



FDS: Newsletter

Fresno Dixieland Society

January 2018

Louisiana Five Jazz Band

This ensemble was among the first groups to record jazz. They made tests for Columbia in early 1918, and their first records to be issued--on the Emerson label--were recorded later that year. The group consisted of clarinetist Alcide "Yellow" Nuñez; pianist Joe Cawley, trombonist Charlie Pannelli, banjoist Karl Berger and drummer Anton Lada, who served as the band's manager.

The Louisiana Five Jazz Band was the second New Orleans ensemble to make jazz records, entering a studio only months after the [Original Dixieland Jass Band](#) made the first jazz record (Victor 18255) on February 26, 1917.

Their string of recordings started only a few months following what are considered to be the first jazz sides in history, by the Original Dixieland Jass Band. Clarinetist Alcide "Yellow" Nunez had played with that group prior to numbering among the Louisiana Five. The Emerson, Columbia, and Edison labels all put out Louisiana Five material, promoting the band heavily in Talking Machine World -- not a science fiction plot but a journal of the early phonograph era. The addition of cornet player Doc Behrendson on "Slow and Easy" is said to have added an entirely new dimension to the combo's sound, although nobody bothered to alter the mathematics in the name as a result. Other things were also happening that, as described in advertising from the time, sounded like something off a John Zorn record: "...by a clever manipulation of the clarinet the effect of a yelping hound is realistically brought out and at the same time a perfect Fox Trot rhythm and also a humorous melody are



in a concentrated essence of contortive jungle music." Edison promotional literature from the period also boldly defines the origin of the word "jazz" itself, claiming it comes from the African Gold Coast and means to "liven things up." On some recordings a lineup expanded even further is credited as the Louisiana Five Jazz Orchestra.

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"Laissez le bon temps rouler...Let the good times roll"

President's Message

The 34th year of Fresno's "Sounds of Mardi Gras" is almost here. The board has worked long hard hours this year to make it the best that we can. As many of you have heard, we lost 3 festivals this year. Many people are asking why? There are many reasons. Venues have changed. Sponsorship for bands has decreased. People are not traveling as much as when they were younger and travel and lodging have increased. Fresno is committed to our motto. "Keeping Traditional Dixieland Music Alive" and "Sending the youth to Jazz Camp". Last year, Fresno Dixieland Society was able to send 4 youth to Jazz Camp. This is a once in a lifetime for each of these students. 1 week of playing with the best of the best.

The festival is still looking for volunteers to help out at the festival. Please pass the word. You can sit by a door and check badges at one of the venues. Help in the hospitality room or the band room. Four hours on Friday. 4 hours on Saturday and only 2 hours on Sunday will reward you with FREE entrance to the festival. Couples can work the same hours in the same place. We are also looking for donations for the hospitality room. Any store bought cookies / deserts are welcome and we always love fruit of any kind.

Thank you in advance for your help in our endeavor to have "Sounds of Mardi Gras" bring the best music to the Central Valley.

Linda

Membership

Thank you to all new members that have joined in the last year. We look forward to continue to increase our membership in the coming year. Our dances have not only been well attended, but, also great fun. The music and dancing have been great. Chris Pluhar of Fresno Swing Dance has taught several East Coast Swing dance lessons. These have been very much enjoyed by all. Chris will continue to teach at each dance.

Refer your friends and encourage friends and family to join. Come one, come all....join our wonderful society. Bring your friends. The more the merrier is definitely true of our Fresno Dixieland Society. Come Join The Fun!

Fresno Dixieland Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NEW RENEWAL ADDRESS CHANGE

NAME: _____

eMail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP: \$30/per person Due by Jan 31st.
INCLUDES Digital Newsletter.

SUNDAY DANCES: \$5/member with membership card. \$15/non-member

I would like to volunteer for the Society and/or Mardi Gras Festival

mail check or money order:

Fresno Dixieland Society . PO Box 16399 . Fresno, CA 93755

Sacramento Traditional Jazz Camp Instills Youth With A Passion For The Art Form



You've probably heard of a band camp, maybe even jazz camp, but what about The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Camp? The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society started the camp in 1986 to preserve the century-old jazz form and 20 years later, the camp thrives and returns annually to its home in Sly Park. Guitarist Nahum Zdybel has attended the camp for almost 15 years as both a camper and instructor and says the program's unique quality is its focus on traditional jazz.

