

Music Rising at Tulane offering summer workshops for teachers

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A Homer A. Plessy School teacher participates in the Music Rising at Tulane's professional development day last summer by dancing and drumming in Congo Square with drummer Luther Gray, a member of the band Bamboula 2000. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

[Music Rising at Tulane](#), a program of the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South at Tulane University, invites K-12 educators to apply by March 1st for summer teacher workshops on the role of civil rights in the development of New Orleans musical forms.

The week-long workshops, *New Orleans: Music, Culture and Civil Rights*, will feature lectures, research opportunities and compelling discussion along with visits to such sites as Congo Square, the Young Men Olympian Benevolent Association, Preservation Hall and the North Claiborne Corridor.

More than a dozen scholars will participate, including Nikki Lynne Marie Brown, a civil rights and African American studies scholar; Bruce Raeburn, curator of the Hogan Jazz Archive at Tulane; and Freddi Williams Evans, a Congo Square scholar. Performers include Bamboula 2000, the Mahogany Brass Band and composer and pianist Courtney Bryan. Workshop co-directors are Brice Miller, a New Orleans based jazz musician and educator; and Sonya Robinson, Music Rising at Tulane's director of educator engagement.

"These summer workshops are designed to be restorative and inspiring – a time for teachers' own intellectual and ethical nourishment, which inevitably will flow in their classrooms," said Rebecca Snedeker, Clark Executive Director of the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South.

The first workshop will take place June 26-30 and is geared to teachers in the New Orleans area. The second is a residential workshop for teachers across the country and will run July 10-14.

The program is designed for full-time and part-time teachers and librarians in public, charter, independent and religiously affiliated schools as well as home schooling parents. Administrators, substitute teachers and classroom professionals are also eligible to apply. A stipend and continuing education units will be provided. Applicants should visit <https://neworleans-neh-landmark-workshop.com>.

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