

NEW ORLEANS MUSIC



WHERE TO SEE AND HEAR MUSIC IN NEW ORLEANS

THE QUINTESSENTIAL CLUBS

Mahogany Jazz Hall, 125 Chartres, (504) 813-8297

New Orleans newest music venue that endeavors to recreate the atmosphere of old Storyville by presenting the best in Jazz, Blues R&B, Burlesque and more....

Preservation Hall, 726 St. Peter, (504) 522-2841

The name of this tiny club is almost synonymous with traditional jazz in New Orleans. It's beautiful in its bare, sparse simplicity; you don't come here to eat, you don't come here to drink...you come here to hear Jazz. All the greats have played here since the club was opened by the late Allan Jaffe in 1960, and here you'll hear the finest traditional Jazz in its purest form. The club seems to be taken for granted by native New Orleanians; you'll almost never see city residents here, which is a shame, but you will see people from all over the world. Showtimes are nightly at 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, 9pm & 10pm.

Tipitina's, 501 Napoleon at Tchoupitoulas, (504) 895-8477

A great club, and a veritable shrine to Professor Longhair, after whose signature tune it was named. Many local acts, plus national touring acts who tend to play much larger venues in other cities. Fais-do-do with the Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band on most Sundays, 5-9pm, with free red beans and rice. Food available, plus Abita Beer on tap. Foundation Free Fridays feature local acts (without a cover) are definitely a must.

The Maple Leaf Bar, 8316 Oak Street, (504) 866-5323 or (504) 866-9359

Small, dark and dripping with atmosphere, this bar is a great place just to hang out, and every night features the best in Louisiana music. The Iguanas play every Sunday when they're in town. Regularly featured are Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Rebirth Brass Band ever Tuesday night, File' Cajun Band, Sunpie Barnes' Blues and Zydeco Show, Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & the Zydeco Twisters, J. Monque'd Blues Band, and more. Shows can change nightly.

Rock 'n' Bowl, 3016 S Carrollton Ave, (504) 861-1700

Perhaps the only bowling alley that regularly books bands, plus serves great food like alligator po-boys. A not-to-be-missed experience. Local acts, blues, roots music and zydeco predominate. Zydeco night on Thursdays. If you bowl, you have more room to dance than on the dance floor!

OTHER NOTEWORTHY CLUBS

Café Istanbul, 2372 St Claude Ave, (504) 975-0286

Featuring Latin music, Jazz, Reggae, Funk and more.

The Ritz Carlton Davenport Lounge, 921 Canal St, (504) 524-1331

Checkpoint Charlie's, 501 Esplanade Ave, on the border of the Quarter and Marigny (504) 281-4847

Popular spot, open very late, lots of locals, incredibly diverse variety of live local music acts. There's a Laundromat in the back, so do your laundry while you drink and listen. An *Offbeat* magazine reporter described the place as so casual that he walked around in his boxers as his laundry was drying...

Howlin' Wolf, 907 S Peters, Warehouse district, (504) 529-5844

The place for Indie and Alternative rock, with lots of local acts.

D.B.A., 618 Frenchman St, (504) 942- 3731

A live music club that features local and regional acts nightly. DBA offers a vast selection of beer, wine & spirits in a comfortable eclectic setting.

Three Muses, 536 Frenchman St, (504) 252-4801

Nightly music, cocktails & wine. Small plates. [Closed Tuesdays.]

The Spotted Cat, 623 Frenchman St

Known by locals, and recognized as an international destination for Jazz music.

Numerous movies, commercials, and print media have filmed and written about the "CAT" for its outstanding music and unique ambiance.

Chickie Wah Wah, 2828 Canal St, (504) 304-4714

...is simply one of the best music venues in New Orleans, which is saying a hell of a lot. Chickie's talent roster is unique: one of the most inspired, interesting, and plain fun, in the city. A perfect, intimate space. It is a great-sounding room for groups of any size and persuasion, from acoustic to Ana Popovic.

The Funky Pirate Blues Club, 727 Bourbon St, (504) 523-1960

Featuring the internationally acclaimed "Big Al Carson" (495 pounds of pure New Orleans Blues) & The Blues Masters is open at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at Noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Other great local talent is spotlighted for Blues and Jazz such as Marc Stone, and Mark Pentone.

JAZZ ORIENTED CLUBS

The Jazz Playhouse, 300 Bourbon St, (504) 553-2299 [Inside the Royal Sonesta Hotel]

Live music, 7 nights a week beginning at 8pm.

Palm Court Jazz Café, 1204 Decatur, (504) 525-0200

One of the best places for traditional Jazz if you want to sit down and eat or have a cocktail. Jazz brunch featured as well.

Fritzel's European Jazz Pub, 733 Bourbon St, (504) 586-4800

Fritzel's continues to offer traditional Jazz by Chuck Brackman and Tom Fischer weekly. Jazz is performed here nightly with special musical guests from Europe occasionally stopping by to perform.

Bombay Club, 830 Conti St, (504) 577-2237 [Inside the Prince Conti Hotel]

Intimate, wood-paneled bar specializing in martinis, small plates, steaks & seafood options as well as a courtyard. Live Jazz nightly from 8pm-11pm that features different acts every night.

Snug Harbor, 626 Frenchman St, (504) 949-0696

Excellent modern Jazz venue, with an excellent restaurant and an alluring bar to boot. Regularly featuring Ellis Marsalis and Charmaine Neville.

CELEBRITY-OWNED CLUBS/BARS

Saints and Sinners, 627 Bourbon St, (504) 528-9307

After countless childhood visits and several on-location film shoots, actor Channing Tatum, along with longtime friend and business partner Keith Kurtz, fell in love with the Big Easy's *laissez les bons temps rouler* attitude and colorful history in a big way. Styled after the famous red-light district bordellos and burlesque halls of New Orleans' Storyville era, Saints & Sinners is Tatum's tribute to the city's ribald, good-time reputation.

Deuce McAllister's Ole Saint, 132 Royal St, (504) 309-4797

Ole Saint Kitchen & Tap combines the culinary expertise of our Executive Chef with legendary New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister. Ole Saint features Southern Coastal Cuisine, such as Gulf Fish Amandine, Pecan Wood Smoked Baby Back Ribs, and a Soft Shell Crab BLT. The tap room and kitchen highlight a wide selection of local and national beers with over 50 draught offerings. In addition, Ole Saint also features a full bar and extensive wine list.

House of Blues, 225 Decatur St, (504) 310-4999

Good sized club but don't ever try to pick up will call tickets the night of a show! Lots of big national acts, plus big local acts. Great bar, great sound system. Also great gospel brunch on Sundays. Plenty of concerts! Check website for more info on upcoming concerts.

B.B. King's Blues Club, 1104 Decatur St, New Orleans, (504) 934-5464

Enjoy Blues nightly in the spirit of the legend B.B. King. B.B. King's Blues Club features local Blues musicians Willie Lockett & Kevin Gullage – both are sure to captivate you with their enthralling sets. Also, if you are in the mood for some Creole cuisine or BBQ, this place will satisfy your hunger.