"A lot of jazz education programs teach traditional jazz as a small part of jazz in general, but there's still a gap in teaching how to play these subgenres." While summer camps might seem like something for the kids, adults can get in on the fun as well with their own session. The adult camp, "aims for someone who has experience on their instrument," Zdybel says. But there's no need to be a trad-jazz expert. "You might play other types of jazz or bluegrass, but are interested in learning about this style of jazz."

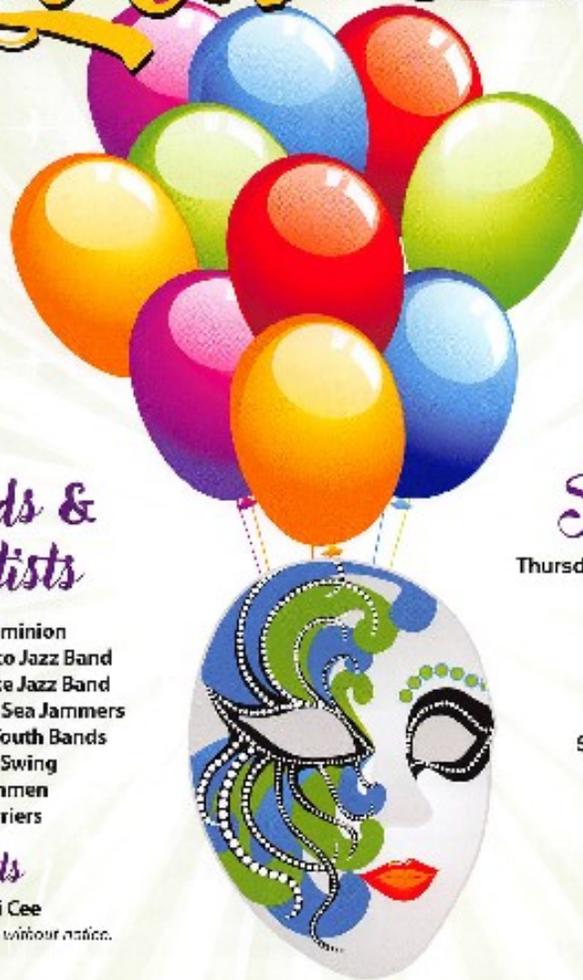
While you might not have heard of The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Camp before, maybe you've heard of their alums: Trumpeter/vocalist/[Excellence In Jazz](#) favorite [Bria Skonberg](#) started out as a camper and is a perennial faculty member. [Carly Rae Jepsen](#) even attended once, prior to her "Call Me Maybe" fame. The Fresno Dixieland society has been sending about 8 youths to the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Camp each summer. It is a project that we raise money for each year, all year long, to send these students to Jazz camp. We raise money at each of our Sunday dances by having a raffle. The prizes have been donated by our board members and merchants in the Fresno area. We also collect donations during our February **Sounds of Mardi Gras** event and hold a raffle at the wind down dinner. All the money collected is set aside for the sponsoring of youth for the jazz camp. It cost \$900 per student for Tuition. So, if you are so inclined, you can help us keep jazz in our lives by supporting our efforts to send young musicians to the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Camp. If you wish to make a donation of cash or merchandize, you can contact me, John Crawford, at 559-779-2484. The Fresno Dixieland Society is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. So, please help us to keep Jazz in our lives.

