What is Jazz?

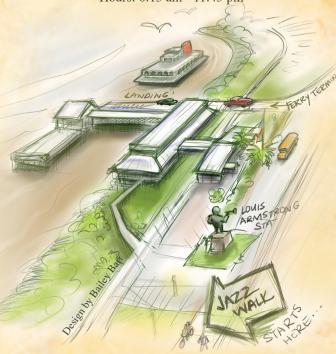
Jazz music was born in New Orleans at the turn of the twentieth century, a blending of many musical styles, including blues, gospel and ragtime. The originality of the art form came from its focus on improvisation. Even today, New Orleans jazz remains a good time, toe tapping music meant for dancing.

Algiers Ferry Landing

Schedule:

- Leaves Canal St. 1/4 till the hour and 1/4 after the hour.
- Leaves Algiers on the hour and on the half hour.

Hours: 6:15 am - 11:45 pm



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1. Louis Armstrong

American cultural icon who was born in New Orleans and once could be heard playing cornet aboard Mississippi River steamboats.



2. Henry "Red" Allen

Grew up right here in Algiers playing in his father's brass band and later became a dominant figure in jazz in the 1940's and 50's.



3. Danny Barker

Guitarist, banjoist, author and educator who performed with jazz giants like Sidney Bechet, Jelly Roll Morton, Benny Carter, Cab Calloway and Albert Nicholas.



4. Sidney Bechet

Virtuosic Clarinetist and soprano saxophonist often considered an instrumental peer to Louis Armstrong.



5. Buddy Bolden

Often considered the 1st person to ever lead a jazz band. His legend lives on through every New Orleans trumpeter who ever pressed a horn to their lips.



6. Boswell Sisters

Provided inspiration for the Andrew Sisters with their tight three part harmony style, taking them to the top of the entertainment world in the 1930's.



7. Papa Celestin

Trumpeter and bandleader of the Original Tuxedo Jazz Band who recorded musical gems like "Marie Laveau" and "Eh, La Bas."



8. Al Hirt

This magnificent trumpet player's music spanned the genres of jazz, classical, and pop, all while recording 50 albums, receiving 21 Grammy nominations and becoming an ambassador of New Orleans jazz.

Jazz Walk of Fame

Audio Tour

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Please allow at least 1 hour for walking the tour which begins as you exit the ferry to the right, just past the Louis Armstrong statue.



9. Humphrey Family

Perhaps the most famous of all the musical dynasties in a city known for its musical families.



10. Freddy Keppard

Influential cornetist with the Original Creole Band, turned down an offer to make the first jazz recording for fear that other musicians would steal his ideas.



11. Papa Jack Laine

A ragtime renaissance man, amateur boxer, blacksmith, and fire fighter, Papa Jack Laine led the Reliance Band which sent out as many as five bands at the same time!



12. Nick Larocca & O.D.J.B.

Cornetist Nick Larocca and the Original Dixieland Jass Band made the first Jazz recordings in 1917.



13. Jelly Roll Morton

Pianist, composer, and a pool shark, Jelly Roll Morton was also Jazz's first great arranger.



14. Joseph "King" Oliver

Cornetist, bandleader, and jazz pioneer, Joseph "King" Oliver sent for young Louis Armstrong to join his band in Chicago.



15. Kid Ory

Pioneering jazz trombonist Edward "Kid" Ory is credited with popularizing the New Orleans 'tailgate' trombone style.



16. Louis Prima

Jazz trumpeter and gifted entertainer who embraced his Italian heritage during a time when doing so was rare. Louis was the only white bandleader to play at the Apollo Theater in Harlem five times.