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A festival atmosphere fills the downtown waterfront during a past edition of the Oregon Food Bank's Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival. This year's lineup of some of the best in blues music returns Thursday, July 4th and continues through Sunday, July 7 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. PHOTO BY JOE CANTRELL

## Hot Blues in the City

### July 4th weekend to bring 120 performers to fight hunger

Oregon Food Bank's Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival will celebrate the nation's birthday, Thursday, July 4, with a spectacular display of fireworks as part of four days of entertainment with more than 120 performances on four stages.

Presented by First Tech Federal Credit Union, the festi-

val takes place July 4-7, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Festival gates open at 11 a.m., and music begins at noon.

Headliners include Rock & Roll Hall-of-Famer Eric Burdon & the Animals, John Hiatt & the Combo, Blues Foundation Hall-of-Famer Joe Louis Walker, the young and inventive Hot 8 Brass Band, soul singer Allen Stone, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and more.

The tour de force on sensational, takes place Sunday, July 7. That one day will include legendary gospel and blues singer Mavis Staples; Grammy Award-winning Taj Mahal; "sacred steel" virtuoso Robert Randolph and the Family Band; and, for the closing act, former Led



Legendary gospel and blues singer Mavis Staples is part of the sensational lineup coming to the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, July 4-7, downtown.

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