

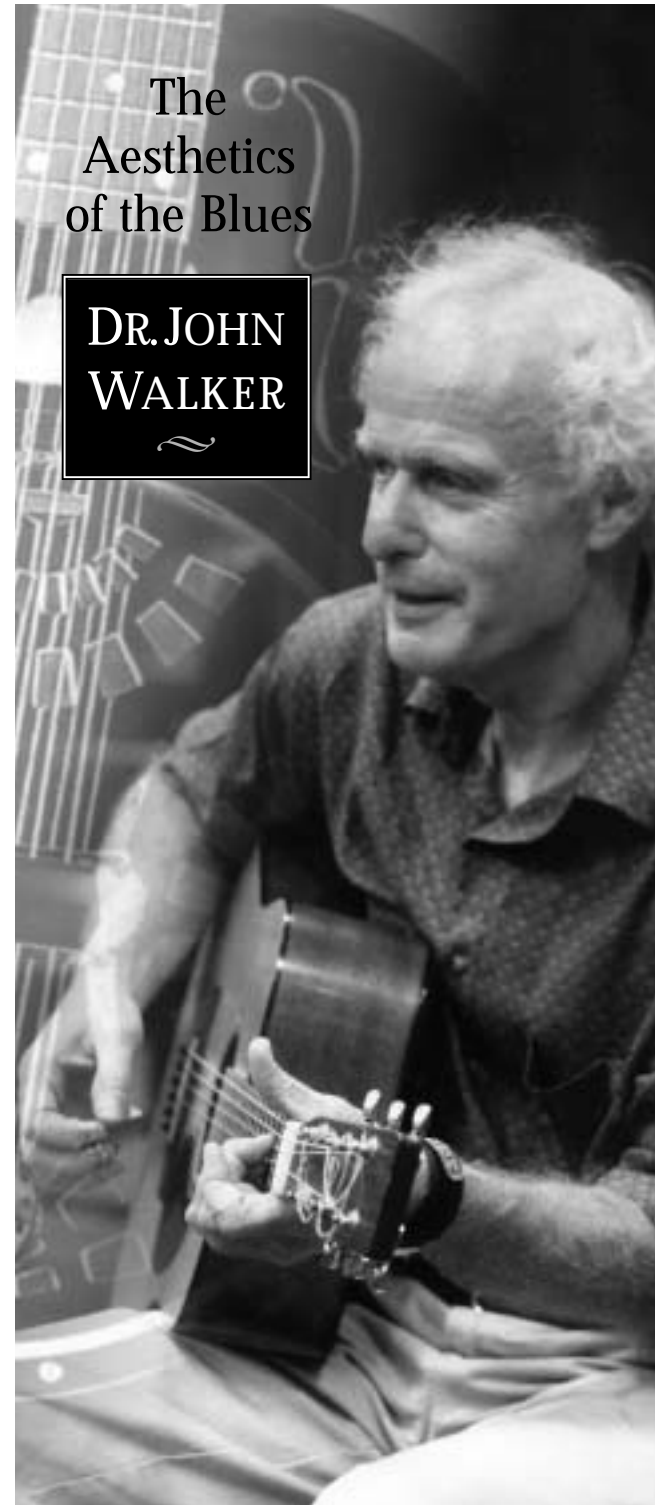
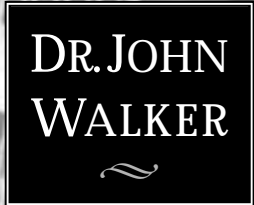


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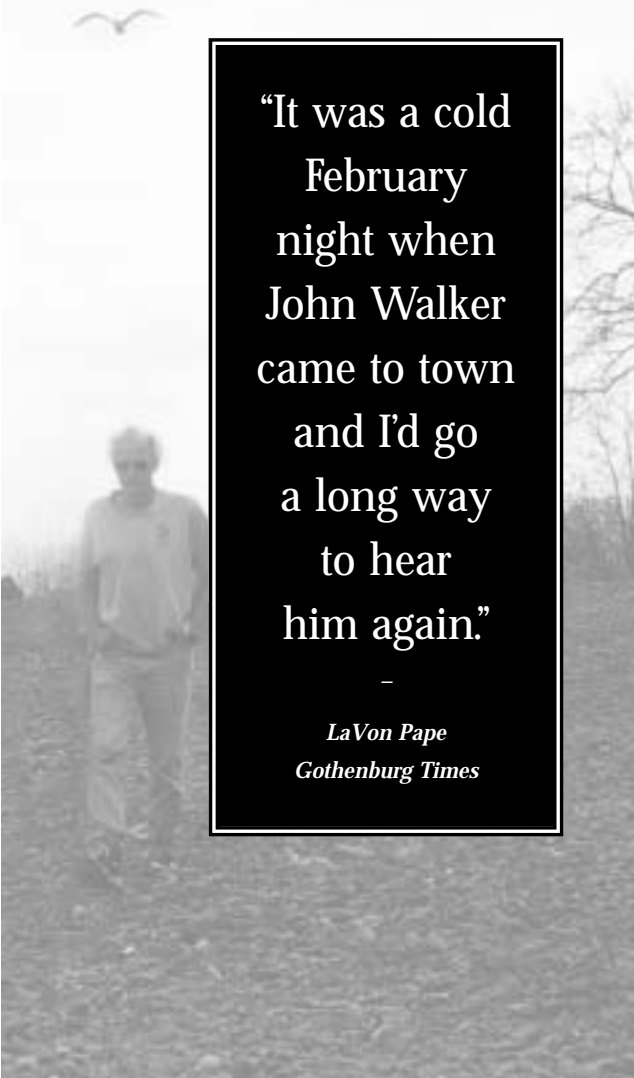


The  
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“It was a cold  
February  
night when  
John Walker  
came to town  
and I’d go  
a long way  
to hear  
him again.”

