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## In Performance at the White House: Red, White and Blues

Monday, February 27, 8 p.m.



*In Performance at the White House: Red, White and Blues* is a PBS special taped in the East Room of the White House celebrating blues music. The series will premier **Monday, February 27, at 8 p.m.** on **KCPT**. President and Mrs. Obama will host the concert event which will honor the musical form that sprang from the Mississippi Delta and flourished in the Westside of Chicago and in **Kansas City** with deep roots in Africa and slavery. The evening will include program host Taraji P. Henson and performances by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, Jeff Beck, Gary Clark,

Jr., Shemekia Copeland, Buddy Guy, Warren Haynes, Mick Jagger, B.B. King, Keb Mo, Susan Tedeschi, and Derek Trucks, with Booker T. Jones as music director and band leader. The performances will explore the roots and pay homage to the great figures of the Blues and the songs they made famous by tracing the influence of the Blues on modern American music from soul to rock'n'roll. Sit back, watch and listen, and celebrate the quintessentially American tradition of the Blues.

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