



Birmingham, AL and the surrounding metro area have received a great deal of attention in recent months on [NPR](#). Area member stations, specifically [WBHM](#), [helped make many people aware of what happened](#) here and [throughout the state of Alabama](#) and continue to share information about the recovery efforts currently underway.

[NPR Music recently did a piece on Gip's Place in Bessemer](#), calling it "a dream" and making several local fans of the music venue happy about its getting national attention. The local blues spot had been the focus of several local pieces recently including [one in B-Metro Magazine last year](#).

Most notably, the NPR series [The State of the Re:Union](#) (created by [Al Letson](#) as an entry in the [Public Radio Talent Quest](#) back in 2007) recently visited Alabama's Magic City to take a look at how things are going - and perhaps to break through a few perceptions as well. [The episode is currently available for download](#) from the series' website. The site also has short documentaries filmed during the visit, like [this piece about - you guessed it - Gip's Place](#).