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**STUDENT MUSICIANS & VOCALISTS
FOR STILLWATER BLUES FESTIVAL “BLUES IN THE SCHOOL” PROGRAM**

Help us celebrate the 12th annual Stillwater Blues Festival. We are seeking interested musicians and singers that would be interested in participating in a super fun blues band experience. You don't have to be a rock star - we will make you one!

City of Stillwater Community Center is hosting the Stillwater Blues Festival, which provides the “Blues in the School” (BITS) program. Our goal is to provide participating students with a unique fun experience and an opportunity to perform in a group setting where student musicians are the “stars” of the performance.

We need your help to accomplish this goal! The Community Center will offer free blues classes and rehearsal space to participating students in exchange for your time commitment. Each student is asked to attend the group rehearsals with instructors and bring the instrument they will use to perform (voices, too). All group rehearsals are after school from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, in Room 104 of the Stillwater Community Center, 315 W. 8th. Students should be at the first class session, held at the Stillwater Community Center on August 31. **Rehearsal days are August 31 through September 4, 8, and September 14-18.** We hope to be flexible to allow for individual circumstances, but we expect all participants to be able to join us for the highlight of the program – the BITS concert. This year, we hope to have up to 20 student musicians performing the blues on stage during the festival.

The BITS concert performance kicks off the main stage entertainment on Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m. The festival is September 18-20 and has 9,000 to 12,000 in attendance each year.

Participation in the BITS program is FREE! This program is under-written by City of Stillwater Community Center, who receives financial support for this program from Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, AT&T, Kicker, Stillwater CVB, Stillwater Radio, ONG, Douglas Building Center, and Downtown Stillwater.

With assistance from our generous sponsors, Stillwater Blues Festival is a FREE event for all patrons. We hope to see parents, friends, and family of performing musicians supporting their favorite artist. The Stillwater Blues Festival is Friday through Sunday, September 18-20, 2009. Many local, regional, and national awarded winning acts will perform at the Festival including recording artists John Lee Hooker, Jr., Robin Rogers, Mike Zito, Eugene Hideaway Bridges, Garrett “Big G” Jacobson, Big Red & the Soubenders, and many others.

Award winning BITS educator David Berntson, and other local instructors, will prepare students for their blues performance. If questions, please call the Stillwater Community Center at 405-533-8433.

We are very excited about the program and look forward to the opportunity to share the blues with you. If you would like to learn more about the festival visit <http://bluesfest.stillwater.org>. Keep up with daily information at [twitter@StwBluesFest.com](https://twitter.com/StwBluesFest).

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