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The UK's Blues and Rhythm and Blues Matters! Magazines to Review Springfield CD by Carole Fredericks

The next issues of **Blues Matters!** and **Blues and Rhythm Magazine**, two well established blues magazines in the United Kingdom, will publish very favorable CD reviews of the ground breaking blues and gospel album, **Springfield** by Carole Fredericks.

Here's what to expect:

Blues and Rhythm Magazine (<http://www.bluesandrhythm.co.uk>) will publish the following CD review in the October/November issue.

"Carole Fredericks is the younger sister of Henry St. Clair Fredericks, aka Taj Mahal. Sadly she passed away suddenly in June 2001, aged only 49. 'Springfield' was recorded in 1996; originally released in Europe it is now reissued in the USA. Comprising fourteen tracks, with twelve original songs, 'Springfield' has six blues numbers, six contemporary gospel songs and covers of two classic gospel numbers.

The blues cuts include 'You Had it Comin' which is a slow, funky duet with Taj (he also supplies the harmonica accompaniment); 'No Rain' which is more soul than blues, very nice though and a lovely modern blues ballad in 'Reason To Stay'. Of the gospel numbers, 'Reachin'' is an ass-kicking slab of testifying; 'Change' is a medium tempo number that gradually gathers pace with the addition of the voices of the Lafayette Inspirational Ensemble while 'Oh Happy Day' is the very well known Edwin Hawkins Singers number performed by Fredericks and the Ensemble sans band and a damn fine take on this song it is too. Carole Fredericks was a superb singer and her early passing is a real tragedy...this fine CD is certainly worth investigating. www.cdbaby.com is the place to look."

A review of the new **Essentials** album by Taj Mahal will be published in the same issue.

A second review will appear in **Blues Matters!** (<http://www.bluesmatters.com>).
The final line of this review reads:

"A must buy for blues and gospel lovers."

The Oct/Nov issues of **Blues Matters!** and **Blues and Rhythm** magazines on newsstands in five weeks.

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