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# BLUESCAMP INTERNATIONAL

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**Rolling Stone**

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BRANDON JOHNSON  
MAYOR

July 9, 2023

Dear Friends:

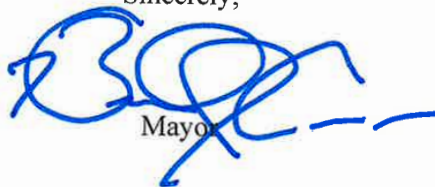
As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the Fernando Jones' 14th Annual International Blues Camp presented by the Blues Kids Foundation.

Fernando Jones founded Blues Kids America in 1989 with the goal of preserving, performing, and promoting the art of the blues. In 2010, Fernando Jones launched Blues Camp to honor blues tradition while also passing the art along to the next generation through education, performance opportunities, and mentorships. Through their work, Blues Kids America is contributing to the future of the blues while upholding the contributions of the past.

This year's Camp will bring together young people from around the world between the ages of 12 and 18 to learn from and perform with world renowned instructors. Through a full schedule of classes and workshops, students will learn the social and historic importance of the blues, the importance of critical thinking and collaboration, learn to read music, improvise, and play by ear, and learn to perform with confidence. The camp ends with a live stage performance by the Blues Kids for friends, family, and the general public. I commend Fernando Jones and the Blues Kids Foundation for their ongoing commitment to young musicians and the blues.

I hope you have an enjoyable event. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



Mayo



Blues Angel,

It has been a dream of mine since childhood, over five decades ago, to have a centrally located place where student musicians could come play and perform the Blues in a nurturing, organized, professional environment. Fast-forwarding to adulthood, the dream has come to fruition.

I'd like to invite you to join our team and establish a formal strategic partnership between your organization and our brands: Blues Camp, Blues Kids Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit registered charity, and Fernando Jones & My Band!. Visit [FernandoJones.com](http://FernandoJones.com) and [BluesKids.com](http://BluesKids.com).

With you as a strategic partner, we can continue to:

- Promote and champion Diversity and Equitable Inclusion through the arts.
- Establish and provide free Blues Camps and workshops for youth.
- Provide professional development workshops for educators.

*- Fernando Jones*





### Why support Blues Kids Foundation?

Though Blues is the root of American music, unlike Jazz and Classical music education programs, respectfully, there are fewer funding sources, resources, and endowments setup for nonprofits such as ours. And because of support from people just like you we are at the vanguard, internationally, of Blues pedagogy.

Supporting **Blues Kids Foundation** will help us provide Social & Emotional Learning enrichment and blended learning opportunities for underserved music loving children. For example, for the child who may not have access to a “structured” music appreciation or band program — that’s the void we fill.

Your support helps sustain current programs such as our Blues Camp(s), music workshops and professional development sessions for educators, parents/guardians, and community members. We don’t discriminate on the basis of race, religion, skill or gender identity.

In 1989, I founded **Blues Kids of America** in Chicago, and created **Blues Kids Foundation**, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, in 2009. Our mission is to preserve, perform and promote the Blues among America’s youth, parents and educators with a focus on Social & Emotional Learning, Literacy, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and *Music as a Second Language*. Thanks for making us your charity of choice. Give without remembering if our purpose is in alignment with yours at **BluesKids.com/Give**.

— *Fernando Jones*





Blues Camp Mississippi · B.B. King Museum and Interpretive Center





### Global Impact

*Fernando Jones' Blues Camp International* has been presented in performing arts centers and on college campuses, HBCUs and PWIs, in North America, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. Blues Camp is free! Each participant receives a tuition waiver scholarship. The technology and resources invested in each of them has a value range of \$1,500 to \$2,500. All vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome. This program is designed to give *the Blues Kid* a cultural enrichment and intercultural music opportunity in an organic, nurturing environment with like-minded others. Blues Kids Foundation uses the Kennedy Center ArtsEdge Standards.

### Goals

- Introduce the Blues to new youth audiences, globally.
- Provide public performance opportunities for the Blues Kids.
- Teach Blues Kids the art of playing and singing songs by ear.

### Learning Outcomes

*Students will be able to:*

- Use critical thinking skills while collaborating with others.
- Use proper dynamics to ensure appropriate volume levels for vocalists and songs.
- Communicate using cross-generational/regional “musician” language.
- Critique and self-evaluate performances and provide feedback to others.
- Apply practical skills learned in class in a culminating public performance space.

