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4-DAY HARMONICA LESSONS FOR EVERYONE!

Sherman Lee Dillon conducts Kids and Adult Workshops...

(VICKSBURG, MS): The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation is thrilled to offer a great new summer program for everyone. Sherman Lee Dillon will teach several beginning harmonica workshops on Tuesdays in July (July 6, 13, 20, 27) and the workshops will be divided into three different age groups for kids and an adult class. Each four-day workshop is \$50 for all age groups and includes a harmonica. The breakdown of times and ages: Ages 6-8, 9am-10am; Ages 9-12, 10:30am-11:30am; Ages 13 and up, 1:00-2:00pm; Adult class, 6:00-7:00pm. Space is limited and registration is required.

This course attempts to make the harmonica user-friendly with some explanations designed to demystify the instrument. The harmonica is unsurpassed in its ability to inject pure clarity, raw energy, and honest familiarity into the music. Its simplicity puts it in the grasp of nearly everyone's ability. Students will learn to play a little Stephen Foster, a little cowboy music, a little country music, and a little blues. Within the context of these selections, many of the various techniques of playing will be explored.

The instructor, Sherman Lee Dillon, was born in Meadville, Mississippi in 1951. At age 12, Sherman began playing the guitar, at 14 the harmonica, at 15 the banjo and steel guitar (not to mention playing trumpet and baritone in the school band and teaching his brother the tenor sax). At the age of 16, Sherman left home and has been playing music for nearly 40 years. He has performed in various configurations on shows with B.B. King, Johnny Winter, Koko Taylor, Little Milton, Bobby Rush, and many others.

Staying at home has enabled Sherman to be personally involved with the lives of his fans. Since 1992, he has organized Mississippi's longest running annual Earth Day event. In 2003, he ran for Governor of Mississippi on the Green Party ticket. He has musical "children" performing all around the US, and sponsors many open jams.

For reservations or more information, please call the SCHF business office at 601-631-2997 or email info@southernculture.org.