

# THE Storyville Stompers

BRASS BAND ~ NEW ORLEANS

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## BIOGRAPHY

### **Storyville Stompers Brass Band: Traditional New Orleans Music Since 1981 - Over 30 Years & Over 6,000 Performances**

The Storyville Stompers have had 30 years of continuous performances with some 6,000 performances during that period.

Started as a group of friends who had a love of traditional, New Orleans music, the Storyville Stompers have grown to become one of the preeminent brass bands in the nation, having played throughout the US, Europe, South America and Asia. The band continues to play New Orleans-music in the traditional style, a music considered the foundation for traditional Jazz and Dixieland.

It was once written that, "The Storyville Stompers are an integral part of the brass band scene with a big fat sound and plenty of spirit ... the group is one of a handful of ensembles carrying on the tradition with a repertoire of classic jazz tunes too rarely heard these days."

The band plays regularly at weddings, parades, conventions, festivals, concerts, airport greetings, receptions, parties, and any other function that warrants celebration, including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the French Quarter Festival and as a house band on "Live with Regis and Kelly". With numerous nominations, the Storyville Stompers were awarded "Best Traditional Brass Band" in 2010 by Big Easy Music Awards.

The band is acoustic and able to play in almost any setting. From the stages of major festivals to the grand ballrooms of the finest hotels; from paddle wheel riverboats to the streets of the city, the Storyville Stompers have been heard, enjoyed, and danced to by thousands. Whether you desire a large stage band, a parade band, or a smaller intimate band, the Storyville Stompers can provide quality New Orleans entertainment to fit the occasion. In its 30 years, one New Orleans tradition that the Storyville Stompers helped to perpetuate is the colorful second-line parade when audiences dance behind the strolling brass band waiving handkerchiefs or twirling decorated umbrellas, becoming part of a festive entourage. The grand marshal, clad in crisp tuxedo, sash and matching umbrella, leads the band and everybody dances.

In addition, the traditional New Orleans Jazz Funeral is a part of the fabric and rich cultural traditions of New Orleans and the Storyville Stompers have continued this tradition as a means of celebrating the life of loved ones with a class and dignity.

Some of the band's performances over the past thirty years have included: the Macau International Jazz Festival in Macau, China; Kobe Urban Resort Jazz Festival in Kobe Japan; Carnival Ambrosiana in Milan, Italy; Guayaquil Jazz Festival in Guayaquil, Ecuador; First Lady Hillary Clinton's Congressional Luncheon in Washington, D.C.; the Sugar Bowl; the King's Float in world famous Bacchus and Orpheus Mardi Gras Parades; Louisiana Mardi Gras Ball in Washington D.C.; Satchmo Summer Fest in New Orleans, Louisiana; hundreds of national conventions; and numerous other events worldwide.