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FOR: ORMAN MUSIC GROUP in association
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Rolling Rock and Rock Green Light Present:
NEW ORLEANS COMES TO THE NORTH SHORE:
Gulf Coast Musicians Come Together for "JAMbalaya"
A Concert Benefiting Musicians Affected By Hurricanes

Only Chicago-Area Benefit Featuring Displaced Gulf Coast Musicians

WHO: THE ORMAN MUSIC GROUP, in association with THE NORTH SHORE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN SKOKIE, will host a concert to benefit the musical community of the Gulf Coast.

WHAT: "JAMbalaya"
AN EVENING OF STOMPIN', SWAMPIN' FUN and RED-HOT MUSIC
Celebrate the music and heritage of the Gulf Coast. 100% of
your ticket price goes to provide direct assistance to the
musicians that make up this culturally rich region.

Featuring the music of:

MOJO AND THE BAYOU GYPSIES -- From the Louisiana Bayou, where alligators got soul, and the good times roll! Original Red Hot MOJO MUSIC in the Zydeco, Cajun, and New Orleans tradition.
www.redhotmojo.com

THE MAURICE BROWN QUARTET -- The hip to bop sounds of New Orleans resident and Chicago native **MAURICE BROWN** and his quartet, winner of New Orleans' 2005 Big Easy Awards for Contemporary Jazz, and of the 2004/2005 ASCAP Foundation Young Jazz Composer Awards for his composition, "Anazao."
www.mauricebrown.net

JACKRABBIT SLIM --- Their premier CD, "*Sweet Nectar*" features an "eclectic funk-rock explosion," with sultry vocals by Libertyville, Illinois resident Ryan Sweeney and the band, all Loyola University New Orleans music business majors. www.jrslim.com

DAVID "HONEYBOY" EDWARDS -- Smooth Mississippi Delta Blues music by one of the last authentic performers of the 1920's and 1930's Central Mississippi blues idiom.

www.davidhoneyboyedwards.com

BS BRASS BAND -- The Big Brass Sound of Mike Hogg New Orleans and Mardi Gras party music. www.bsbrassband.com

ANGELA RUCKER, Gospel and R&B singer, Chicago (Dolton) native now based in New Orleans.

With Special Guests: The Boogie Woogie Blues and Jazz of Skokie native **BRADLEY YOUNG**; and **HIGHWOOD'S MIDWEST YOUNG ARTISTS** big band sound, under the musical direction of Nic Meyers. With dynamic harmonies by **Take One Vocal Jazz Ensemble** from Niles North High School.

WHERE AND WHEN:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM; CONCERT BEGINS AT 7PM
VIP RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

THE NORTH SHORE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
9501 SKOKIE BLVD, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

Tickets available by calling the Box Office: 847.673.6300

Or online at www.northshorecenter.org

TICKETS: ADULTS/\$35.00; STUDENTS WITH SCHOOL I.D./\$25.00

VIP TICKETS: \$100.00 include CONCERT AND AFTER PARTY RECEPTION in lobby with NEW ORLEANS-STYLE FOOD (donated by Don's Fishmarket and Tavern/Skokie; The Daily Grill/Skokie; and Charlie's New Orleans Grill/Evanston). Cash bar, including specialty drink THE HURRICANE RELIEF. VIP guests will also enjoy the blue eyed soul music of **Robby Young**; jazz pianist **Bradley Young**; and other guest artists.

WHY: Says show co-producer Lynn Orman Weiss, who has worked in the music industry for over 25 years, "A benefit with the music from the Gulf Coast was the best way I knew to raise money for the victims of the Hurricanes. The music of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast have a spirit and beauty all of their own. From Mississippi to New Orleans the sounds of Jazz to Zydeco have kept musicians working, and provided a livelihood for

generations of great talent. I read stories about the Louisiana Philharmonic's instruments being underwater, and that the trumpet given to musician Maurice Brown by Miles Davis was gone forever; about members of the New Orleans Youth Orchestra having to move to Houston, and how the owners of Preservation Hall rescued 90 year-old musicians and drove them to safety. Musicians, who are usually without health insurance, often rely on the aid of music clinics, and I knew that they would need charitable organizations to provide them with funding for everything from shelter to medical care and replacement instruments. Working at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie for the Symphony provided me the opportunity to approach the general manager, Michael Pauken, with the idea of holding a concert to aid musicians on the Gulf Coast. The NSCPAS, Center East has presented Preservation Hall jazz artists for years, so I saw this as the perfect venue. I wanted every area (and musicians who were available) touched and ruined by the Hurricanes to be represented at this concert, since musicians find comfort in their craft. That was the beginning of "JAMbalaya. After days of research and correspondence we came up with the four best foundations to benefit the musicians: MusiCares Foundation (Grammys); Tipitiana's Foundation; Preservation Hall Foundation; and the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. "

Adds Michael Pauken, General Manager of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, "Music is the spirit of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast and it will be an essential part of the rebuilding of the region. As a performing arts center we felt the best way to respond was to raise funds for organizations helping musicians and music organizations get back on their feet." The North Shore Center is donating the theatre space and sound for the evening.

PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE from Judy O'Brien

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AND APPEARANCES: LYNN ORMAN WEISS; MICHAEL PAUKEN; the music of MOJO AND THE BAYOU GYPSIES; THE MAURICE BROWN QUARTET; DAVID "HONEYBOY" EDWARDS (limited phone interviews only); JACKRABBIT SLIM. Please contact Judy O'Brien at 847.328.5880, or obrienpub@aol.com