



WINTER BLUES @ RME

Co-Sponsored by RME, Brass Sail Recording
and the Mississippi Valley Blues Society

RME is proud to again offer our popular **WINTER BLUES** program, featuring vocal and instrumental workshops (*guitar, bass, harmonica, keyboards and drums*), as well as concentration on blues composition and improvisation. Sessions are open to any area musicians from 8-18 yrs. of age.

WINTER BLUES will be lead by RME's own **Ellis Kell** and Mississippi-born bluesman **Hal Reed**, along with **Ric Burris** of the **Mississippi Valley Blues Society**, **Mark Johnson** of **Brass Sail Recording** and other musicians from the region who will share their knowledge and experience of the blues in the rehearsals and workshops. The focus is on sharpening one's individual performance skills, while expressing oneself through the blues roots form - by learning how to improvise, and also through the composition of original blues lyrics and music. **WINTER BLUES** will consist of three half- day rehearsal and workshop sessions on Dec. 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Sessions will be held from 1-5 pm on site at River Music Experience, and will conclude with a special **Saturday Blues Jam** event in the Redstone Room on Saturday, Jan. 3 starting at noon. The program fee is \$100 per participant, with payment in full due with registration by no later than Dec. 15th. 2008. (*Note: We will make a determination by that time whether or not we have sufficient interest to proceed with this special blues workshop series.*)

To register for **WINTER BLUES** at RME, email: ekell@rivermusicexperience.org - or phone at 563-326-1333, ext. 113. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card (MC/VISA).