### Core Instructors

**All Year:** Fernando Jones, Felton Crews, Patrick McFowler and Jackie Scott.

**Summer:** Thomas Navarro, Margaret Murphy Webb, and Brandon Taylor Sides.





Blues Camp California · Fender Center for the Performing Arts





Blues Camp Days at-a-glance, tentatively.

3 to 5-Day Blues Camp (Week)

Monday to Friday (Tentative Schedule)

8:00AM - Welcome to Campus

*Blues Kids Morning Jam Session*

8:05AM - Healthy Morning Snacks

8:30AM - Morning Assembly / Roll Call

8:45AM - Ensemble Sessions Start

11:00AM - Ensemble Sessions End

11:10AM - Lunch

11:30AM - Dismissal

Friday (Tentative Schedule)

*Culminating Activity and Blues Kids Fundraiser*

5:30PM - Soundcheck

6:30PM - Donor Reception | Meet & Greet

7:30PM - Blues Kids of America Concert

9:00PM - The End

2-Day Blues Camp

Friday (Tentative Schedule)

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7:00PM to 8:30PM - Ensemble Sessions

8:45PM - Dismissal

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# Rolling Stone

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Blues Camp London, England · The Premises Recording Studio



- 2010 1. Columbia College Chicago
- 2011 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
2. Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)  
3. Fender Center for the Performing Arts (Corona, CA)  
4. Columbia College Chicago
- 2012 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
5. Huston-Tillotson University (Austin, TX)  
6. Fender Center for the Performing Arts (Corona, CA)  
7. Lahora High School (Anaheim, CA)  
8. Columbia College Chicago
- 2013 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
9. Galveston College (Galveston, TX)  
10. Fender Center for the Performing Arts (Corona, CA)  
11. University of California - Irvine  
12. McPhail Center for Music (Minneapolis, MN)  
13. Columbia College Chicago  
14. The American Theatre (Hampton, VA)
- 2014 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
15. Fender Center for the Performing Arts (Corona, CA)  
16. California State University, Los Angeles  
17. Columbia College Chicago  
18. The American Theatre (Hampton, VA)  
19. Miami Dade College  
20. The Premises Music Studios, (London, England)
- 2015 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
21. Corona Civic Center (Corona, CA)  
22. California State University, Los Angeles  
23. Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)  
24. Columbia College Chicago  
25. The American Theatre (Hampton, VA)  
26. Miami Dade College  
27. The Premises Music Studios (London, England)  
28. Italy (Private Location)
- 2016 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
29. Corona Civic Center (Corona, CA)  
30. Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)  
31. Columbia College Chicago  
32. Tokyo School of Music and Dance (Tokyo, Japan)  
33. The Premises Music Studios (London, England)  
34. Havana, Cuba (Private Location)
- 2017 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
35. National Blues Hall of Fame (St. Louis, MO)  
36. Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)  
37. Columbia College Chicago  
38. Tokyo School of Music and Dance (Tokyo, Japan)  
39. The Premises Music Studios (London, England)
- 2018 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
40. Los Angeles Unified School District  
41. Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)  
42. Columbia College Chicago's Music Center  
43. Chicago State University  
44. Logan Center for the Arts
- 2019 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
45. The Music Center at Columbia College Chicago  
46. Arts Garage (Palm Beach County, FL)
- 2020 47. Blues Camp Online from Chicago (Pandemic)
- 2021 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
48. Columbia College Chicago  
49. Winston-Salem State University (Winston-Salem, NC)  
50. Palm Beach County, FL
- 2022 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
51. B. B. King Museum and Interpretive Center (Indianola, MS)  
52. Columbia College Chicago  
53. Paul Quinn College (Dallas, TX)  
54. Winston-Salem State University (Winston-Salem, NC)  
55. Palm Beach County, FL
- 2023 Blues Camp Kick-Off at the Chicago Blues Fest  
56. Winston-Salem State University (Winston-Salem, NC)  
57. B. B. King Museum and Interpretive Center (Indianola, MS)  
58. Columbia College Chicago  
59. LaGuardia H.S. of Music & Art and Performing Arts  
60. Palm Beach County, FL



Photo by LeVern Danley III





Blues Camp Havana, Cuba · Private Location





## Mary Barnes Donnelley Family Foundation

To All of the Blues Camp Family,

Fourteen years ago, I met Fernando at the Chicago Blues Fest with his Columbia College Chicago Blues Ensemble. After the set we spoke, and he shared his vision about a free Blues Camp. Here we are twelve years later and what a ride it has been. Countless kids have participated in Blues Camps from coast to coast and various locations around the world, but *Chi-Town* is the flagship and has been growing strong. *Fourteen years of Blues!*

Every year, at the end of Blues Camp, on the final performance day, I'm reminded how lucky I am to have a part in this event. When I watch the young performers, my eyes water and the hair on my skin stands at alert. Pure joy as each group lays it out for all of our enjoyment. I always say it's my favorite day of the year. To Fernando and all his teachers, to the parents and all the students — let's keep this rolling.

