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WWOZ Presents 29th Annual Piano Night: Back to the Roots

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New Orleans, Louisiana – WWOZ is proud to present the 29th annual WWOZ Piano Night on Monday, May 1st at 7pm at the House of Blues, New Orleans.

In keeping with WWOZ's mission to be the worldwide voice, archive, and flag-bearer of New Orleans culture and musical heritage, it is proud to announce 2017's celebration brings Piano Night "Back to the Roots". This Piano Night will be a return to the original concept: a fantastic line-up of piano players who tour the world, preserve and promote a unique style of music, and have called New Orleans home.

Piano Night celebrates the music and piano style created by the legendary Professor Longhair and carried on by noted New Orleans piano players like Allen Toussaint, Smiley Lewis, Fats Domino, Dr. John, and Eddie Bo. "This piano style is as unique to New Orleans culture as its cuisine and the architecture of the French Quarter," said Joe Krown, pianist and Piano Night producer. "It has weaved its way into all of the great post-war music that came out of our city and is a large part of what makes New Orleans music," he said.

This year's WWOZ Piano Night is proud to present a great line-up of piano players who are torch-bearers of the Longhair style, including:

Ellis Marsalis	Marcia Ball	Joe Krown
David Torkanowsky	Tom McDermott	Josh Paxton
John Papa Gros	Tom Worrell	Al "lil fats" Jackson

General Admission tickets on the floor are \$50 and available at:  
<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1B005271C6A7A9F6>

Several tiers of VIP tickets, featuring reserved seating and cuisine by Jacquemo's, are also available. Discounted parking is available at Canal Place.

"For many out-of-town visitors as well as local enthusiasts, Piano Night is a

highlight of JazzFest week,” said Ruth Chouest, chair of Piano Night: Back to the Roots. “The musicians are enthusiastic about returning to an original format of solo piano in the big room at House of Blues. With nine accomplished pianists of this caliber, and artwork by Frenchy, we expect this year to be one of the best,” she said.

#### About WWOZ:

WWOZ is a listener-supported, volunteer-programmed community radio station. Its mission is to be the worldwide voice, archive, and flag-bearer of the New Orleans culture and its musical heritage. WWOZ aspires to serve the New Orleans music community via promotion of its musical culture and heritage and to have the music of New Orleans and Louisiana embraced worldwide.

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