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Soul School Workshop Brings Artists and Students Together

Omaha, NE (6/22/05). School may be out for summer vacation – but “**Soul School**” is about to begin. Yes, you read that right, “**Soul School**”. Never before have the students of Omaha been privy to such an amazing opportunity. In conjunction with the Fourth Annual Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival, there will be a phenomenal workshop offered just for (elementary – college) students.

This free workshop will be held on Saturday July 9, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Landing on the downtown riverfront. It will feature group classroom instruction by local and national artists and a seminar on jazz music, which will focus on an educational look at the long and rich heritage of jazz music in Omaha – and Omaha’s contribution to the history of jazz. To top off the morning the students will get to participate in a group jam session with several artists.

This workshop is available to any student (elementary – college) who has an interest in the many facets of instrumental music free of charge. Students can bring AN INSTRUMENT. They may also want to bring a water bottle, a notebook, pen and sunscreen.

This fourth annual Omaha Riverfront Jazz & Blues Festival presented by U.S. Bank, is one of the most anticipated events of the Omaha summer. This is the premier jazz and blues event in the Midwest and is two days packed with live musical performances featuring some of the most celebrated local and national jazz and blues musicians.

The festival is scheduled for July 8 and 9. All performances will be held outdoors at the Lewis and Clark Landing at the Downtown Riverfront (right next to Rick’s Boatyard Café). Performances begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 8 and last until 11:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 9, the entertainment starts at 3:30 p.m. and lasts until 11:30 p.m.

Complete festival information can be obtained through www.omahajazzandblues.com or by calling 402.884.1214. Advance tickets are \$15 for one day, \$20 day of, or \$25 for both days, and can be purchased at ticketomaha.org or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Additional outlets include all Homers locations, Leola’s CD’s & Tapes and Import Village.

The year’s Festival has been made possible by presenting sponsor US Bank and lead sponsors Mutual of Omaha, Douglas County Visitor’s Improvement Fund, KETV Channel 7, Midwest Airlines, Budweiser, OPPD, Pepsi, The Reader and other partners and contributors. The Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival is produced by the Midlands Cultural and Historical Association and managed by Clark Connection Group. For more information call 402.884.1214 or visit www.omahajazzandblues.com.

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