



Monday, January 18, 2010

Dear Blues in the Schools supporters,

I wish to thank all of the Blues Societies, teachers, administrators and other individuals who have supported me as a presenter of Blues in the Schools programs for the past 19 years. I am nearing my one-millionth student celebration, which will probably take place in the first quarter of 2010. I am sure I have surpassed that number, however, I did not begin taking general head counts until 1997. My most popular lecture performance is *Blues 101*, which reaches the largest amount of student per visit.

I have presented Blues in the Schools programs across the country as well as Britain, France, Belgium and Switzerland, and Canada; sometimes with the help of interpreters. Blues in the schools have been well received worldwide. Blues in the Schools programs are to blues what little league is to baseball.

I have witnessed first hand the power of this music as pure entertainment and sometimes it's holistic and aesthetic effects on human emotion. For some it provides repose for the soul and serenity to a troubled mine or the recognition of a tragedy and an optimism to deal with it. For others it is simply a configuration of musical notation or a simple 12 bar chord progression.

My student groups have included special education, emotionally challenged, high risk, accelerated or gifted students and adults. This poster is a sampling of photographs covering the past 19 years of presenting Blues in the Schools programs including my first BITS classroom in Charleston ,South Carolina in 1991(3rd from the top,4th from the left).

Fruteland Jackson

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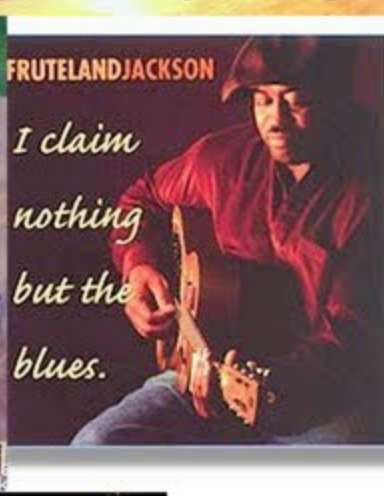
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December 4, 1999
Dear Mr. Jackson and Mr. Jones,
Thank you for coming to our school to give the kids a special treat! We hope you come again. We will keep your name on our wall. Sincerely,
Lutrah Kelleher



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