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Though Blues is the root of American music, and *we* are at the vanguard, internationally, of Blues pedagogy, unlike Jazz and Classical music education programs, respectfully, there are few funding sources, resources and endowments setup for nonprofits like ours.

Supporting Blues Kids Foundation and *the Fernando Jones brand* will help provide *Social and Emotional Learning* enrichment opportunities for at-risk and music loving youths who may not necessarily have access to a "structured" music program. This experience will expose them to the art of live music-making and public performance in a nurturing, hands-on environment through the lens of America's "root" music under the tutelage of highly skilled professionals.

Your support will also help sustain current programs such as our Blues Camp, music workshops and professional development sessions for educators, parents/guardians, and community members. We do not discriminate on the basis or race, religion or gender.

I founded Blues Kids of America in 1989 in Chicago, and created Blues Kids Foundation in 2009 — an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. 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* and *Music as a Second Language;*

Mr. Fernando Jones

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ALCEE L. HASTINGS
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

December 29, 2019

Dear Attendees of the Inaugural Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp:

It is my great honor to welcome all of you to the Inaugural Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp, presented by KOP Mentoring Network and the City of Riviera Beach.

I am a proud supporter of KOP Mentoring Network, which promotes music and the arts for children in Palm Beach County. This camp is an excellent opportunity to highlight the brightest and best in Middle and High School musicianship.

For nearly 30 years, KOP Mentoring Network's mission has been to share the joy of musical performance. These extraordinary young musicians will gather from around Palm Beach County and our nation in their mutual love of performance, music, and creativity.

I want to commend C. Ron Allen and KOP Mentoring Network for their commitment of bringing life-changing musical experiences to our youth.

Once again, congratulations! I am extremely proud of these young musicians and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors. With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

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SENATOR LORI BERMAN
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December 5, 2019

KOP Mentoring Network
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Dear Blues Camp Participants,

It is my honor to welcome so many exceptional students to the Inaugural Fernando Jones' Blues Camp International – Palm Beach. Music is a way to connect people from all backgrounds and ages. It is truly universal.

I applaud each of you for your hard work and dedication to the musical arts. Your love of music has allowed you to be chosen for this very special program. As you participate in this camp, I hope that you can appreciate the rich culture of music in our country that has been prominent from the earliest stage of the republic.

I am certain that you will contribute greatly to our state's musical culture during this camp and make us all proud. Good luck and enjoy the Blues Camp!

Best regards,

Lori Berman

Senator Lori Berman
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Welcome to the Inaugural Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp – Palm Beach!

As Palm Beach County Commissioner, I am happy to know that KOP Mentoring Network is organizing the Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp from December 29, 2019 to January 4, 2020 here in our County.

This youth development live music system will bring students from Palm Beach County and around the country to learn from and perform with world renowned instructors.

The camp will promote global citizenship, academic excellence, discipline, collegiality and musicianship.

On behalf of the residents of this county, best wishes for the success of the camp.

Regards,

Mack Bernard, Commissioner

Mack Bernard

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
RONNIE L. FELDER

December 29, 2019

Dear Attendees,

As Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our city.

We are delighted to be one of the presenting partners of the Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp at Palm Beach-2020. We are equally excited that our Marina Event Center is one of your five performing sites across the county. I am confident that you will find it a perfect setting for your presentation.

Backed by a tradition of proven hospitality and excellent facilities, we consider it a privilege to provide a stimulating environment for Blues Camp 2020.

I also hope that Riviera Beach will provide an exciting and interesting setting during your visit here when you are not committed to the camp. With its Southern charm and grace, our genteel and cultural city is as much about its people as it is about history and the sights to see.

Complete strangers will smile and say hello as you visit our beaches, Port, and great restaurants.

Enjoy your week at Blues Camp. Enjoy Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. Meanwhile, I'm here to help you. If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me. Riviera Beach is truly "The Best Waterfront City to Live, Work, and Play!"

With my very best wishes for an enjoyable and successful camp, I am

Most Sincerely Yours,

Mayor Ronnie L Felder

Mayor Ronnie Felder

KOP Mentoring Network has gathered budding artists from our community and across the country to celebrate creativity and artistry.

For five days, a team of highly talented musicians will teach these students Blues-centric musical instruction such as playing by ear, reading tabs and chord charts, volume dynamics and vocal accompaniment, as well as off-the-stage life skills such as critical thinking, collaborating with others and self-evaluation.