— *Reuben*



# Congratulations Blues Kids!

The D'Addario Foundation is a proud supporter of Fernando Jones and all of the Blues Kids Foundation initiatives supporting music education in Chicago. Congratulations on 35 years of Blues Kids of America, and 15 years of Blues Camp!

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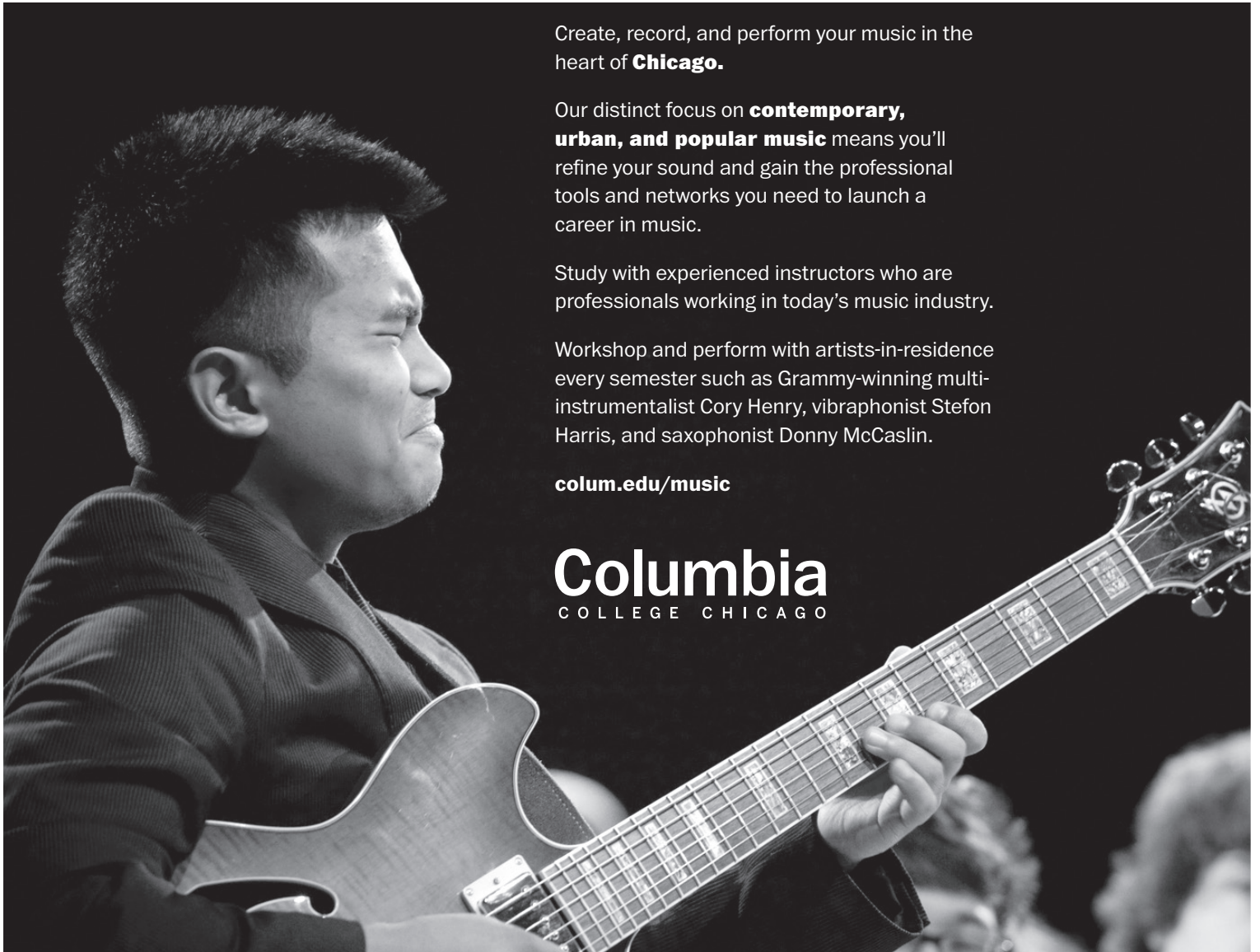
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Free Youth Blues Camps + Workshops  
[BluesKids.com/BluesCamp](http://BluesKids.com/BluesCamp)  
(Ages 12 to 18)



