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**ANN ARBOR BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL
PRESENTED BY BORDERS GROUP, INC.
ANNOUNCES 2001 LINEUP!**

**JUST ANNOUNCED: ABBEY LINCOLN
AT THE MICHIGAN THEATER**

***MACEO PARKER, SHEMEKIA COPELAND, JOHN SCOFIELD, IKE TURNER,
LOS HOMBRES CALIENTES, HOUSTON PERSON and ETTA JONES
ARE FEATURED PERFORMERS!***

**FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 10 YEARS BY ADDING NEW VENUE.
SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR GALLUP PARK, MICHIGAN THEATER,
THE BIRD OF PARADISE AND THE FIREFLY CLUB.**

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The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, presented by Borders Group, Inc., has announced the lineup for the 2001 Festival, **September 6th through 9th**. Known for presenting many of the giants of Jazz and Blues over the years, this year's lineup features a broad mix of artists ranging from the funky saxophone of former James Brown sideman **Maceo Parker** and the powerful blues vocals of **Shemekia Copeland**, to groove jazz from guitar master **John Scofield** and fiery Latin beats from rising star **Bobby Sanabria** and his nine piece band, in two days of outdoor shows at Ann Arbor's riverside jewel, **Gallup Park**. **LEGENDARY JAZZ VOCALIST ABBEY LINCOLN WILL PERFORM FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 7TH, AT THE HISTORIC MICHIGAN THEATER.** Also, the Festival is proud to present the soulful saxophone and classic vocals of one of jazz's most enduring collaborations, **Houston Person** and **Etta Jones** at the **Bird of Paradise Jazz Club** and, new this year, the **Firefly Club** in downtown Ann Arbor, hosts harmonica ace **R. J Mischo** in a special kick off show on Thursday, September 6th and a festival afterglow, Sunday, September 9th at 9 PM, with Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents and The Motor City Sheiks. The Gallup Park lineup also includes R&B pioneer **Ike Turner** and the **Kings of Rhythm**, second generation Zydeco hotshot **Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers** and New Orleans based **Los Hombres Calientes**. Local favorites and worldwide ambassadors **Madcat Ruth** and **Shary Kane** will be among this year's local performers.

This year, the Festival celebrates its 10th year since reclaiming its place on the event calendar of Southeast Michigan. Now bolstered by title sponsor **Borders Group, Inc.**, the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival continues to build on the legendary, national reputation of the early Blues and Jazz Festivals, circa 1969 through 1973. It has become one of the region's premier showcases for authentic Blues and Jazz in its many roots and variations. The beautiful venues; picturesque Gallup Park, the beautifully restored Michigan Theater, and the intimate Bird of Paradise and Firefly clubs, provide the perfect setting for Jazz and Blues fans to enjoy the music. For young and old, indoors and out, the Festival provides an opportunity for fans of every description to celebrate the great African-American musical tradition that has become America's best known contribution to the world's cultural landscape.

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As always, the Gallup Park shows will feature selected local food vendors providing tasty fare, including the **Festival s Food and Beverage** stand featuring **Burgers, Brats, Black Bean burgers** and a special **Blues and Jazz Jambalaya**, as well as a cash bar serving soft drinks, **Delicato wines** and **Local Color micro-brewed beers**. The **Kid s Tent** will provide activities for the young ones including **Borders Story Telling Hours** and musical performances. The popular **Meet the Artist** area returns where fans can get an up close chance to listen and learn from festival performers. **Kid s Tent and Meet the Artist activities are supported in part by a grant from the MCACA.**

Showtimes at Gallup Park are 1 to 9 PM. Gates open at 12 noon. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate, with a \$15 student ticket at the gate only, with ID. Children, 12 and under, accompanied by an adult are free. Showtime at Michigan Theater is 8 PM, tickets are \$40 and \$25 with a \$75 Patron ticket also available. Showtimes at the Bird of Paradise are 9 & 11 PM, tickets are \$25 each. Showtimes at the Firefly are 8 PM on Thursday and 9 PM on Sunday, tickets are \$12 on Thursday and \$5 on Sunday. **The Firefly Club is located at 207 S. Ashley, the Michigan Theater at 603 E. Liberty, and The Bird Of Paradise at 312 S. Main, all in downtown Ann Arbor. Gallup Park is located on Fuller Rd. near the intersection with Huron Parkway in Ann Arbor.**

Tickets go on sale Saturday, August 4th, at all Ticketmaster locations including the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Gallup Park tickets are also available at the downtown Borders store in Ann Arbor and P.J. s Used Records and CDs. Tickets for the Firefly Club are at the door, only. Bird of Paradise tickets also available at the Bird. To charge by phone call (734) 763-TKTS. Festival information at (734) 747-9955. Complete information at <www.a2.blues.jazzfest.org>.

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