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### **BOBBY RUSH PERFORMS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL**

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital patients got a chance to see legendary blues performer Bobby Rush on Thursday, July 22, when the singer gave an exclusive performance at the hospital campus.

Rush kept the audience on their feet during the performance by playing his harmonica and singing songs from throughout his decades-long career in the music industry.

The blues singer has performed throughout the world, and he even performed at Mississippi State Hospital last year as part of the hospital's celebration of Black History Month. He said then that, despite his years playing at venues all over the globe, his performance at the hospital was one of his most memorable.

“It makes me feel good to know that I brought so much happiness to the patients and residents,” he said. “I want to be part of anything that makes other people feel good.”

Signed copies of his CD *Folk Funk* are available in the MSH Gift Shop. A portion of the proceeds from those sales will go to the MSH art department. MSH art instructor Anthony DiFatta designed the artwork for the CD's cover. For information on how to obtain a copy of the CD or for more information about Mississippi State Hospital, call (601) 351-8018.

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**PHOTO ATTACHED: Bobby Rush and his band performed at Mississippi State Hospital on Thursday, July 22. The group entertained MSH patients with songs from throughout his decades spent playing the blues throughout the world.**