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A Passion for Art – “The Blues/Jazz Experience” Opens At the Irving Art Center

Justin, Texas: Local artist Earnest “Ernie” Benton teams with local artist Daggi Wallace to produce an exhibition of original paintings commemorating the Blues and Jazz Experience. The exhibition will make its debut at the Irving Art Center on April 5, 2008, and runs through September 21, 2008. Opening reception for the exhibition is April 27, 2008, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Carpenter Performance Hall Lobby at the Irving Art Center, located at 3333 North MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX 75062.

A Passion for Art --The Blues /Jazz Experience, is a visual experience furthering the knowledge, enjoyment, and preservation of Blues and Jazz. The works in the exhibit represents the artists’ passion for Blues and Jazz, and is intended to make a personal statement for music and art. The exhibition features more than 25 paintings that express the artists' visions of fusion of art and music with an emphasis on movement, textures, colors, and visualizations that create the unique rhythms of Blues and Jazz. The exhibit is a dynamic blend of music and art in an integrated presentation that immortalizes some of those significant contributors to these two music genres. It also pays homage to the music that has influenced these two visual artists and has imprinted the story of a people, a nation, and the world indelibly on the annals of music history. A portion of the proceeds from the exhibitions will be donated to local art and music programs.

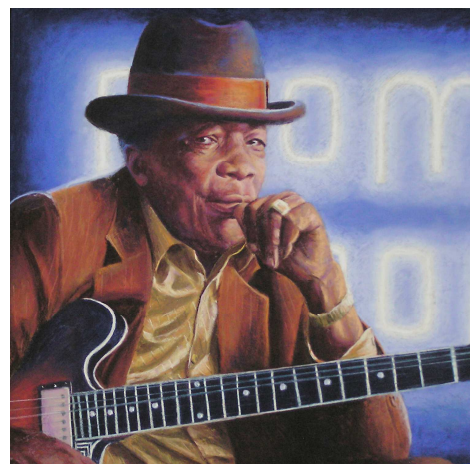
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Ernie Benton with 3 Exhibition Paintings



Daggi Wallace's "John Lee Hooker"