

IHOBFBoston Spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse Program Information Sheet

The **International House of Blues Foundation® (IHOBFBoston)** is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the arts to schools and communities through programs that promote cultural understanding and encourage creative expression. The IHOBFBoston **Blues SchoolHouse Program** (BSH) explores aspects of American culture and history through blues music, blues-inspired music and traditions of related folk art. Utilizing the House of Blues venue as a multimedia classroom, the spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse program will engage students and teachers (grades 5-12) with interactive, arts-related learning experiences. Through the Blues SchoolHouse, participants gain a greater understanding of how the arts can reflect life experiences and social conditions. The program fosters appreciation for diverse contributions to American culture and highlights the role that the arts can play in social transformation. Program content and learning activities align with state educational standards and support teachers in integrating arts and cultural content into classroom curriculums.

Spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse Program components:

Please note: each participating teacher selects either the musical presentation or a visual arts workshop

- Live musical performance/presentation tracing the history of the blues from its roots in African musical traditions through its emergence as an American musical form and its influence on other forms of music including jazz, R&B, rock and roll, soul, funk and rap. The performance demonstrates how the blues musical form was influenced by and reflects events in American history.
Approximate length: 1.5 - 2 hours; Group size: Up to 300 students.
- Visual Arts Workshop: an art tour/presentation of works from the House of Blues art collection and a related hands-on art activity based on the work of an artist featured in the collection. Students learn about art and individual folk artists, consider some of the methods and materials used by self-taught artists, and reflect upon what might inspire artists to create artworks.
Approximate length: 2 hours; Group Size: Up to 50 students.
- A 120-page classroom guide containing resources/learning activities designed to extend the BSH learning experience (available online at www.ihobf.org/download/IHOBFBostonBSHClassroomGuide.PDF).
- A teacher workshop that supports participants in using the BSH Classroom Guide and in integrating program content into classroom curriculums. Classroom guides are reviewed during the workshop and provided to teachers with confirmed program dates. **Participation in the Blues SchoolHouse Teacher Workshop (Saturday, February 6th, 2010 9:00AM-12:00PM) is required for all teachers with confirmed program dates.** In the event that a teacher receives a confirmed BSH program date after the workshop has taken place, the teacher must work directly with the IHOBFBoston office to discuss program content/requirements and to arrange to receive a classroom guide. Please contact IHOBFBoston to register for the workshop.

Blues SchoolHouse Dates & Times:

Programs typically take place at the House of Blues-Boston venue on select weekdays during the program year (October-May) excluding school holidays. Spring 2010 programs will be offered January through June.

Live musical performance/presentation: Tuesdays 4/13; 4/27; 5/4; 5/11; 5/18; 5/25; 6/1; 10:00AM-11:30AM

Visual Arts Workshop: select weekdays, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: House of Blues-Boston, 15 Lansdowne Street, Boston, MA 02215.

Eligible Participants & Chaperones: The program is offered to 5th-12th grade students and teachers. One chaperone per 10 students is required. Chaperones must supervise students and assist IHOBFBoston staff in

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keeping students from restricted areas during the program. Due to the high level of interest in the program, IHOBFBoston may limit the number of classrooms from one school that can participate in the program during a school year.

Transportation & Parking: IHOBFBoston does not provide school buses or any other forms of transportation for the program. There is NO parking available through the IHOBFBoston or House of Blues. Limited street parking and paid parking garages are available in the surrounding area.

Fee Schedule: The IHOBFBoston Blues SchoolHouse Program is offered free of charge to public schools in the Boston Public School District (BPSD). A fee of \$5 per person is charged for private schools, public schools outside of BPSD, and community-based youth organizations. Payment can be made by check or money order and is due on the day of the program. Please make checks payable to "International House of Blues Foundation."

Consent/Release Forms: All students participating in the IHOBFBoston Blues SchoolHouse are required to bring an IHOBFBoston Consent/Release Form, signed by their parent/legal guardian, on the day of the program. IHOBFBoston will provide teachers with a copy of the form to be photocopied and distributed to students. **No substitutes for the IHOBFBoston form will be accepted.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Photography: Still photography and videotaping are not permitted.

Dress Attire: Appropriate dress attire includes casual, comfortable clothing and shoes. Please note: the temperature in the HOB-Boston venue can be cold; an outer layer of clothing is recommended.

Special Education/Handicapped Students: IHOBFBoston welcomes all students. Please let us know if your students have any special needs prior to the program date (House of Blues is wheelchair accessible).

Lunch: Outside lunches cannot be carried on to or consumed on the House of Blues premises.