Blues Kid of the Year Contest  
[BluesKids.com/Contest](http://BluesKids.com/Contest)  
(Ages 11 to 15)



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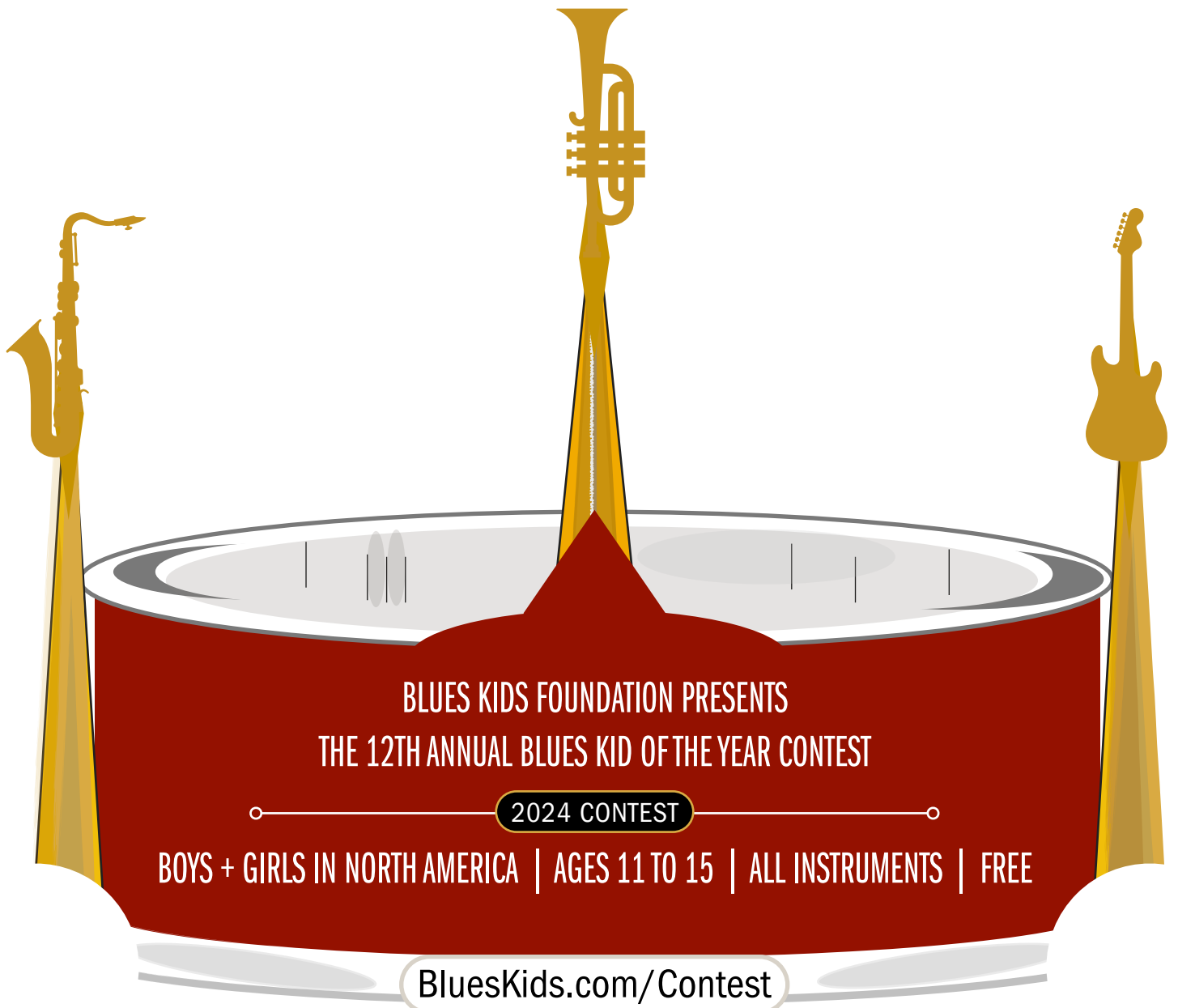
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*The more you give, the healthier the Blues'll live.*

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Chicago Federation of Musicians (Local 10-208) | Hungry For Music | Rotary Club of Chicago  
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