m. – Jesse Robinson
- 1 p.m. – Bill Abel
- 2 p.m. – Sherman Lee Dillon
- 3 p.m. – Bill Abel
- 4 p.m. – Virgil Brawley
- 5 p.m. – Bill Abel
- 6 p.m. – Chris Gill

On Saturday, music will be at the start/finish line of the marathon in the Historic Fondren District, and at various points along the course. The race begins at 7 a.m. Musicians from the Expo will also play on Saturday, as will King Edward (duo), Patrick Harkins, and the Central Mississippi Blues Society Band (on the finish line stage). Chris Gill's band, Sole Shakers, featuring D'Mar (Little Richard's drummer), will also play on Saturday.

The 8 p.m. Saturday post-race party at Hal & Mal's, 200 S. Commerce St. in downtown Jackson, will feature Louis "Gearshifter" Youngblood, followed by Homemade Jamz, and Jesse Robinson's 500 Pounds of Blues Band.

A portion of the proceeds from this race will benefit the Mississippi Blues Commission. Learn more about the race and the blues at www.msbluesmarathon.com.

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