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**MAJOR MILESTONE FOR COLUMBUS ROOTS/BLUES
MUSICIAN MARSHALL RUFFIN**



**FRESHMAN EP RELEASE *RICH MAN'S DIME*
DEBUTS AT #34 ON ROOTS/BLUES CHARTS**

MARSHALL RUFFIN AT THE LOFT LIVE

W/ GEOFF ACHISON JUNE 7TH

W/ SHAWN MULLINS JUNE 20TH

LaGrange / Columbus, GA – Jammates Records announces a major milestone for Columbus Georgia musician Marshall Ruffin. On Friday, May 30th *Rich Man's Dime*, Ruffin's recently released five song extended play CD, entered the Roots Blues Chart at #34. Roots Music Report, respected as the number one independent, international music chart in the world, helps the indie artist receive radio airplay and recognition.

"I'm too new at this to know exactly what it means," comments Ruffin, "but it's nice to know that people across all parts of the world are hearing my music on the radio." "We're considering this significant" says Pat Patten, Jammates Records partner and *Rich Man's Dime* producer. "Marshall is slugging it out, traveling across the southeast supporting the record. Life on the road at this stage of his career isn't pretty. So when you get this kind of recognition, it's time to take a breath to acknowledge the victory -- and then get right back to work. There are literally many miles yet to travel."

Rich Man's Dime showcases Marshall Ruffin's main influences of roots and blues music, making for a compelling collection of classic Americana. The new EP features five original songs, all written by Ruffin and recorded at Hatch the Egg (formerly the Loft Recording Studios) in Columbus, Georgia.

Marshall Ruffin will perform two solo shows in June at the Loft Live. On Saturday June 7th, he'll celebrate his twenty-fourth birthday with Geoff Achison. And on Friday June 20th, he will perform during very special evening with Shawn Mullins. He and his band will spend the rest of June on the road doing dates in the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida.

The 23 year old musician grew up in typical Americana, but where science was at the fabric of the family. After finding a guitar in the attic during his high school years, Marshall began to teach himself to play. It was while attending college in Richmond, Virginia that he found his focus in the music department. After two years and on a leap of faith, Marshall applied and was accepted to the Berklee College of Music to finish his studies. During his Boston stay, Ruffin recognized and tapped into his songwriting and vocal gifts. There he also met Columbus resident and fellow-musician, Clayton Sanders. It was because of his former classmate's encouragement that he decided to move south. "I connect with old blues music" comments Ruffin "and I feel a kindred spirit with Columbus, probably because it's the home of Ma Rainey."

For more information on the Artist, visit www.MarshallRuffin.com or www.JammatesRecords.com For more information about Roots Music Report, visit www.rootsmusicreport.com Media-ready hi-res images, music and video for download: http://www.jammates.com/media/marshall_ruffin.html

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