Enjoy these five days of culture, art, song, shows, and sights. Gather with your family, friends, and neighbors and celebrate **"Fernando Jones' Blues Camp."**.

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Dec. 29, 2019

Dear Friends and Blues Kids,

On behalf of KOP Mentoring Network, let me welcome you to the Inaugural Fernando Jones' Blues Camp International-Palm Beach.

As founder and CEO of KOP, I am pleased to tell you that our organization on a city and county level is making great strides to insure that the Arts is afforded to every child as a part of a well-rounded education as we prepare them for life in this global society.

This summer, I traveled to Chicago to watch that city's Blue Kids Foundation present Fernando Jones' Blues Camp in conjunction with Columbia College. Jones, founder of the Blues Camp concept, is a highly respected blues figure in Chicago and music professor at Columbia College, Chicago. He has produced blues music camps around the world since 2010 and has been performing professionally for more than 30 years.

I was so impressed to see how fast students were able to craft lines into very singable odes, while empathizing with their campmates' sagas. It was more than a history lesson; it was captivation. I watched youth go from scribblers to lyricists, shy to stage-ready in just a few days.

We are blessed to have a team of highly qualified and internationally traveled instructors who will teach 35 local middle and high school students the social and historic importance of the Blues, the importance of critical thinking and collaboration, how to read music, improvise, play by ear as well as to perform with confidence.

If this is your first time in the Sunshine State, please take time to enjoy our beaches and the other attractions the area has to offer.

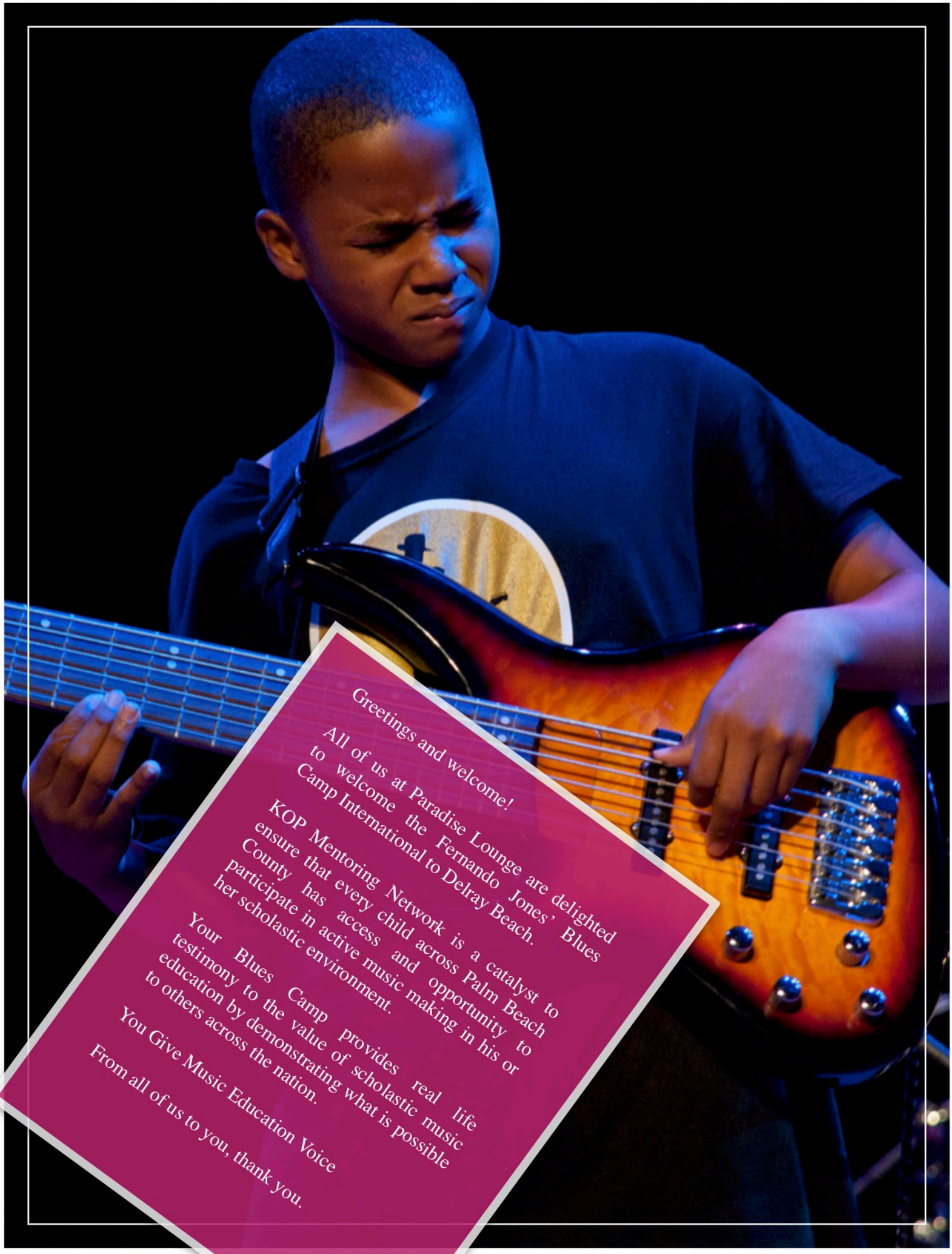
A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for helping us bring this idea to fruition.
We are looking forward to bolstering our strong relationship with the Arts Garage and forging new ones.

