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### **Leadership Bluegrass Seeking Applicants; Dates Set for March 7-9, 2013**

Every year IBMA's Leadership Bluegrass program brings together a cross-section of music industry professionals, and leaders from various facets of the industry and diverse regions of the nation and world, for an intensive look at the challenges and opportunities our music faces.

Our next Leadership Bluegrass class is slated for Thursday through Saturday, March 7-9, 2013, in Nashville, Tennessee. Those interested in participating are encouraged to apply for a limited number of openings. **The deadline to apply is November 15, 2012.**



### ***The Class of 2012 talks about Leadership Bluegrass...***

?Over the years I have watched the level of professionalism continue to rise in bluegrass music. Since I have experienced Leadership Bluegrass there is no doubt in my mind that the IBMA through the Leadership Bluegrass class has greatly contributed to that fact! ? **Sharon White**, The Whites

?The best way to learn a week?s worth of information in three days.? ? **Gerald Jones**, AcousticMusicCamp.com

?The most mind-blowing, intense bluegrass program I have ever been involved with. The best thing I?ve ever had from the IBMA.? ? **Gene Skinner**, Great Stuff Radio

?You don?t know as much as you think you know. After finishing the Leadership Bluegrass course, I feel that I am now armed with the knowledge and friendships to tackle the major issues, topics and goals in the bluegrass community.? ? **Casey Campbell**, Belmont University student/musician

?It was a smart investment of money and time that will bring valuable returns for my business.? ? **Denise Hitchcock**, BlueHighways TV

?Inspirational. From the first minutes of the first day, Leadership Bluegrass hit the ground running and didn?t stop for three days straight. I cannot wait to put into practice everything I?ve learned. Everyone interested and engaged in bluegrass music and its future should go through this program.? ? **Jamie Katz**, PineCone

?Leadership Bluegrass is a journey to the heart of the bluegrass music business! ? ? **Chris Teskey**, WAMU?s Bluegrass Country

?I felt like an out of town cousin being welcomed into the old family home. I have friends for life in very influential positions in the broad and forward-thinking bluegrass world.? ? **Ronnie Norton**, LonesomeHighway.com (Dublin, Ireland)

?Leadership Bluegrass has reignited my pilot light for my work and personal life. I learned so much about myself and learned new ways to contribute to the success of our company and the business of bluegrass.? ? **Laurie Dashper**, Music City Roots/ Bluegrass Underground

?If you are a professional in any facet of this industry, you *will* benefit from and be inspired by the Leadership Bluegrass program.? -- **Claire Lynch**, artist/songwriter

?Leadership Bluegrass is one of the single most valuable experiences of my career. The sharing of ideas and knowledge presented through panel discussions is amazing! ? ? **Kimberly Williams**, The Expedition Show/ East Public Relations

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There is a \$300 participation fee for Leadership Bluegrass for IBMA members; non-members pay \$375 (which includes a one-year IBMA membership). All participants are expected to bear the expense of travel and/or lodging during the program, and they must plan to be present for the entire three-day schedule. A limited number of partial scholarships and travel assistance grants are available to applicants, based on need.

### **Leadership Bluegrass Online Application:**

<https://ibma.org/files/documents/2013LBGApplication.pdf> <sup>[2]</sup>

**Leadership Bluegrass Alumni:**<https://ibma.org/node/367> <sup>[3]</sup>

**Additional info:** <http://ibma.org/node/17> <sup>[4]</sup> or call Nancy Cardwell at IBMA, (615) 256-3222

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