

EVENTS – August 2011, WEEK 4

Hey Ya'll! I'm Sade Turnipseed your host of Delta Renaissance. And I am back in the studio with your cultural arts updates:

This Saturday there will be health screenings from 10am-11:30am at the Big Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church located at 510 Chandler St in Indianola. Participants can get free blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes check and free snacks will also be provided. The screening is sponsored by Mid-Delta Home Health and Hospice. For more info call 887.5002.

Speaking of health checks Belly dance classes have begun on Saturdays with the oh-so talented Vanessa Marble. The belly dance classes are at 3pm and is conducted every Saturday afternoon at da House of Khafre. Also on Wednesdays da House offers Line Dance classes with the Master teacher Gloria Johnson. The folks over at da House would also like to invite everyone to come out on Sundays to be entertained by artists Mickey Rogers, Alphonso Sanders and Variety, during the Brew and Bluez Sunday sessions, which start at 5pm.

Coming to the Front Porch stage is Nathaniel Kimble singing the sweet southern soul music on Saturday September 3rd, also in performance that night is Casper the Friendly Host from WGNL radio all of these events are taking place at da' House located at 105 Main Street, in downtown Indianola. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Terrell at 630.935.0038.

16TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL will kick off with a wonderful reception hosted by the Mississippi Delta Arts Alliance, on Thursday September 1st at the PINETOP PERKINS MUSEUM located at 17150 Hwy 49 in Belzoni, Mississippi. In performance will be Dr. Ron Myers and the Mississippi Delta Jazz Connection and there will be Health-conscious refreshments served. The event starts a 6pm and you may contact Mrs. Helen Sims at the Pinetop Perkins Museum for more information. Also as part of this year's celebration the organizers are presenting an educational forum and panel discussion called preserving our African American jazz legacy in Mississippi. That panel along with a concert will be held in downtown Indianola, on Friday September 2nd beginning at 4pm. Please contact Betty's Place for more information.

It is that time of the year again when the world's oldest longest running blues festival the 34TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES & HERITAGE FESTIVAL will take place at the Washington County Convention Center

Fairgrounds in GREENVILLE, MS on September 17th The featured artists this year are: Bobby "Blue" Bland, Bobby Rush, Willie Clayton, Grady Champion, Ruby Wilson, Victor Wainwright, Patrice Moncell and J. Blackfoot. I along with Big Jockey will be your hosts. And of course this is only part of the celebration to honor the legacy and culture of the people who picked cotton here in the Mississippi Delta. There will be a whole lot more to tell you about in the coming weeks.

NOW Please do what ever you can to support the arts and culture here in the Delta, like attending one of these great events. And don't forget to tune in DELTA FOX-10, this Saturday at noon to see the full version of "Delta Renaissance." This week I will be talking to Dr. Ronald Myers about Jazz Heritage in the Mississippi Delta. This has been Sade Turnipseed inviting you all to stay connected to your culture, right here on WABG and DELTA FOX-10. If you have any cultural arts announcements that you would like to share please send the information to: deltarenaissance@aol.com, or fax it to 662.887.2900. And as usual you can always check out some of the events online at www.DeltaRenaissance.com.