Please feel free to contact me if there is ANYTHING I can do to help you in your quest for musical excellence. If I can't answer your questions, I promise you I will find someone who can! Blessing to you for a great Blues Camp!

Yours for a song,

C. Ron

C. Ron Allen



Greetings and welcome!

All of us at Paradise Lounge are delighted to welcome the Fernando Jones' Blues Camp International to Delray Beach.

KOP Mentoring Network is a catalyst to ensure that every child across Palm Beach County has access and opportunity to participate in active music making in his or her scholastic environment.

Your Blues Camp provides real life testimony to the value of scholastic music education by demonstrating what is possible to others across the nation.

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From all of us to you, thank you.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

July 7, 2019

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the *Fernando Jones' 10th Annual International Blues Camp* presented by the Blues Kids Foundation, and offer my sincere congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of the Blues Camp.

Blues Kids of America was founded in 1989 by Fernando Jones to preserve, perform, and promote the art of Blues. In 2010, he founded Blues Camp to preserve the history of blues while keeping it exciting and passing the art along to the next generation. This year's Camp will bring young people from around the world between the ages of 12 and 18 together to learn from and perform with world renowned instructors.

Through exciting 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 concludes with a live stage performance by the Blues Kids in front of friends, family, and the general public. I am proud to congratulate you on 10 years of indelible contributions to the tradition of Blues music and our youth. I commend Fernando Jones and the Blues Kids Foundation

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Lori E. Lightfoot

Mayor

We believe every child deserves music education and the opportunity to play an instrument. That's why the Ladies of Omicron Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a proud sponsor of the Inaugural presentation of **Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp at Palm Beach**.

And, since learning music improves test scores, builds self-confidence and fosters future success, music education leads to a brighter future for our children.

Thanks to the generous sponsors, KOP Mentoring Network is able to provide tuition waiver scholarships for at least 35 student musicians ages 12 to 18 to attend Fernando Jones' Blues Camp International – Palm Beach.

This priceless, cultural enrichment opportunity will take place in a nurturing environment with like-minded others under the direction of highly qualified instructors.

Congratulations C. Ron Allen and KOP Mentoring Network for your support, leadership and dedication to our Youth.

Jeff Stern

Jeff Stern
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Thank you for Promoting and Preserving
the Blues Among our Youth.

