

Read what Thailand Fans are saying about Ruby Hayes!  
Letters to the Editor of Pattaya Today Newspaper & EXPAT Magazine

**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2008 6:10 AM  
**Subject:** WOW!

Dear Editor,

I was thumbing through your newspaper and saw the article: "Birth of the Blues." Wow! I wasn't aware that we had blues fans in Thailand. I want tell you how old I am, but I was born in 1932. I am a big blues fan. After I read the article, I went to see Ruby Hayes. WOW again! She is good, I mean really good. She sang some of my old favorites that brought back many fond memories. I hope to see her again before she leaves Thailand.

Thank you for running the article.

Yours truly,  
Allan James Saywell

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Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 21:48:55 -0500  
Subject: Article on Blues

Sir,

**It is with great pleasure to finally get your e-mail address. I have been reading your fantastic poems for 5 years now and you are truly amazing. I do not know where you get your inspiration from; but to me, you have brought so much joy to me and my family. We are, and will remain, big fans of yours. And talking about being fans of someone, the wife and I went and saw Ruby a few nights ago, she too, was amazing. I don't know how she remembers the words to all those songs. One would have to assume that she has been singing for years. She is so polish as a performer. We really enjoyed her laid-back style. Thank you for the article on the Blues.**

**You know, we have many options when it comes to music. It is our choice to accept or not accept any particular style or type of song. I like blues and jazz mostly, the wife seems to lean more to Rhythm and Blues. But, whether it be blues or whatever, it must be good to get the full enjoyment out of it. I found that listening to Ruby was just what the doctor ordered.**

**Have a nice day!**

**Ece Ayhan**

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Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 21:48:55 -0500  
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**Right on Phil, (If this is not the e-mail for the "Poet" please forward to:**

**I saw the, "Birth of the Blues" article in the Pattaya Today newspaper. You did a good job on covering the beginning of the blues, but, I think you were a little off on where the Carolina Blues got started. Just an opinion from a 'good ol' boy' from Columbia, South Carolina. But the main thing; you did give the very likable, Ruby Hayes a plug. Not only, is**

she one of the best blues singers performing presently, but she is a very friendly person and a true professional to her profession. I saw her once at a blues festival, several years back and she is even better now than then.

I use to manage Bobby Womack, several years ago but that seems like forever to me now.

Also, the latest articles and poems you did for Malinee in remembrance of her son, were outstanding. You are my hero!

Always,  
Freddie Mac Neeman  
Chonburi

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Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 8:52:53 AM

Subject: A great story!

Hi Expat Magazine,

A super story on Ruby Hayes by the Poet. I had the pleasure of seeing Miss Ruby perform in the U.S.A. a few years back and then I saw her perform, two weeks ago at the Ice House. We all know that wine gets better with age. But, Miss Ruby is like 'fine wine', she gets better and better with time. She is an awesome singer and to me, she is even better now than when I saw her two years ago. My advice; would be to catch her show now. She is a super-talented performer with a repertoire of songs that dates back to the 30's.

Fran Milhouse  
Formerly RCA Recording Artist

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Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 4:00:50 PM

Subject: Unbelievable

*Dear Editor,*

*I wrote you once before and swore it would be the last time. I lied!!!! Not intentionally of course but needless to say; I fibbed. After reading the last edition of your fine magazine; I was absolutely mesmerized by the articles that I read.*

*After reading last months edition on Ruby Hayes; I went and caught her performance. In deed, it was a delight and one that I will remember for a lifetime. She was fantastic and sang several of my favorite tunes. I would encourage all your readers that are into jazz and blues to catch her show before it is too late.. It's well worth the time and all you have to buy, is one drink and she will sing her heart out for you. She is such a professional! I cheated a little before going. I went to her web-site: [www.RubyHayes.com](http://www.RubyHayes.com) and read up on her, and some of her hits. So, when I got there; I knew what songs to request.*

*In closing; I think it was in last months magazine, the poem, "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye," it was one of the most touching poems, to a friend, that I have ever read. I passed it around at the hospital and got a very warm feed-back from the people that took the time to read it. Are you ever going to give us the low-down on; just who the hell the poet is???????????????????? I for one, am dying to know more about this super genius.*

*Until tomorrow.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Dr. Laem*

Subject: RE: Thanks!

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 03:43:59 -0400

**Ruby, just keep singing your heart away and things will always get brighter. In my book, you will always be a "star."**

**Phil**

**P.S. I'm still looking for that "Red Rooster" for you. I found, one fellow at a birthday party that was 88, but he said at that age, a good look, "might just kill me."**