

## BLUEGRASS AMBASSADORS WORKSHOPS

The Henhouse Prowlers have played music in more than 25 countries and that number goes up every year. Whether it's touring Europe in clubs and at festivals or working with the U.S. State Department through cultural diplomacy programs, the band has found profound commonality with people from different cultures through music. From performing Qawwali music in Pakistan and West African hip-hop in Nigeria to traditional Tatar songs in Siberia and Bluegrass in America, every culture has 'music of the folk' that courses through the minds of its people. Through these interactions with musicians and music fans across the globe, an understanding that people have a whole lot more in common than music (despite our differences) becomes evident quickly.

This workshop is supplemented by a small PA to play the original versions of these songs, alongside the Prowlers interpretations. A television (or projector if the event is inside) also allows the band to share some of the many videos and photos from their adventures. The band typically performs 2-3 full international tunes as part of this interactive format, alongside discussion of translations, cultural and musical variances and more.

## INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT WORKSHOPS

Each member of the band can give workshops on their respective instrument from beginner to advanced level instruction. While this kind of programming is common at more traditional bluegrass festivals, don't be surprised at how welcomed it is at more multi-genre and jam band festivals.

## MUSIC BUSINESS WORKSHOP: HOW TO BUILD A BAND AND MAKE A LIVING PLAYING MUSIC

The Henhouse Prowlers have been a fully functioning and touring band for more than 14 years. While the industry continues to change on both a macro and micro level, getting started on the right foot has never been more important. This class covers everything from promotion and finances to tips on how to book, promote and get along on two month international tours. Being a lifelong musician has its challenges, but it's more possible than ever if you're well prepared for the realities of life on the road (and at home).