BAND SCHEDULE - SOUNDS OF MARDI GRAS 2018

THURSDAY		Guest Artists: Brian Casserly Randi Cee	Feb 8-11, 2018 DoubleTree Fresno, CA		
TIME	SALON C/D				
7:00 - 8:00	Bob Schulz				
8:15 - 9:15	Grand Dominion				
9:30 - 10:30	Climax				
FRIDAY					
TIME	SALON C/D	SEQUOIA	ATRIUM	SALON A	
9:00 - 10:00		LESSON: Hal & Georgia	LESSON: Carol - Elec Slide		
10:00 - 11:00	Blue Street	Yosemite Jazz Band	Gino & Lone Gunmen	School Program Presentation	
11:15 - 12:15	Grand Dominion	Cell Block 7	Jazz Sea Jammers	Yosemite	
12:30 - 1:30	Climax	Bob Schulz			
1:45 - 2:45	High Sierra	Grand Dominion	YOUTH: Reedley River Rats	Cell Block 7 + Casserly	
3:00 - 4:00 (1)	Tom Rigney	Sister Swing	Devil Mountain + Randi Cee	Bob Schulz	
Kelly Hope: Bob Hope's USO Memories Vendor Room 4PM					
4:15 - 5:15	Gator Nation	High Sierra	YOUTH: Reedley River Rats	Gino & Lone Gunmen	
5:30 - 6:30	Blue Street + Randi Cee	Tom Hook	Sister Swing	Tom Rigney	
6:45 - 7:45 (2)	High Sierra	Devil Mountain	Grand Dominion + Casserly	Cell Block 7	
8:00 - 9:00	Sister Swing	SWING SET	Hot Cookies + Randi Cee	Climax	
9:15 - 10:15	Gino - Western		Bob Schulz + Casserly	Devil Mountain	
10:30 - 11:30	Tom Hook				Gator Nation
SATURDAY					
TIME	SALON C/D	SEQUOIA	ATRIUM	SALON A	
9:00 - 10:00		LESSON: Hal & Georgia	Carol: Electric Slide Lesson		
Band Meet and Greet: Band, Musician, Gold, Corporate & Festival Sponsors Invited Hospitality Room: 11AM - 2PM					
10:00 - 11:00	Hot Cookies	Devil Mountain	Jazz Sea Jammers + Randi Cee	Yosemite Jazz Band	
11:15 - 12:15	Blue Street	High Sierra			
12:30 - 1:30	Grand Dominion + Randi Cee	Tom Hook	YOUTH: Dixie Dominus	Tom Rigney	
1:45 - 2:45	Bob Schulz	Climax	Sister Swing	Gator Nation	
3:00 - 4:00 (3)	Tom Rigney	Grand Dominion	YOUTH: Dixie Dominus	Gino & Lone Gunmen	
Earl McGee: Singing Cowboy Vendor Room 4PM					
4:15 - 5:15	Sister Swing	Devil Mountain	Bob Schulz	Yosemite Jazz Band	
5:30 - 6:30	Gino & Lone Gunmen	Climax	Blue Street	High Sierra	
6:45 - 7:45 (4)	Tom Hook	Sister Swing + Casserly	Gator Nation	Devil Mountain	
8:00 - 9:00	Gator Nation	MARDI GRAS PARTY	Yosemite Jazz Band	Blue Street	
9:15 - 10:15	Gino - Elvis Set		Bob Schulz + Randi Cee		
10:30 - 11:30	Rigney + Casserly		Tom Hook		
SUNDAY					
TIME	SALON C/D	SEQUOIA	ATRIUM	SALON A	
9:30 - 10:30	Blue Street (GOSPEL)			Gator Nation	
10:45 - 11:45	Climax	Devil Mountain	Yosemite Jazz Band	Gino	
12:00 - 1:00	Sister Swing	High Sierra	YOUTH: HARLAND	Tom Rigney	
1:15 - 2:15	Tom Hook	Blue Street	Yosemite Jazz + Randi Cee	Gator Nation	
2:30 - 3:30	High Sierra + Casserly		YOUTH: HARLAND		
Wind-Down: Dinner 6pm / Dance 7pm					
EVENTS					
TIME	SALON C/D				
7:00 - 8:00	Grand Dominion	1	Putting on the Ritz: Cartoons & Movies	3:00 PM FRI: Line up by 2:45 by Sequoia.	
8:15 - 9:15	Climax + Casserly	2	Coronation	6:45 PM FRI: Salon C/D.	
9:30 - 10:30	Tom Hook	3	Parasol Parade	3:00 PM SAT: Line up by 2:45 by Sequoia.	
		4	Masquerade & Costume Parade	6:45 PM SAT: Line up by 6:30 by Sequoia.	

NOTICE: Schedule subject to change without notice. SCHEDULE UPDATE: V.05 01.23.18 1000

THE SOUNDS OF *Mardi*GRAS



Invited Bands & Guest Artists

Gator Nation / Grand Dominion
High Sierra / Bob Schulz' Frisco Jazz Band
Climax / Blue Street / Yosemite Jazz Band
Tom Rigney & Flambeau / Jazz Sea Jammers
Doug Finke's Hot Cookies / Youth Bands
Devil Mountain / Sister Swing
Gino and the Lone Gunmen
Tom Hook and the Terriers

Guest Artists

Brian Casserly / Randi Cee

Bands and artists subject to change without notice.

