

I want to bring my club to London, says Blues Brother star

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THE Blues Brothers and Ghostbusters star Dan Aykroyd hopes to open a blues club in London.

The Canadian actor and musician, who found fame performing blues classics with the late John Belushi in the Seventies, said he wants to find a home for a branch of House of Blues, the chain he co-founded and which is now owned by Live Nation.

Speaking after a performance at the Hospital Club in Covent Garden, the 62-year-old said: "I would like to put a House of Blues here. I would like to find a good spot for our format.

"We need a 1,000-seat showroom, maybe 500 seats, and I would love to bring our Louisiana cuisine and we'd fit the rooms with our rural folk art collection." The



Vision: Dan Aykroyd plays at the Hospital Club

prospect may also see Aykroyd, who is in the capital to promote his vodka brand, Crystal Head, perform at the club with his band Mr Belushi. Aykroyd named the group after his friend, who died of a heroin and cocaine overdose in 1982 at the age of 33.

Their Blues Brothers act was first seen on the Saturday Night Live TV show before the 1980 film was created around them. Yesterday Aykroyd said of his friend: "I think about him every day."

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