

PRESS RELEASE

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Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra will host the 4th annual *Jazz at Congo Square Festival* on Sunday, October 6, 2024

NEW ORLEANS - On Sunday, October 6, 2024, Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra will host the 4th annual ***Jazz at Congo Square Festival***, a FREE celebration of New Orleans music, food, culture, and traditions. With live entertainment from 1—7pm, **JACS** will showcase a variety of artists who have contributed tremendously to our city’s local scene and the international music community at-large. Hosted by pianist, music personality, and Tulane professor Jesse McBride, the event will include local food, art and merchandise vendors along with musical artists: The Congo Square Preservation Society Drum Circle, DJ Redd, Kermit Ruffins & the BBQ Swingers, Zydeco master Corey Ledet, contemporary brass band the Michael Foster Project—as well as Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra.

Jazz at Congo Square Festival was created to promote and celebrate the significance of Congo Square, while highlighting why the space is and should remain a historical landmark in New Orleans. The event will offer space to nonprofit organizations who share a similar mission of preserving New Orleans culture. Over 20 local vendors will be on-site, providing the finest in food, jewelry and arts and crafts throughout the day.

“We definitely know how to throw a party down here,” says Festival founder Delfeayo Marsalis. “Day or night, it’s always a good time to have a good time in the Crescent City! We’ve had a long, hot summer, so we’re ready to get outside soon as it cools down. Bring the children, bring grandma and grandpa. Get ready to dance them blues away and rejoice out loud.”

Learn more about the artists and the festival lineup at:

www.jazzatcongosquare.org

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About the Uptown Jazz Orchestra

When [Delfeayo Marsalis](#) and the [Uptown Jazz Orchestra](#) hit the stage, audiences are guaranteed to have a jazz party, all night long! Formed in 2008, UJO is stretching the boundaries of what is expected from big bands, playing with an extraordinary sense of joy and fun that could only come from New Orleans. With influences from Louis Armstrong to Count Basie, James Brown to J. Cole, UJO performances help free the mind, warm the heart, and heal the soul.

WRTI Radio Philadelphia notes, “The music is simultaneously progressive and traditional, containing musical influences from across the jazz and blues universe and unmistakably rooted in the grooves of New Orleans second line.”

“At our shows,” said Marsalis to the *Santa Barbara Independent*, “one minute you’re in the streets of New Orleans, the next at the Apollo, or in a Mississippi jook joint. We’re a feel-good band that focuses on entertaining folks from the first note to the last!”

Come to the 4th annual Jazz at Congo Square Festival to enjoy the cool jazz sounds of the Uptown Jazz Orchestra, Kermit Ruffins & the BBQ Swingers, The Michael Foster Project, Zydeco master Corey Ledet, and more...