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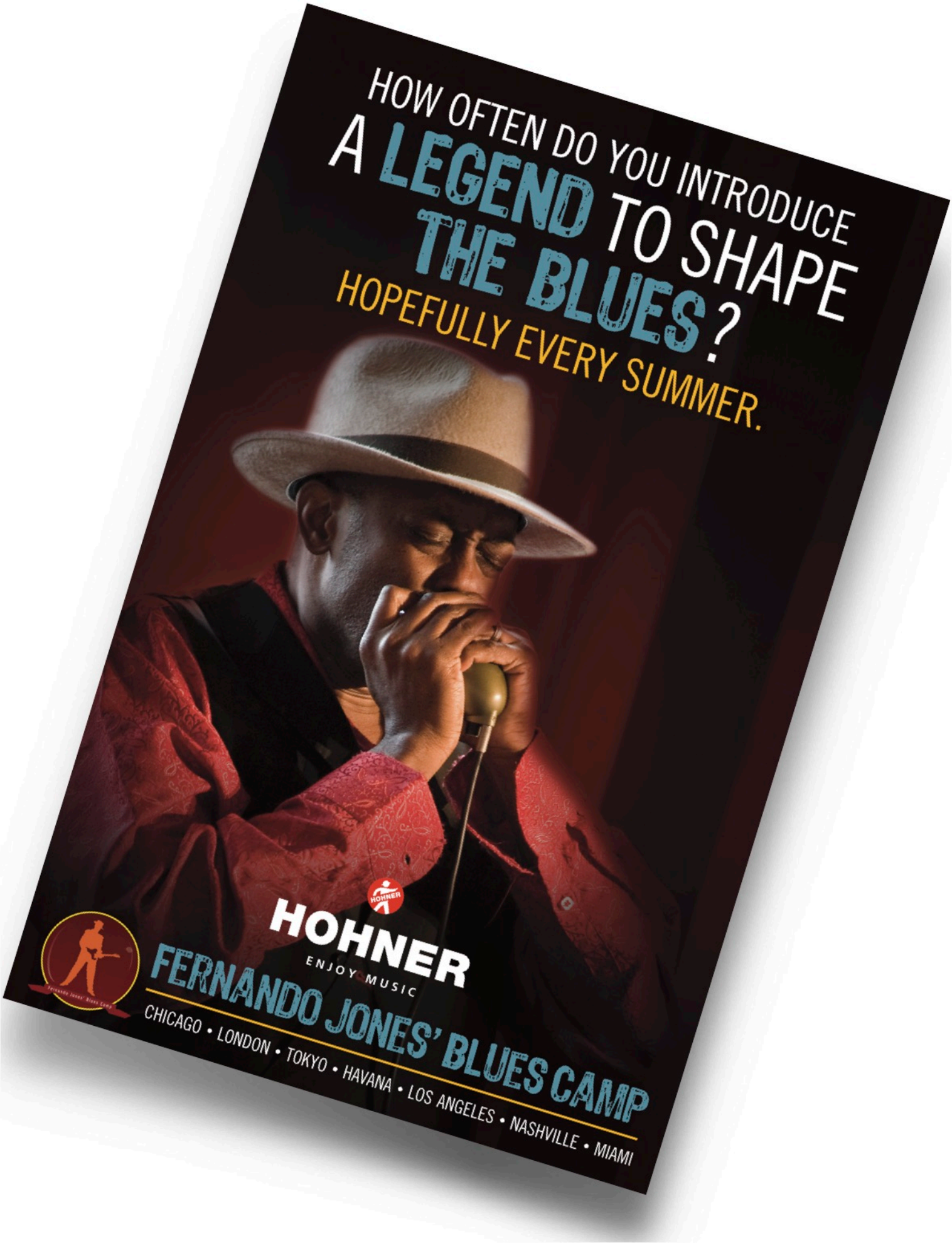
The Management and Staff of the Bamboo Room welcome the Inaugural Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp – Palm Beach to our area.

This camp, presented by KOP Mentoring Network and the City of Riviera Beach, will highlight the best in middle and high school musicianship.

For nearly 30 years, KOP Mentoring Network has been on a mission to share the joy of musical performance. Love of music can be fostered from before birth, but the importance of strong familial and institutional support for a child's musical education cannot be understated.

Young artists like these, and the music programs which foster them, are the backbone of the next generation of music.

The passion of performance is embodied by these performers, this camp, and this organization.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We extend warm greetings and felicitations to the organizers and the participants of **Fernando Jones' International Blues Camp – Palm Beach**.

KOP Mentoring Network is dedicated to making this experience "positively life-changing." C. Ron, you are creating a community of music-makers and learners that will be recognized and celebrated across the nation as models and examples of scholastic musical excellence, community building, and the brightness of our nation's future.

Blues Kids, we encourage you to embrace and enjoy every moment and opportunity presented. We further encourage and implore you to continue to be active and engaged participants in efforts to increase awareness and make the case for access to music and arts education in your community and across the nation.

This camp will showcase the strong commitment, work ethic, and passion of all the participants of this year's camp.

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