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DUKES of Dixieland to Conduct Special Performance During Virtual Event, Fundraiser

Iconic New Orleans band will perform classics for Camellia Brand's event

NEW ORLEANS (May 2, 2020) – The [DUKES of Dixieland](#) will present an exclusive performance for [Camellia Brand's Gather 'Round: A Virtual Red Beans & Rice Dinner](#) Facebook event on Monday, May 4. The Grammy-nominated band will perform a series of classic hits such as "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans" and "Bourbon Street Parade."

"Red beans and rice on a Monday and music from the DUKES of Dixieland are both classic New Orleans traditions," said John Shoup, DUKES of Dixieland manager. "It's only fitting that we combine the two and provide a taste of New Orleans for those remaining at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Gather 'Round: A Virtual Red Beans & Rice Dinner is a two-hour Facebook event and fundraiser for [Feed the Front Line NOLA](#). Feed the Front Line NOLA is a 501(c)(3) organization working to feed hospital workers across New Orleans, employ out-of-work musicians and artists and support locally owned restaurants during the COVID-19 crisis.

In addition to the DUKES of Dixieland performance, the event will feature 'Red Bean Queen' Emily Shaya demonstrating how to make her award-winning red beans and rice; Author [Johnette Downing](#) reading her children's book, "Today Is Monday in Louisiana;" a family-friendly crafting session with the [Krewe of Red Beans](#); [Poppy Tooker](#) and Camellia Brand CEO and Fourth-Generation Owner Vince Hayward discussing the history and culinary importance of red beans and rice in Louisiana; a message from Gov. John Bel Edwards; the team from [Juan's Flying Burrito](#) demonstrating how to make a few signature cocktails; and a cornbread-making demonstration by [Chef Jennifer Booker](#).

The DUKES of Dixieland formed in 1974 with the opening of their jazz club, Dukes' Place, atop the Monteleone Hotel in the French Quarter. In 1984, they moved to their Bourbon Street home, Lulu White's Mahogany Hall. Ten years later, in 1994, their new and current home became the *Steamboat Natchez*, where they still play nightly. The DUKES also perform concerts throughout the year both nationally and internationally, weaving strands of pop, gospel, country and symphonic music with authentic New Orleans sounds, implementing music from Dr. John, Fats Domino, Huey Smith and Louis Prima. The band has produced 31 albums, performed on seven PBS television shows, twice on Monday Night Football and streams daily online.

To participate in Monday's event, [click here](#). To view of the DUKES of Dixieland's performance, [click here](#). Learn more about the DUKES of Dixieland at www.dukesofdixieland.com/.

About DUKES of Dixieland: Fondly known by locals as the *Steamboat Natchez's* nightly jazz band, the DUKES of Dixieland are recognized nationally as "world class musicians, unpretentiously enjoying what they do very well" (*Boston Pops*, 2011). With a vast repertoire of reviews and accolades, and an enviable demand for their music, in the past year the DUKES have performed five concerts with the Boston Pops, a series of concerts at Benaroya Hall in Seattle, a dozen concerts throughout Florida and numerous jazz festivals, including French Quarter Festival, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and the I Love Jazz Festival tour in Brazil. For more information, visit www.dukesofdixieland.com or contact 504.299.9000.

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