



New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music

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STAR Map: Mississippi has long inspired the work of great artists and entertainers. Many of these talented individuals are in demand on the world's stage or are standards of study in its classrooms. "Home of the Stars" isn't a phrase that comes to mind for most people when they think of Mississippi, but no other place of this size has produced such a quantity, quality, and diversity of artistic leaders. With a heritage that ranges from William Faulkner to Elvis Presley, today's Mississippi artists are among the world's most well-loved and respected talents in fields like music, literature, drama, dance, and visual arts. These individuals are ambassadors for our state and its culture. Search the attached map of Mississippi and see if you and your students can name the artist's who were born in the hometown listed beside the star.

Resources

- "Down the Dirt Road Blues," by Spencer Bohren, www.spencerbohren.com (\$18 postage paid), a history of blues music from Africa, to slavery in America, to the blues today).
- <http://www.pbs.org/americanrootsmusic>
- MDE Visual and Performing Arts Framework, p. 175-180, Mississippi Dept. of Archives ALL SHOOK UP. Mississippi Roots of American and History Popular Music

General:

www.rockhall.com

www.emplive.com

www.zhurnal.ru/music/rasta/index_e.html

www.rootsworld.com

www.froots.demon.co.uk/

www.lib.utexas.edu/benson/border2/raices.html

www.si.edu/folkways

www.rollingstone.com

www.southernmusic.net

"Folk":

www.greenmanreview.com

www.folk.org

www.woodyguthrie.org/

www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/wwghtml/

www.jg.org/folk/folkhome.html

Blues:

www.deltabluesmuseum.org
www.thebluehighway.com/history.html
blueslyrics.tripod.com/blueshistory.htm

Gospel:

www.gospelmusic.org/
www.americangospel.com

Cajun:

www.gumbopages.com
www.caneman2.com/cajun.html
www.cajunfrenchmusic.org

Country:

www.nodepression.net
www.countrymusichalloffame.com

Bluegrass:

www.banjo.com

Tejano:

www.virtualtexan.com/culture/tejano.htm
www.ocnow.com/community/groups/tejano/

Native American:

www.gatheringofnations.com/
www.indianpueblo.com

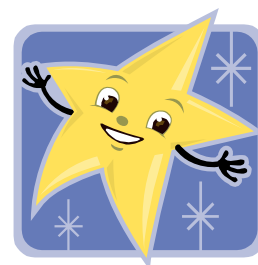
The following websites may be of interest:

[MSU Riley Education & Performing Arts Center](#)
[Delta Blues Museum](#)
[B.B. King Museum](#)
[Jimmie Rodgers Museum](#)
[Elvis Presley Birthplace](#)
[Center for the Study of Southern Culture](#)
[Mississippi Arts Commission](#)
<http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com>
[Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education](#)
[Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute](#)
[Mississippi Museum of Art](#)
[Lauren Rogers Museum of Art](#)
[Ohr O'Keefe Museum of Art](#)
[Walter Anderson Museum of Art](#)
[The University of Mississippi Museum & Historic Houses](#)
[The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art](#)

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Match the following artists to their hometown!

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| 1. Steve Azar (country) | A. Meridian |
| 2. Lance Bass (N'Sync) | B. Jackson |
| 3. Jimmy Buffet (singer) | C. Indianola |
| 4. Brandy (Norwood) | D. Tippo |
| 5. Howlin' Wolf | E. McComb |
| 6. Sam Cooke | F. Nesbit |
| 7. Bo Diddley | G. Pascagoula |
| 8. Bobbie Gentry | H. Brandon |
| 9. Mickey Gilley | I. Friar's Point |
| 10. W.C. Handy | J. Riverton (Coahoma Co.) |
| 11. Faith Hill | K. Chickasaw County |
| 12. Son House | L. Escatawpa |
| 13. Guy Hovis | M. Sledge |
| 14. Mississippi John Hurt | N. Hazelhurst |
| 15. Robert L. Johnson | O. Bay St. Louis |
| 16. B.B. King (King of the Blues) | P. Tupelo |
| 17. Jerry Lee Lewis | Q. Tremont |
| 18. Charlie Mars Band | R. Clarksdale |
| 19. Mary Ann Mobley (Miss America, sang with Elvis) | S. Pontotoc |
| 20. Elvis (King of Rock n Roll) | T. Star |
| 21. Charley Pride | U. Philadelphia |
| 22. LeAnn Rimes (country) | V. Itta Bena |
| 23. Jimmie (Father of Country Music) | W. West Point |
| 24. Britney Spears (pop) | X. Natchez |
| 25. Marty Stuart (country) | Y. Clinton |
| 26. 3 Doors Down | Z. Greenwood |
| 27. Conway Twitty (country) | AA. Rolling Fork |
| 28. Muddy Waters (blues) | BB. Tutwiler |
| 29. Mary Wilson (The Supremes) | CC. Greenville |
| 30. Willie Dixon | DD. Vicksburg |



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