Requesting a Program Date for Your School/Program Registration: IHOBFBoston has a limited number of program openings. Requests for program dates are handled on a first-come first-serve basis. To request a program date, please fill out the Blues SchoolHouse Program Application completely and return via fax to 617.960.8380 or via e-mail to ihobfboston@livenation.com. Private schools, public schools outside of BPSD, and community-based youth organizations will be sent an invoice. Please allow approximately 1 to 2 weeks for your application to be processed. Teachers who submit a Blues SchoolHouse Program Application will receive a confirmation email regarding the date of their BSH visit and further information regarding program requirements. If the total number of attending students and adults (teachers/chaperones) listed on an application increases or decreases by (10) ten, teachers must contact the IHOBFBoston office immediately. Please note: teachers with confirmed dates must contact IHOBFBoston on the Friday prior to their program to confirm the number of attending students and adults. Failure to confirm attendance numbers can jeopardize eligibility for future program participation.

Requirements for Participating Teachers: Teachers with confirmed program dates are required to incorporate learning activities drawn from the BSH Classroom Guide or related to BSH program content into their classrooms prior to the program. Teachers are also required to attend an IHOBFBoston Blues SchoolHouse Teacher Workshop, where they will receive support in using the BSH Classroom Guide and in developing a classroom learning activity related to the guide or program content. Additionally, teachers are required to complete and submit a Pre-Blues SchoolHouse Activity Description Form (provided by IHOBFBoston) prior to their program date that describes any BSH-related learning activities conducted in their classrooms.

Blues SchoolHouse Teacher Workshop: IHOBFBoston will conduct a Blues SchoolHouse Teacher Workshop at the House of Blues on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM in the House of

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Blues-Boston Foundation Room. An additional workshop will be scheduled later in the Spring of 2010. **Participation in one of the workshops is required for all teachers with confirmed program dates.** BSH Classroom Guides are reviewed during the workshop and provided to teachers with confirmed program dates. Program content and student preparation will be discussed.

Please note:

- IHOBFBoston reserves the right to limit the program if schools arrive late.
- **For spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse programs, schools must give a minimum notice of four weeks if canceling.** Late notice will affect a school's future eligibility for the program.
- Occasionally, House of Blues-Boston has a conflict with a Blues SchoolHouse program date and we may have to cancel a program. We apologize in advance if this does occur, and we will make every effort to reschedule your school's program date.
- No fighting, profanity, or disruptive behavior is allowed. Any such behavior will affect your school/group's future eligibility for the program.

Thank you for your interest! Please direct questions to IHOBFBoston at 617.960.8380 or ihobfboston@livenation.com.

Spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse Program Application

Thank you for your interest in the International House of Blues Foundation® (IHOBFBoston) Blues SchoolHouse Program (BSH)! IHOBFBoston's Blues SchoolHouse explores aspects of American culture and history through blues music, blues-inspired music and traditions of related folk art. Utilizing the House of Blues venue (located at 15 Lansdowne Street, Boston, MA 02215) as a multimedia classroom, the program engages students and teachers (5th-12th grade) with interactive, arts-related learning experiences. The program fosters appreciation for diverse contributions to American culture, highlights the role that the arts can play in social transformation and demonstrates how the arts can reflect life experiences and social conditions. Program components include: a *live musical performance/presentation* tracing the history of blues music from its roots in African musical traditions through its emergence and evolution as a unique American musical form; and a *visual arts workshop* featuring an art tour/presentation of works from the House of Blues art collection and a related hands-on art activity (teachers may select one component). Teachers with confirmed program dates are required to incorporate learning activities related to the BSH Classroom Guide or BSH program content into their classrooms prior to their program date. Teachers are also required to attend a BSH Teacher Workshop, where they will receive support in using the BSH Classroom Guide (distributed during the workshop to teachers with confirmed programs dates and available online at: www.ihobf.org/download/IHOBFBostonBSHClassroomGuide.PDF) and in developing a classroom learning activity related to the guide or program content. Additionally, teachers are required to complete and submit a Pre-Blues SchoolHouse Activity Description Form (provided by IHOBFBoston) prior to their program date that describes any BSH-related learning activities conducted in their classrooms.

Please fill out this section completely before returning it to the IHOBFBoston office:

School/Organization Name: _____

Public School, Private School or Other? _____ District: _____

Address (w/city and zip code): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of Teacher/Supervisor: _____

Home phone number for teacher/supervisor (required): _____

Blues SchoolHouse Program Component Selection (please check one):

Please note: each teacher selects either the musical presentation or a visual arts workshop

Live musical performance/presentation: _____ Visual Arts Workshop: _____

Number of students: _____ Number of adults: _____ Grade level: _____

(Please note: maximum program capacity is 300 students for the musical presentation and 50 students for the visual arts workshop)

Has this school/organization attended the Blues SchoolHouse program before? _____

If yes, when? _____

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Live musical performance/presentation: Tuesdays: April 13th, 27th; May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; June 1st; 10:00AM-11:30AM

Visual Arts Workshop: select weekdays, January through June, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th date choices:

#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____
Program dates are given on a first-come first-serve basis!

I will attend the Spring 2010 Blues SchoolHouse Teacher Workshop (Saturday, February 6th, 2010, 9:00AM-12:00PM) Yes No

I cannot attend but this school representative(s) will attend the workshop: _____

Please fax the completed application to 617.960.8380 and allow at least 1 week for your application to be processed. You will receive a confirmation email from IHOBFBoston.