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## **University of Memphis Lambuth Hosts Free Blues Masterclass Series**

**Jackson, Tenn., January 26, 2023** — The University of Memphis Lambuth is hosting The Blues at Lambuth: A Masterclass Series, a free weekly music education program from February 7th to April 4th at 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the Wilder Student Union on the University of Memphis Lambuth campus.

Each class will highlight a different aspect of blues music and offer a workshop to provide participants with hands-on experience. The series will include an exploration of the genre's history, how to play instruments, a poetry workshop, and more. The event will conclude with an open mic night featuring the talent of class attendees and local musicians.

Classes and instructors include:

- **12 Bar Blues: A Basis for the American Song** - February 7th - Elam McKnight
- **Blues Poetry Workshop** - February 14th - James Cherry
- **Blues: The Mother of American Music** - February 21st - Murry Young
- **Blues Harmonica** - March 14th - J.D. Taylor
- **Vocals/Keyboard** - March 21st - Kellye Cash Sheppard and Steve Cothran
- **The Evolution of Blues Guitar** - March 28th - Leland Porter
- **Open Mic** - April 4th - various performers

With a diverse roster of musicians sharing first-hand knowledge, members of the community have the opportunity to gain unparalleled insight into the history, instrumentation, and cultural significance of the blues.

“We have an exciting lineup of classes hosted by local musicians who want nothing more than for each guest to leave with a greater appreciation of this historical genre of music,” said Lendon Noe, Director of The Blues at Lambuth: A Masterclass Series. “This series is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from some of our region's most talented performing artists. And who knows? After the series is over, you might even be able to play a song or two!”

The Blues at Lambuth: A Masterclass Series is sponsored by the Art Museum of the University of Memphis in association with the Music and Entertainment Program at the University of Memphis Lambuth. If you want to learn more about upcoming classes, please visit [BluesLambuth.com](http://BluesLambuth.com) or email Lendon Noe at [lendonnoe969@gmail.com](mailto:lendonnoe969@gmail.com).

The Art Museum of the University of Memphis (AMUM) seeks to further the preservation, presentation, and study of visual arts in the Memphis area and beyond. With a seasonal gallery of displays as well as permanent exhibitions, the AMUM supports the arts through their public museum as well as through community events hosted at the University of Memphis. For more information, please call (901) 678-2224 or email [artmuseum@memphis.edu](mailto:artmuseum@memphis.edu).

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