



Celebrating the Cultural Contributions of Old Algiers
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Dear Teachers and Principals:

River Festivals Foundation, Inc. is pleased to provide the educational program “Jazz Notes,” which explores the role of New Orleans musicians, particularly those from Old Algiers, in the development of jazz. The program is part of **Old Algiers RiverFest™**, a festival celebrating the history and jazz culture of the neighborhood and the role the Mississippi River played in disseminating the sound to the world. The 2010 event is April 17-18.

These broad-brush lesson plans can be adapted for almost any grade and ability, but are generally grouped for lower elementary, middle school and high school. We are also excited to be able to offer an opportunity for a local musician to visit the school at some time during the lesson. Because of the expense of this program, we must limit the performances to one per school, although some exceptions may be made. **We request at least two weeks’ notice for scheduling a musician.** Call 504-362-0708 or email info@oldalgiersriverfest.com to request a musician for your school.

While the lessons are a good complement for Old Algiers RiverFest™ , they can be taught at anytime, and musicians may be booked through the end of the year or until funding is depleted. These lesson plans include a general outline, some supplemental materials and traditional New Orleans jazz music designed to enhance the lessons. GLEs are included for your convenience.

If you would like a CD of the lesson plans instead of downloading them from the Website, please call 504-362-0708.

We hope that you find the lessons helpful and fun, and we hope you will participate with us as we teach the children about their heritage and the rich, diverse jazz history of New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Valerie Robinson
RiverFest™ Chair