

# The Birthplace of America's Music



*W.C. Handy*



*Jimmie Rodgers*



*Elvis Presley*

## **Birthplace of the Blues**

Born in the Delta, **the Blues** was discovered by W.C. Handy in a Tutwiler train station while listening to a man singing and using a knife to play guitar. The Blues, in turn, gave birth to Jazz, R&B and Rock 'n' Roll – the staples of popular music.

## **The Father of Country Music**

Born in Meridian, **Jimmie Rodgers**, "The Singing Brakeman," yodeled his way to greatness in the 1920s and became one of the first country music superstars, earning the indisputable moniker of the Father of Country Music.

## **The King of Rock 'n' Roll**

Born in Tupelo, **Elvis Presley** rose to the summit of stardom through sharing his unique interpretation of Mississippi's indigenous music – and hip-shaking magnetism – with adoring fans worldwide.

Scoring the soundtrack of life for over 100 years.  
Mississippi's music is our gift to America ... and America's gift to the world.

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