



International House of Blues Foundation ® (IHOBF)
TEACHER WORKSHOP

- Workshop:** Learning About American Culture Through Blues Music & Folk Art
- Date & Time:** **Wednesday, September 2, 2009 (4:00 pm.-6:00 p.m.)**
- Location:** Columbia Theatre Conference Center, 220 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA, 70401
- Cost:** Workshop is offered free of charge.
- Registration:** To register, please complete the Reservation Request form located on www.columbiatheatre.org (click on "Education Outreach" & then "Request a Reservation"). Reservation Requests will be accepted 8/24/09 through 8/28/09. For more information, contact IHOBF-New Orleans at ihobfneworleans@hob.com or by phone at 504.522.8281. **Participation in the workshop is recommended for all teachers submitting artworks for students in connection with the 2009 IHOBF & Columbia Theatre/Fanfare Student Art Exhibit & Contest as well as for teachers interested in scheduling their classroom for a Blues SchoolHouse Program.**

About the IHOBF and the IHOBF Blues SchoolHouse Program: The International House of Blues Foundation (IHOBF) is dedicated to bringing the arts to schools and communities through programs that promote cultural understanding and encourage creative expression. The IHOBF Blues SchoolHouse Program (BSH) transforms House of Blues venues into multimedia classrooms where 5th -12th grade students are introduced to the music, history and cultural impact of the blues and traditions of related folk art. The program engages students and teachers with a live, interactive musical presentation on the history of the blues and blues-inspired music and also includes an art presentation/walking tour of the House of Blues art collection. The experience offers students a unique opportunity to learn about aspects of American culture and history and gain a greater understanding of how the arts can reflect life experiences and social conditions. Participating teachers attend a workshop and review a BSH Classroom Guide designed to support the integration of arts and cultural content into classroom curriculums.

Learning About American Culture Through Blues Music & Folk Art is an IHOBF teacher workshop that introduces participants to an innovative learning model that calls upon blues music, blues-inspired music and folk art to 1) teach students about aspects of American history; 2) provide students with a greater understanding of contemporary culture; 3) increase student awareness of the social significance of the arts; and 4) inspire students to explore and express their creativity. In addition to introducing the BSH Classroom Guide, the workshop supports teachers in integrating BSH-related program content into classroom curriculums and offers an approach that can be adapted for use with content from other cultures that may be relevant to a course of study or to their students. Program and workshop content align with Louisiana state educational standards. The fall 2009 workshop totals two (2) hours and includes:

- An overview of Blues SchoolHouse program content and logistics
- A review of the BSH Classroom Guide, including the Blues SchoolHouse Timeline and related learning activities
- A hands-on arts activity drawn from Blues SchoolHouse Classroom Guide content
- A discussion session on integrating program content into classroom curriculums

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