



International School of Brooklyn

ISB to Honor Bargemusic Founder Olga Bloom at its First Annual Spring Benefit, “Fiesta de Primavera”, on May 9

Action-packed festivities at Bogotá Bistro to also include cocktails, live music, silent and live auctions and \$500 cash prize raffle

Brooklyn, NY – April 28, 2006 – International School of Brooklyn (ISB) will host its first annual Spring Benefit, “Fiesta de Primavera”, at Bogotá Bistro on May 9th to celebrate the school’s inaugural year, raise funds for the non-profit school and give out ISB’s first Community Excellence Award to Olga Bloom, founder of Bargemusic.

The action-packed evening will feature food, live music from Global Arts to Go, live and silent auctions, a \$500 cash prize raffle and the special tribute to Ms. Bloom. Funds raised will benefit ISB, Brooklyn’s only French and Spanish language-immersion school where children are taught to be bilingual at an early age.

“Olga epitomizes ISB’s international and community spirit as she brings many talented and legendary musicians from around the globe to her floating concert hall in Brooklyn,” said ISB co-founder, Rebecca Skinner. “We also pay tribute to her generosity in donating her beloved venue to us for a neighborhood information session when ISB was a budding organization. Her support and encouragement gave us renewed inspiration.”

Ms. Bloom will also become the first member of ISB’s Advisory Board, which will provide guidance to ISB and its board members on continued growth and expansion of the school and various community-focused programs. Olga founded Bargemusic thirty years ago and continues to enrich Brooklyn’s Fulton Ferry Landing neighborhood with magical chamber music. ISB will seek Olga’s input and advice on music-related programs for the school.

“ISB and I labor in the same vineyard. Our language is music, but both our great concern is for full expression of the individual,” added Olga Bloom.

“Fiesta de Primavera” Special Auctions

ISB’s Spring Benefit is the major fundraising event of the year and will include silent and live auctions. (All purchases are tax-deductible.) Funds raised during this evening will be used towards scholarships, classroom materials, and expenses in operating a non-profit, community-based organization.

Items up for auction include:

- A one-week stay at a centrally-located Paris apartment from Paris-Be-A-Part-Of-It.com
- Oeuf™ bouncer seat
- Dinner for two to Nobu and Bogotá Bistro
- ISB toddler playgroup and after-school classes for one semester
- Williams-Sonoma Columbus Circle cooking class passes for two
- And various themed and specialty gift baskets

Event Details:

Date: 7:00 – 10:00pm; Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Location: Bogota Bistro, 141 5th Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn
Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door (tax-deductible up to \$25 per ticket)
Contact: To RSVP or for more info contact Info@isbrooklyn.org or 718-369-3023

About International School of Brooklyn (ISB)

ISB is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit school where students are taught in a caring, loving and challenging environment in order to become bilingual in French or Spanish at an early age. ISB opened in September 2005 with Nursery and pre-Kindergarten classes. Kindergarten will be added in September 2006. ISB also offers three other French and Spanish language-immersion programs – an After School Program for 3-year-olds to 3rd grade, Language Immersion Playgroups for 18-months to 3-year-olds and Summer Camp starting June 2006. ISB is located at 298 6th Avenue in Park Slope, Brooklyn. More information on ISB can be found on its website: www.isbrooklyn.org.

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