



October 19

Sunday

11AM

Jazz Cruise: NOLA on the Bay

Zydeco Flames

Mitch Woods' Big Easy Boogie

San Francisco Spirit, Pier 9

The good times roll out onto the bay with two acts steeped in the sounds of the Big Easy. All cruise tickets include a sumptuous buffet and all the fun you can have until the San Francisco Spirit returns to port.

The Zydeco Flames infuse blues, funk, R&B, reggae and gospel into a rubboard-powered repertoire of tunes in French, Creole and English. Pianistic piledriver Mitch Woods is making waves with Big Easy Boogie featuring New Orleans mainstays such as guitarist Jimmy Moliere and Fats Domino saxophonist Herb Hardesty.

The Zydeco Flames trace their origins back to a party for the premiere of Les Blank's classic 1989 documentary on the music of southern Louisiana *J'ai été au bal* (I Went to the Dance). Featured in the hugely popular computer game "The Sims Unleashed," the band's music has been heard around the world. While steeped in the classic zydeco sound of Clifton Chenier, Buckwheat Zydeco and Queen Ida, the potent five-piece combo has honed an expansive sound, propelled by Andre Thierry's driving accordion and Lloyd Meadows' expert rubboard work.

Mitch Woods, a foot-stomping pianist in the tradition of Professor Longhair, leads an all-star band devoted to Crescent City rock 'n' roll, the sound pioneered by Fats Domino, Little Richard and Dave Bartholomew, the legendary New Orleans composer and producer who collaborated with Woods on his latest album Big Easy Boogie. Together, Woods and the Zydeco Flames offer a smorgasbord of Louisiana funk and groove.

ZYDECO FLAMES

Andre Thierry accordion
Lloyd Meadows vocals, rubboard
Timm Walker bass, vocals
William Allums drums
Frank Bohan guitar

MITCH WOODS' BIG EASY BOOGIE

Mitch Woods piano, vocals
Herb Hardesty saxophone
Jim Peterson saxophone
Danny Bittker baritone saxophone
Anthony Paule guitar
Larry Vann drums
Henry Oden bass



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7PM

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars

Great American Music Hall

Now in its 8th year, the 2008-09 SFJAZZ High School All-Stars make their Fall Festival debut after highly competitive auditions with the most advanced high school players in the Bay Area. Led by Director Dee Spencer, this season's 18-piece big band will feature the best of the classic swing standards of the 1930's and 1940's including the great traditions of Count Basie and Duke Ellington. In addition, major contemporary works from composers Thad Jones/Mel Lewis and Maria Schneider will be showcased. Expect to hear the exciting sounds of future rising Bay Area jazz stars as they shine collectively in these top-level arrangements.

SFJAZZ HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS

Saxophones
Gurbir Dhillon alto
Alex Eckstein alto
Scott Takahashi tenor
Kevin Miller tenor
Sarah Safaie baritone

Trumpets
Daniel Jordan
Zach Ramacier
Alec Michels
Will Rubenstein

Trombones
Natalie Cressman
Jon Hatamiya
Rachel Woods-Robinson
Baron Arnold

Piano
Parker Grant
Joe Warner

Guitar
Yunus Iyriboz

Bass
Eliana Athayde
Owen Clapp

Drums
Scott Lowrie
Max Eckstein

Congas
Michael Figueiredo

Vocals
Byron Becker

Featuring students from the following High Schools

Acalanes, Lafayette
Alhambra, Martinez
Aragon, San Mateo
College Park,
Pleasant Hill
Davis, Davis
Foothill, Pleasanton
Gunn, Palo Alto
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