

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Chicago musical legend Holle Thee Maxwell to perform at CHA Blues Fest**  
*Singer has been entertaining crowds since the 1960s*

**WHAT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southside Blues Festival**  
**WHERE: Minnie Riperton Apartments, 4250 South Princeton**  
**WHEN: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011**

CHICAGO – Holle Thee Maxwell remembers the first time she performed like it was yesterday.

“It was at a church on 59<sup>th</sup> and Wabash; I remember the song, too: ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ by Albert Haye Mallotte,” she said. “Entertaining has been my purpose for being in this world.”

Maxwell was all of five years old when she first took the stage that day in Chicago. Today, she is one of the city’s most accomplished singer/songwriters and performers, having entertained crowds all over the world for more than 40 years.

She sang on a 747 jet plane from Chicago to Spain. She has performed just about every music genre imaginable, from opera to jazz to rock. And she has worked with the entertainment world’s giants, among them, Sammy Davis Jr., James Brown and jazz legend Jimmy Smith.

It was Maxwell who replaced Tina Turner in Ike Turner’s band.

Maxwell will be the featured entertainer when she performs at the **Chicago Housing Authority’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southside Blues Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011 at Minnie Riperton Apartments, 4250 South Princeton.**

After making her debut at the church, Maxwell studied classical voice and piano at the age of 9, and graduated with degrees from both the Chicago Musical College at Roosevelt University and the Jilliard School in New York City.

By the mid-60s, she was making records. By the 70s, she was a seasoned performer.

Her songs “Only When You’re Lonely,” “One Thin Dime,” “Never Love Again,” and “Suffer” were regional hits across the country. Today, her singles are sought by collectors across the world, especially in Europe.

Maxwell recently re-recorded “Only When You’re Lonely” after more than 40 years. It will be released soon on V103 WGCI Power 92. She will perform the song Thursday.

The Southside Blues Fest is one of three music festivals sponsored by CHA.

The first, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northside Jazz Festival, is co-sponsored by The Habitat Company, and is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Aug. 17, 2011 at Maria Diaz Martinez Apartments, 2111 N. Halsted. The second, also co-sponsored by The Habitat Company, is the Southside Blues Festival. And the third, the Westside Music Festival, is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, at Lorraine Hansberry Apartments, 5670 W. Lake. It is co-sponsored by the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation.

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