



The MMIS from July 3RD TO 9TH
A FREE BLUES CAMP for anyone 13 to 17 years old!
Now's the time to register!

Montreal, Thursday, March 16th, 2006 – Created to bring music-making within reach for the general public, the **Montreal Musician and Musical Instrument Show (MMIS)**, and the **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal**, have come up with a great way for teenagers to get in on the act. Because this year anyone from 13 to 17 years of age can participate in the **Blues Camp**, presented by **TD Canada Trust Musique**. The activity—which is entirely free of charge—will give youngsters the opportunity to broaden their musical horizons and technical abilities. And for young bluesmen and girls, the week will culminate in a show on an exterior stage at the **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal!** All they have to do is sign up **between today and May 5th** on the Blues Camp Internet site at: www.campdeblues.com. Auditions will take place on May 6th and 7th, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the FACE school located on University Street in Montreal.

A dream week for anyone 13-17 years old!

Over 7 days, about 50 young musicians selected for their interest, talent and passion will take part in a special day camp. Throughout, they will be taught how to play their instruments, improve their technique and learn about the latest developments in instruments. They'll take part in workshops where they'll be coached by the pros, learn the blues standards and participate in a recording session in the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. But best of all, they'll find out about all the word-of-mouth details they need to fully appreciate the blues form and its history. They'll see first-hand what it is to be a blues performer, including a back-stage visit and introduction to musicians performing at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal. The purpose is to help them excel; to help them gain the enthusiasm and persistence they need to form an excellent blues group and achieve their dream: a public performance at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal on the TD Canada Trust stage.

How to register:

You'll have to register between now and May 5th via the Blues Camp Internet site at: www.campdeblues.com. Teens will have to mention their preferred instrument (guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, horns, or singing, etc.) and demonstrate their motivation to participate in the event, which is being offered free of charge. About 50 young people will be selected at auditions in Montreal on May 6th and 7th. The Blues Camp will take place this coming July 3rd to 9th at the CEGEP du Vieux-Montréal, not far from the site of the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal.

Dates to remember:

Recruitment: **March 16th to May 5th**

Auditions: **May 6th and 7th**

Blues Camp: **July 3rd to 9th**

Show at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal: **July 9th**.

The Blues Camp extends warm thanks to: **TD Canada Trust Musique, Magasin de musique Steve's, Pearl, Korg, Vox, Markbass, Marshall, Couleur Jazz 91.9, Voir, Hour et Musique Plus.**

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