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#### OCTOBER 2-4 2016 | DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY | CLEVELAND MS

Delta State University will host the third annual International Conference on the Blues on October 2-4, 2016. The conference will feature a full schedule of workshops, presentations, and performances that appeal to both academic professionals and blues enthusiasts. Topics include the African American musical tradition and its influence on American music and culture, the Blues musical genre, folklore, history, and language.

Delta State's International Conference on the Blues is a key component of the International Delta Blues Project, which also includes the development of a Blues Studies program and the creation of a Blues Leadership Incubator connecting Blues tourism, the creative economy, and GRAMMY Museum<sup>®</sup> Mississippi.

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# **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

• Blues on the Grounds at Dockery Farms | 4-6 p.m. Opening reception and live Blues music Sponsored by the Dockery Farms Foundation

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Opening Session | 8:30 a.m. | DMI
- Plenary Session | 10 a.m. | DMI Grammy nominated artist Cedric Burnside
- Lunch @ DMI with Delta food trucks | 12 p.m.
- Main Performance: Levitt AMP Cleveland Music Series 7-9 p.m. | Downtown Cleveland
- Visit Mississippi Presents Blues in the Round | 9:00-until Mississippi Grounds

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Keynote Brunch | 9:00-10:30 a.m. GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi
- Grammy Winner and Uptown Funk producer Lawrence "Boo" Mitchell of Royal Studios, Memphis
- Tour the GRAMMY Museum (discount available for conference participants) | afternoon
- Paper Sessions | afternoon | DMI

Schedule is subject to change

For more information, to register for the conference, or to see a full schedule, please visit **www.deltastate.edu/blues** or e-mail **blues@deltastate.edu**.

