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## **MISSISSIPPI LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO CELEBRATE ITS GRAMMY® LEGACY**

Jackson, Mississippi (April 2, 2009) – The State of Mississippi’s continuing “Birthplace of America’s Music” campaign has launched the website [www.msgrammy.com](http://www.msgrammy.com) to ready visitors for the third annual star-studded gala set for May 28, 2009. This year’s event moves to Bluesville at the Horseshoe in Tunica.

"Mississippi -The Birthplace of America’s Music—Celebrating Its Grammy® Legacy," is hosted by Governor Haley Barbour and First Lady Marsha Barbour, this year will bring together another array of performing talent reflecting the diversity of the state’s unparalleled role in many genres of music. In announcing the event website, Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Director D. Craig Ray said, “Each year’s salute to Grammy grows and this year we are moving to Tunica and offering the website for those planning to attend.”

Visitors to the new website can find information on tickets, contacts, press, news, hotels, artists, and sponsors. Browsing the site makes it easy to see how significant the contribution of Mississippi artists has been over the years. From Elvis to B.B. King to Leontyne Price, it covers the gamut: rock, gospel, blues, soul, and opera; if it’s music, it’s Mississippi. The web experience can be heightened by listening to sounds of Mississippi on the Tune-In Mississippi web radio station.

This year the participating artists include country music songwriting legend Paul Overstreet; country legends Charley Pride and Marty Stuart, R&B/Pop star Dorothy Moore, Gospel music greats The Williams Brothers, blues stars Eddie Cotton and Pinetop Perkins as well as the popular group Blind Melon. Reviewing [www.msgrammy.com](http://www.msgrammy.com) will reveal many interesting facts such as the event will be hosted by actress Joey Lauren Adams.

The Mississippi Development Authority is the State of Mississippi’s lead economic and community development agency, which also includes the state’s promotional Tourism Division. The Tourism Division works to enhance and promote Mississippi’s culture, heritage, and history. [www.visitmississippi.org](http://www.visitmississippi.org)

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