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**THE ANN ARBOR BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**  
PRESENTED BY BORDERS GROUP, INC., ANNOUNCES 2002 LINEUP  
STARRING **EDDIE PALMIERI, KOKO TAYLOR,**  
**KARL DENSON S TINY UNIVERSE, THE DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND**  
**THE SUN RA ARKESTRA, TAB BENOIT, OLU DARA**  
**Alberta Adams, Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic**  
**Al Hill & the Love Butlers, Dobbins/Chandler Quintet**

**The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival**, presented by Borders Group Inc., is proud to announce the lineup for the 2002 Festival, taking place September 13, 14 & 15. This year, the nationally renowned festival is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with another wide-ranging mix of blues and jazz music. The line-up features a dizzying array of talent including Grammy Award winning pianist and bandleader **Eddie Palmieri**, known as *The Sun of Latin Jazz*, performing with *La Perfecta II Orchestra*; **Koko Taylor**, *The Queen of the Blues*; the high-octane saxofunk of **Karl Denson s Tiny Universe**; New Orleans legendary **Dirty Dozen Brass Band**; the other-worldly sounds of **The Sun Ra Arkestra**; Zydeco sensation **Andre Thierry**; the blues guitar slinger from Louisiana- **Tab Benoit**, Detroit s very own **Alberta Adams**; and **Olu Dara**, performing his funky, sophisticated, down-home blues and jazz for the 21st century. Additional performers will be announced soon.

In keeping with its long-standing tradition, the festival settles into town for a full weekend, beginning Friday, September 13 and finishing up Sunday, September 15. In between, there will be no less than 15 performances, kicking off on Friday night at the beautifully restored Michigan Theater. Also on Friday, and continuing Saturday night will be four performances in the intimate setting of the Bird of Paradise. The festival takes over the sprawling, picturesque Gallup Park on Saturday and Sunday, with music beginning around lunchtime and running into the evening. Whether inside or outdoors, the festival is sure to deliver a great musical experience for fans of every description, both young and old. A detailed schedule with showtimes, dates and venues is attached.

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With great music comes great food! At Gallup Park, an array of local food vendors will provide tasty offerings. Festival volunteers will also be tending the grills and cooking up hamburgers, bratwursts and black-bean burgers, along with a delicious *Blues & Jazz Jambalaya*. Also for sale will be beverages of all kinds, including soft drinks, wines and micro-brewed beers from Michigan's Local Color Brewery. The Kid's Tent has become an annual favorite for families, and will feature special activities for children. A festival tradition continues this year with the Meet The Artist sessions at Gallup Park. Fans will have an opportunity to listen and ask questions of festival performers in a program hosted by knowledgeable local radio and music personalities. After the session, festival performers will sign autographs at the Borders merchandise tent. CDs from participating performers will be available for purchase. Schedule to be determined.

**Tickets for all shows go on sale Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** and will be available at all Ticketmaster locations including the Michigan Union ticket office. Gallup Park tickets are also available in Ann Arbor at both the Arborland and downtown Borders stores, and at P.J.'s Used Records and CDs. To charge by phone call (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666. To order online visit Ticketmaster.com. For more information call (734) 747-9955 or visit [www.a2.blues.jazzfest.org](http://www.a2.blues.jazzfest.org)

With the generous support from title sponsor **Borders** Group, Inc., the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival strives each year to provide the community with a unique and spirited program of music that is truly American and worthy of its legendary status. It remains one of the region's premier showcases for authentic blues and jazz in its many roots and variations. Borders Group, Inc., (NYSE: BGP) is a leading global retailer of books, music, video and other information and entertainment items with stores in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. A FORTUNE 500 company headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., Borders Group employs 32,000 employees worldwide and operates over 375 Borders domestic superstores, 23 international Borders stores, 36 Books etc. locations and approximately 815 Waldenbooks stores. Teamed with Amazon.com, the company also offers online shopping through [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com). For more information about Borders, please contact Jenie Carlen at (734) 477-1655. More detailed information for journalists is available at [www.bgimediacenter.com](http://www.bgimediacenter.com). Financial data is hosted on [www.bordersgroupinc.com](http://www.bordersgroupinc.com) and information on Borders stores is available through [www.bordersstores.com](http://www.bordersstores.com).

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