—  
*LaVon Pape*  
*Gothenburg Times*



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Dr. Walker is a long-time traveler with the Nebraska Arts Council's Touring Artists Program and was invited to the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in 1997

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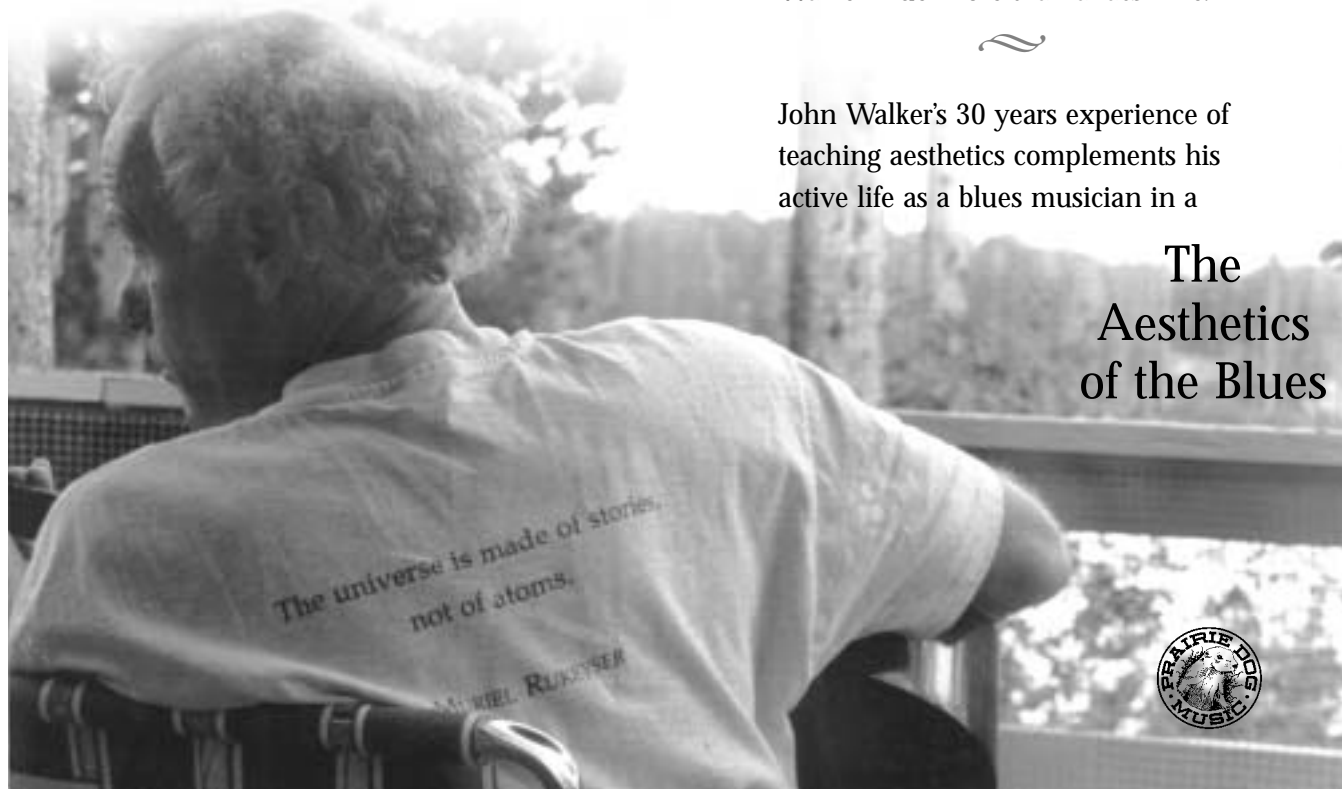


2001 by KZUM-FM radio listeners. *The Flinthills Folk Music Guild Newsletter* described his music as "an explosive, rollicking, foot-stomping romp." Bill Wasserzeicher, in *Blues Revue*, said, "within the tradition, Walker does little things that make 'Johnnie Walker Blue' more than a facsimile."



John Walker's 30 years experience of teaching aesthetics complements his active life as a blues musician in a

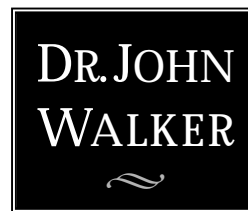
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way that enables him to weave the stories of the evolution of the blues together with examples from its many genres: southern Delta blues, Piedmont blues, Texas blues. He is the author of "The Aesthetics of the Blues" (in Up the Mississippi: A Journey of the Blues, Mississippi Valley Blues Society: 2002). His program focuses on the rhythms and metaphors of the blues and its unique way of expressing the values of living in community. In that, he gives us a way to understand the aesthetic uniqueness of the blues and how it is both similar to and distinct from other forms of traditional American music.



Dr. Walker's program includes a lecture/presentation on the aesthetics of the blues and a concert of original and traditional blues tunes. Each segment of the program lasts 45 minutes and is accessible to a wide audience.



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