



**ISB to Honor Local Music Hero Dan Zanes at
Its 4th Annual Spring Benefit ,“A Night for Superheroes,” on May 6 at BAMcafé**

Festivities include live music from Afro-Cuban Jazz wonder Bobby Sanabria and Quarteto Aché

April 20, 2009, Brooklyn, NY – International School of Brooklyn (ISB) has planned action-packed festivities at its 4th Annual Spring Benefit fundraiser, “A Night of Superheroes,” on Wednesday, May 6 at BAMcafé.

The event features silent and live auctions as well as a special award ceremony honoring one of Brooklyn’s superheroes, 2007 Grammy Award winner Dan Zanes, with an ISB Community Excellence Award. Mr. Zanes will be recognized for his continued commitment to family music and dedication to highlighting the beauty of Latin American music and culture through his all-Spanish album, “¡Nueva York!”

For the evening’s festivities, multiple Grammy-nominated Afro-Cuban jazz great, Bobby Sanabria, will perform live music with his band Quarteto Aché.

ISB Community Excellence Award

Each year ISB honors an individual whose work embodies the spirit of ISB – fostering multi-culturalism and global citizenship -- in their work. This year, members of the parent community had nominated Mr. Zanes.

“Dan Zanes and his band have been a significant musical influence on children and adults alike with their playful, yet sophisticated folk songs. Mr. Zanes has always been vocal and supportive of Latino immigrant issues and his 2008 album “¡Nueva York!” brings the Spanish language and Latino-American traditional music and culture to a wider audience,” said Rebecca Skinner, co-founder and executive director of ISB.

Mr. Zanes has featured a Spanish song in every album and “¡Nueva York!” is an all-Spanish album celebrating traditional Latin-American folksong styles such as the *son jarocho* from Mexico, *cumbia* from Colombia, *aguinaldo* holiday music from Puerto Rico, *bailecito* folkdance from Argentina, the Dominican *merengue*, and *nueva canción* which are widely sung in southern region of South America.

“Thank you for this recognition by ISB. It's clear that we live in times of tremendous uncertainty, yet as we search for clues and direction we find each other and as the communities grow and connect, the uncertainty becomes possibility. I'm grateful to have this chance to join you all and how else can I say, I'm honored to be honored!” said Mr. Zanes.

ISB’s 4th Annual Spring Benefit: “A Night for Superheroes”

ISB’s spring fundraiser continues its tradition of festivities including cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, live music and cash-prize drawings culminating with a silent and live auction of various exotic travel getaways and fun items for adults and children. The benefit will raise annual scholarship and operational funds to help support the non-profit school and its various community cultural events.

The silent and live auction items include:

- A week-long getaway to the pink-sand beaches of Harbour Island, Bahamas
- Other travel packages to the Catskills, Rehoboth Beach, Quebec, Panama, and more
- Private tour of NYTimes best-selling children’s book authors/illustrators’ studio
- Unique baking and cooking parties for children
- Gift certificates to local businesses, restaurants and more

Event Details: ISB's 4th Annual Spring Benefit "A Night for Superheroes"

Date: Wednesday, May 6

Time: 7pm to 10pm

Location: BAMcafé, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Ticket price: \$100 (\$50 of which is tax-deductible)

For more information visit: www.isbrooklyn.org or email info@isbrooklyn.org

About Dan Zanes

Zanes began by distributing a homemade cassette at a neighborhood park in New York City's West Village and has since released several Parents Choice Award-winning, bestselling albums including his most recent *Catch That Train!*, which won the 2007 Grammy for "Best Musical Album for Children." Music videos for Zanes' songs have aired on The Noggin Network and Sesame Street and are currently in daily rotation on The Disney Channel's "Playhouse Disney." Zanes has also released a live DVD, *All Around the Kitchen*, a limited edition ukulele—called *the dz flea*—and two picture books made in collaboration with his illustrator-musician brother-in-law, Donald Saaf (Little, Brown and Company Books). A pilot for a Dan Zanes musical children's television show for Playhouse Disney is currently in post-production.

About International School of Brooklyn:

International School of Brooklyn (ISB) is an independent, non-sectarian, not-for-profit educational institution and is New York's only French & Spanish language immersion school following the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. ISB's mission is to provide an intimate, progressive and multicultural education that is ideal for preparing our children - tomorrow's business and civic leaders - to face the challenges and opportunities of an international future.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Past ISB Community Excellence Award Honorees include:

2006: Olga Bloom, founder of BargeMusic

2007: Graciela Carriqui, founder of Musica Para Mi

2008: Yele Haiti