

Hurricane On The Bayou Soundtrack Released!
**Features Zydeco, Blues, Gospel and Jazz by Fats Domino, Dr. John,
The Neville Brothers, Amanda Shaw, Marva Wright and Grammy nominees
Allen Toussaint and Tab Benoit**

New Orleans --*Hurricane On The Bayou* is an enlightening tribute to the vital swamps and undying spirit of New Orleans that has persevered in the deadly aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The soundtrack from this amazing film also captures Louisiana's soul with eclectic, heartfelt songs that represent the city's life, love, and natural beauty and embody the city's thriving genres: Cajun, jazz, blues, gospel and zydeco. The soundtrack was released on December 22, 2006, to coincide with the worldwide release of the giant screen film by the same name.

Hurricane On The Bayou features selections from legendary artists and towering figures of the New Orleans music scene, including Fats Domino, Dr. John, The Neville Brothers, Charles Brown, Marva Wright, Chubby Carrier and more--as well as new tracks with critically-acclaimed blues guitarist Tab Benoit, jazz pianist Allen Toussaint and rising young talent, teenage fiddler Amanda Shaw, all of whom are profiled in the film.

"The film is in part a profound musical celebration of this great American treasure, New Orleans, and to bring the true spirit of the city alive, we needed a powerful soundtrack that would convey a wide range of emotions, much like the film does," said Greg MacGillivray, producer/director of *Hurricane On The Bayou*. "The compilation of sounds gathered here will give viewers an uplifting sense of how important this region is to the country, and why everything must be done to restore the city's unique identity."

This 19-track CD, arranged by award-winning composer and long-time MacGillivray Freeman collaborator, Steve Wood, transports listeners to the Big Easy, which has been termed for decades as the "soul of America." Many of these songs were recorded by some of Louisiana's most beloved musicians who are also the four main voices in the film -- Benoit, Carrier, Toussaint, and Shaw.

Told through the eyes and evocative stories of these four musicians, who were each deeply affected by Katrina, the film is a clarion call to restore New Orleans and protect the vital wetlands from which the city's unique identity arose, as well as a haunting document of Katrina's powerful effects, and an emotional musical celebration of the city's rich cultural heritage.

The standards on this CD include: "I'm Walking" by Fats Domino, "Change is Gonna Come," by Aaron Neville, "Such A Night" by Dr. John, "Stand by Me" by Mavis Staples, "Iko Iko" by Zachary Richard, and "Nobody Knows" by Charles Brown.

"This CD provides a vast cross-section of music from New Orleans, since the city has such a rich heritage," says Wood. "It's a melting pot and a lot of that is represented here--from Dixieland to zydeco and Cajun influences. It even features tunes that some may not be aware originated from that city. I feel this is a strong combination of bright, up-tempo fun selections and strong, gospel pieces, all of which convey the strong sense of hope."

Steve Dorand, Vice President of Audubon Studios, helped with the compilation. "Most people have a very narrow view of what music in the bayou is like and yet so much amazing music has come out of the Louisiana marshes--from zydeco to funk to swamp pop. This soundtrack gives the film a truly diverse and representative soundscape that takes you both into the city and to Louisiana's coastal wetlands," said Dorand.

Proceeds from the sales of the CD will go towards Audubon Nature Institute's extensive educational programs to teach people of all ages about the importance of wetlands restoration.

Hurricane on the Bayou is produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films Educational Foundation and distributed by MacGillivray Freeman Films. Executive produced by Audubon Nature Institute and presented by The Weather Channel.

Hurricane on the Bayou is now showing at Entergy IMAX[®] Theatre in New Orleans and in selected IMAX[®]/large format theatres around the country. The soundtrack can be purchased at any of Audubon Nature Institute gift shops (Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Entergy IMAX[®] Theatre and Audubon Zoo), on line at www.auduboninstitute.org, and at participating IMAX[®] theater gift shops.

Audubon Nature Institute operates nine parks and museums in New Orleans dedicated to *Celebrating the Wonders of Nature*, including Audubon Zoo, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Entergy IMAX[®] Theatre, Audubon Louisiana Nature Center (currently closed due to severe storm damage), Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species, Freeport-McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center, Wilderness Park, Woldenberg Riverfront Park and Audubon Park. Its 10th facility, **Audubon Insectarium** is scheduled to open in 2007.

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