

July 21, 2003

Mr. Jef Judin
245 Highland Place Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Jef:

The role of the Mississippi blues in influencing music is undeniable. Its impact is found in rock and roll, jazz, rhythm and blues, country, gospel, and even classical music. Music lovers from around the world recognize the importance of the Mississippi blues and many travel to the Mississippi Delta to see where it all began.

Your efforts in celebrating this uniquely Mississippi legacy through the "Journey to Clarksdale" concert series are greatly appreciated. I am proud to have worked with you this year through the proclamation of 2003 as the "Year of the Blues" in Mississippi and the proclamation of B.B. King as Mississippi's official "blues ambassador."

The "Journey to Clarksdale" series will share Mississippi's rich legacy of music and turn the eyes of the world on the birthplace of the blues. Thank you for the work you are doing to share this important message.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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