



B.B. King - The Life of Riley

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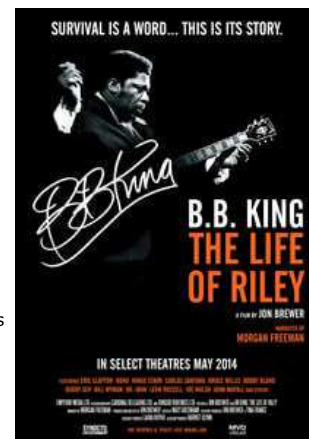
Tighten up your wigs, fellow fiends, because we're about to be blessed with *The Life of Riley*! I'm talking about Mr. King, y'all, and the acclaimed documentary film made of the blues guitar legend's storied life and career. On May 21st, 2014 you'll be able to watch *The Life of Riley*, the [B.B. King](#) documentary, in theaters nationwide. The film will be made available through "view on demand" services on June 1st, and the documentary will be released digitally, and on DVD and Blu-Ray disc on June 17th.

King worked alongside filmmaker Jon Brewer for two years in creating the film, which documents the guitarist's persistence against racism and poverty as a child in Mississippi, his struggles with the music industry, and his eventual emergence as a true American musical icon. *The Life of Riley* includes appearances and interviews with an impressive slate of blues and rock artists and celebrity blues fans, including [Buddy Guy](#), Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt, [Joe Bonamassa](#), Johnny Winter, [Walter Trout](#), Susan Tedeschi, and Morgan Freeman, among others.

The DVD and Blu-ray discs also feature live footage from a concert at the Royal Albert Hall and include special guests like Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi, Ronnie Wood of the Rolling Stones, and guitarist Slash as well as bonus interviews with Bobby Bland, Dr. John, John Mayall, Leon Russell, and more. *The Life of Riley* original soundtrack will be available in digital format on May 20th, and closely follows the music sequence from the film, and includes two songs never before available on CD or digitally - "Walking Dr. Bill" and "Sweet Sixteen."

B.B. King is one of the few true blues legends still alive and touring, a great talent well deserving of a career-spanning documentary film. We wish everybody involved the best of luck!

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