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Delbert McClinton & Buddy Guy Headline 2017 Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Bedford, Texas – Fort Worth’s own Delbert McClinton and six-time Grammy winner Buddy Guy will headline the 2017 Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival Sept. 1-3.

The blues legends lead an impressive showcase that includes Ronnie Earl, Marcia Ball and a host of local talent. The Labor Day Weekend Festival is sponsored by Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euless-Bedford.

This is the hospital’s sixth year as lead sponsor. Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for the communities in Northeast Tarrant County since 1973. The hospital offers a myriad of health care services, from birth through maturity, to the residents of Hurst, Euless and Bedford and surrounding communities.

Friday night general admission tickets and parking are free. Gates open at 6:00p.m. and guests can participate in a People’s Choice BBQ tasting while listening to The Reo Casey Band and The Christian Dozzler Band.

The jam-packed event swings into full gear Saturday afternoon and culminates with an evening lineup featuring Ronnie Earl. Earl is a three-time Blues Music Award winner and he’ll hit the main stage with his band The Broadcasters at 7:45p.m.

Delbert McClinton closes out Saturday night’s show when he takes over at 9:15p.m. The multi-talented singer-songwriter, guitarist, harmonica player, and pianist brings it all back home with his special brand of blues/rock.

The hits just keep on coming with Marcia Ball and Buddy Guy on Sunday. Ball’s a five-time Grammy-nominated artist who’ll rock the house at 7:45p.m. She’s a Louisiana native who’s been an icon of the Austin music scene since the early 1970’s.

Buddy Guy makes his fifth Bedford appearance at 9:15 p.m. Sun. Guy’s a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and six-time Grammy award winner whose professional career spans a half-century.

While these blues artists sizzle on stage, pit masters from around the world will be cooking in a Kansas City Barbecue Society competition.

The Bedford cook off is a nationally recognized event that’s been featured on several TV shows including BBQ Pitmasters and other reality series in the U.S and Canada. It hosts a heated

field of world class competitors including multiple BBQ Pitmaster contestants. Guests can sample the very best these pros have to offer at the People's Choice Event and Battle of the BBQ, 3:00 -5:00p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

New this year, is the ***Celebrity Rib Cooking Class*** on Saturday from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. The class is taught by a BBQ Team featured on Season 5 of *Pitmasters*, Season 4 of *Chopped Grillmasters*, and the BluesFest 2016 Grand Champions, Fergolicious BBQ.

Gates open at 6 p.m. Fri. and 2 p.m. Sat. and Sun. at the outdoor venue across from the Bedford City Hall Complex, 1951 L. Don Dodson Dr. **Ubers, Lyfts, Taxis and hotel shuttles will be accessible ONLY at the East Gate Entrance.**

Complete details: www.bedfordbluesfest.com.

The Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Bedford Hotel Association, Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB and Budweiser. The event is produced by the City of Bedford.

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