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BSC HITS THE ROAD TO BEGIN 8TH SEASON OF RECORDING

With the summer music festival season in full swing, The Caravan made its first stop of the summer season at the Blind Willie McTell Festival in Thomson, GA. Home of legendary guitarist Willie McTell (Statesboro Blues); the festival was held on a large piece of

pasture land just south of I-20 in eastern Georgia. Don Powers, president of the Thomson Convention and Visitors Bureau, warmly welcomed the Caravan to their 11th Annual event and provided great music, hospitality and a little guitar playing of his own. Additionally, Powers had on hand a 1968 22' Avion trailer for engineer Tommy Dills to mix and record the performances in. Not only did this look great on the site, but is also was a point of interest to the musicians performing that day, many of whom took time to stop in and visit with the Caravan crew.

The laid back setting offered more of a "field party" atmosphere than a "city festival". Performers including Marcia Ball, Pinetop Perkins and Bob Margolin enjoyed the atmosphere of the gig and their performances that day really showed it! Bob Margolin's set turned into a great jam session with Marcia Ball guitarist Pat Boyack and Jimmy Thackery joining the fray. Margolin was thrilled with the set and even more excited that Beale St. Caravan was there to capture the magic; he could not wait to get in his van and listen to the recording!

In addition to recording sets from Marcia and Bob, the Caravan was on hand to capture sets from guitarist Jimmy Thackery and acoustic performances from Mary Flower and Woody Mann. The real treat of the day was a per-



The Road to Georgia

formance from a great young band, The Redstick Ramblers. This six piece outfit, hailing from Eunice, LA covered the gamut of musical styles from blues to cajun and was easily the crowd favorite of the day. Look for the Ramblers and other great performances from festivals across the Untied States later this fall on Beale St. Caravan.

BSC has at least four more festivals lined up for the summer. We'll be headed out to Bix Biderbeck's hometown, Davenport, IA for the 4th of July week end. It was one of the 1st festivals recorded by BSC back in 1996 and we're always happy to go back. Headliners include Taj Mahal, so BSC listeners really have something to look forward to. We'll also be returning to Daren's stomping grounds in Cincinnati for the Queen City Festival. In September we'll head back to the Telluride Blues and Brews Festival where we always receive a warm welcome. We'll cap off the year in October with the annual King Biscuit Blues Festival in Helena, AR.

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**TUNE INTO THESE GREAT
JUNE PROGRAMS**

Week of June 2, 2004

Big Al Dupree from the 1997 Mississippi Valley Blues Festival. **Larry Johnson**, recorded live at the 1997 Kansas City Acoustic Blues Festival. Feature Host: Producer **Jerry Wexler** with his series, "Wex on Wax" the entire month.

Week of June 9, 2004

Hot off the presses the Caravan presents **Ollabelle**, recorded in May 2004 at the Living Room New York City. Also a few select cuts from **Taj Mahal's** performance at the 2001 Telluride Blues and Brews Festival.

Week of June 16, 2004

Big Jack Johnson from the 1998 Beale St. Music Festival. **Snooky Pryor** from the Kansas City Acoustic Blues Festival. Arguably, Mr. Pryor is one of the finest harp players in the blues.

Week of June 23, 2004

Little Milton Campbell from the W C Handy Blues Festival in Florence, AL. **RL Burnside** at the Chesapeake Bay.

Week of June 30, 2004

Beale Street Caravan wraps up another season with our tradi-



Producer/BSC Co-Host Daren Dortin gets reacquainted at the Blind Willie Festival in Thompson, GA

tional broadcast of the WC Handy Blues Awards. Scheduled to perform... **Renee Austin; Eric Bibb; Rory Block; Michael Burks; Jimmy Burns; Henry Butler; Mickey Champion; Deborah Coleman; Nick Curran and the Niteflies; Ronnie Earl; Andra Faye; Zac Harmon and the Mid South Revue; Ellis Hooks; Fruteland Jackson; EG Kight; Bettye LaVette,** just to name a few!!!

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