



JESSE ROBINSON – Blues and Jazz Artist

Jesse Robinson is a musician who is highly regarded in Mississippi and within the music industry. He performs at special events and is always involved in promoting Blues Education by producing events to promote this cause!

Jesse Robinson is noted on **multiple Mississippi Highway Blues Markers throughout the State of Mississippi: *Hollywood Café, Holmes County Blues, Gold Coast, Cassandra Wilson, Queen of Hearts, Subway Lounge.***

Jesse Robinson has toured nationally and internationally. He performs solo and with an outstanding band of top-rated musicians. During his career he has played and worked with many other blues musicians including Cassandra Wilson, Little Milton, Bobby Rush, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, B.B. King, and others. Jesse Robinson has performed internationally, and nationally throughout his career. He performed with Robertinho de Recife the great Brazilian guitarist and record producer in Brazil.

SOME NOTABLE POINTS ABOUT JESSE ROBINSON

*Robinson's band opened for B.B. King at the opening of the B.B. King Museum and for B.B. King at the B.B. King Homecoming Festival and the B.B. King Museum Groundbreaking.

*He has participated in blues symposiums with the B.B. King Museum and Interpretive Center.

*Jesse Robinson was the guitarist on Bobby Rush's hit album "Sue".

*Jesse's Robinson's music is featured in a bar scene in "Time to Kill."

*He started the late-night weekend blues tradition at the Subway Lounge which was the location featured in "Last of the Mississippi Jukes."

*Jesse Robinson toured for a while as the front man for the BB King Blues Band performing at Austin City Limits and similar venues."

*Blues Education is important to Jesse Robinson. Mr. Robinson has participated in blues symposiums with the B.B. King Museum and Interpretive Center. He has put on educational workshops at Mississippi State University. Jesse Robinson served on the State of Mississippi Blues Commission, was on the Advisory Board of the Mississippi Delta Blues Society of Mississippi and he was a founder of the Central Mississippi Blues Society. He has guest lectured on the blues at Mississippi State University and Millsaps College and worked with various "blues in the schools" programs.

*The Mississippi Delta Blues Society of Indianola presented Jesse Robinson the **President's Award** and Jesse was honored with the Jackson Music Award - **The King Mose Memorial Award**.

JESSE ROBINSON MUSIC:

Stray Star (2013) Stray Star was produced by Robertinho de Recife the great Brazilian guitarist and record producer.

Blues Child (2004)

Downhome Christmas in Mississippi (2004)

“Show Me Love” Song co-written with Cassandra Wilson – on Belly of the Sun CD

JESSE ROBINSON BACKGROUND:

Jesse Robinson was born in the **Mississippi Delta near Tchula**. He was born in 1944 into a religious and musical family. From the age of five until around seventeen, he played in church. At the age of seventeen he formed his own band and started playing in nightclubs. At the age of twenty-one he left Mississippi for **Chicago** where he had a chance to meet and play with a lot of blues and jazz performers. Jesse returned to Mississippi in the early 1970's and led his band seven nights a week at the Avalon Court on Highway 49. Jesse hosted “Blue Mondays” at Dorsey's in Jackson, MS and had many guests including Z.Z. Hill. Jesse Robinson met **Little Milton Campbell** at Dorsey's and performed with Campbell from 1979 to 1981. Jesse was the bandleader for **Bobby Rush** from 1981 to 1986. In 1987 Jesse started the late-night weekend blues tradition at the Subway Lounge and played there for three years with his Knee Deep Band featuring vocalist “Big Daddy,” aka “500 pounds of blues. A “**Blue Monday**” series was started by Jesse Robinson at Fields Café on Farish Street in 1994. This event drew hundreds of people. In addition to touring and performing he has also performed for the Mississippi Economic Development Authority at trade fairs across the country and at the Mississippi Picnic in New York City's Central Park.

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