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The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival Presented by Borders is sad to announce that Ruth Brown will no longer be performing at this year's festival due to illness. Ms. Brown's management expected her to recover from a stroke she suffered in the spring, but her current condition will not permit her to perform on stage.

We are proud to announce that Irma Thomas, Queen of New Orleans Soul, has agreed to take her place at the "Women, Rhythm, and Blues" concert at the Michigan Theater on September 15. Also appearing that evening will be the one and only Mavis Staples and the Staples Swingers.