



## International House of Blues Foundation®-Dallas (IHOBFDallas) Blues SchoolHouse Program

The **International House of Blues Foundation (IHOBF)** 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 IHOBFDallas **Blues SchoolHouse Program (BSH)** explores aspects of American history and culture through blues music, blues-inspired music and traditions of related folk art. Utilizing the House of Blues venue as a multimedia classroom, the program engages 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.



### 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 including the Atlantic Slave Trade, the Great Migration and the Civil Rights Movement. *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/IHOBF\\_BSHClassroomGuide.PDF](http://www.ihobf.org/download/IHOBF_BSHClassroomGuide.PDF)).
- A Teacher Workshop (Learning About American Culture Through Blues Music & Folk Art) that supports teachers in using the classroom guide and in integrating program content into classroom curriculums. The workshop is a pre-requisite for participation in the BSH live musical performance or Visual Arts Workshop. *Approximate length: 2 - 4 hours depending on content. Group Size: Up to 75 teachers.*

### Additional Blues SchoolHouse Program Information:

- Programs typically take place at the House of Blues-Dallas venue on select weekday mornings during the program year (October-May) excluding school holidays.
- Programs are offered to 5th-12th grade students and teachers. One chaperone per 10 students is required.
- Programs are offered free of charge to public schools in the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). A fee of \$5 per person is charged for private schools, public schools outside of DISD, and community-based youth organizations.
- 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 a Teacher Workshop (see above). Additionally, teachers are required to complete and submit a Pre-Blues SchoolHouse Activity Description Form prior to their program date that describes any BSH-related learning activities conducted in their classrooms.
- Requests for program dates are handled on a first-come first-serve basis. To request a program date, please contact the IHOBFDallas office at (214) 978-4880 or [ihobfdallas@hob.com](mailto:ihobfdallas@hob.com).

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