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CLAPTON'S GUITAR FESTIVAL
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Eric Clapton and his buddies sure know how to put on a show. Witness the all-star ***Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival***, recorded at Dallas' famed Cotton Bowl and encoring Monday, December 11 at 9 p.m. (ET) on Thirteen/WNET New York's ***GREAT PERFORMANCES*** on PBS (check local listings). As blues master B.B. King exclaims half-way through the telecast, "Is it hot up here or what?"

Turning the heat on and up are more than two dozen of the greatest guitar players in rock 'n' roll and modern blues, including Robert Cray, Vince Gill, Buddy Guy, John Mayer, Carlos Santana, James Taylor, Jimmie Vaughan, Joe Walsh, and ZZ Top. Wrote *The Houston Chronicle* of the Summer 2004 event, a benefit for Clapton's Crossroads Centre Foundation, "It was the highlight of a weekend that should live in Texas music history." "An audio feast," echoed *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Crossroads Centre, in Antigua, was founded by Eric Clapton in 1997, to provide treatment and education to chemically dependent persons. Now an independently run entity, it also aids those with other compulsive-addictive behaviors, their families and significant others. "A lot of my heroes worked hard and died drunk," Clapton says.

Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival is directed by Ron de Moraes, with David Horn and John Beug as executive producers. Also featured in the telecast are Doyle Bramhall II, J.J. Cale, Robert Lockwood, Jr., Robert Randolph, Hubert Sumlin, Don Tyminski, and Booker T. & The MGs. "All I did was make a list of people I dreamed of playing with, I wrote to them, and they showed up," says Clapton.

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