Special Events

Thursday Night: Pre-Party
Friday: Putting on the Ritz Parade
(The 2017 Theme: Cartoon
& Movie Characters of the
1930's)
Coronation / Swing Dance
Party
Saturday: Parade Parade /
Masquerade - Costume
Party
Mardi Gras Dance Party
Sunday: Wind Down Dinner and
Dance

For More Information

and volunteer opportunities please call (209) 684-1924 or
www.fresnodixie.com
Mail Order Form to:
Fresno Dixieland Society
P.O. Box 16099, Fresno, CA 93755

Accommodations

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www.doubletree.com
La Quinta Inn (559) 442-1110
RV Parking Call (559) 448-1025

February 8 - 11, 2018 / DoubleTree by Hilton / Fresno, CA

All Venues Under One Roof - Premium Dance Floors

2018 Special Events



Thursday Night Pre-Party: Come early and enjoy the pre-party. A bit of extra time to meet up with old friends, listen to music and a little dancing to warm up the body.

Putting on the Ritz Parade Theme - Cartoon and Movie Characters of the 1930's: In 2018 we bring you a chance to have more fun than you can imagine.

Parasol Parade: Always a fun parade with over 100 parasols on parade the last four years. Bring your fancy parasols and join in the fun. Don't have a parasol? Use one of ours.

Masquerade / Costume Parade: Each year, the Sounds of Mardi Gras brings out the best in fun with the Masquerade & Costume Parade. Always fun, but people seem to have even more fun in costume. **JOIN IN THE FUN!**

Special Dance Events: Returning in 2018 is the Friday Swing Dance and Saturday Mardi Gras Party Dance. If you prefer, your favorite traditional jazz music will continue to play.

Coronation: What is Mardi Gras without Royalty. Sounds of Mardi Gras keeps a New Orleans Tradition alive by crowning a King and Queen at each festival.

Wind Down Dinner - Sunday: In 2018, the Wind Down Dinner will again be held at the Doubletree by Hilton. A special raffle, only for dinner attendees, is planned. Dinner includes free entry to the Wind Down Sunday Dance. Only 175 tickets. **Get your tickets early.** Entry to the Wind Down Dance is included with your purchase of a Wind Down Dinner Ticket. Wind Down Dance **only** tickets will also be sold.

Mardi Gras Boutique: Support the Sounds of Mardi Gras by visiting the Mardi Gras Boutique set up by Linda. Stop by and get your bling on. You can purchase lanyards, fans, beads, masks and so much more.

Raffle by Linda: You can help support our festival and youth bands by buying a ticket for a chance to win our best prize ever. Linda only sells 50 tickets so the odds of you winning are much better than the lottery. Take a chance. **WIN BIG!** Details at www.fresnodixie.com.

Butterflies: We want everyone to have fun. If you are a dancer, with or without a partner, we want you to have fun. Wearing a butterfly in your hair or lapel, means you are ready to dance. Wear a butterfly, gift a butterfly. Dance and have fun. Our goal is to start a tradition that spreads to all the festivals.

Name: _____		Phone: _____	
Street: _____		City/State/Zip: _____	
E-mail: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you wish to volunteer	

Quantity	Badge Type	Quantity	Special Events
_____	\$105 3-Day, Before 12/16/17	_____	\$20 Thursday Pre-Party
_____	\$110 3-Day, After 12/16/17	_____	\$50 Sunday Wind-Down Dinner (Includes Dance Ticket)
_____	\$45 Friday Badge	_____	\$25 Sunday Wind-Down Dance Only
_____	\$55 Saturday All Day Badge	Quantity	Sponsorships
_____	\$30 Sunday Badge	_____	\$2,500 Festival Sponsor
_____	\$30 Friends of Fresno Button (Donation)	_____	\$1,000 Corporate Sponsor
_____	\$0 3-Day Pass Under 30 with Valid ID	_____	\$700 Gold Contributor
_____	\$0 18 and Under Free with Paying Adult	_____	\$600 Band or Individual Sponsor
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____		_____	\$400 Purple Contributor
<small>All Pre-ordered Badges will be held at will-call</small>		_____	\$200 Green Contributor
<small>Check, Money Order, Pay Pal or Credit Cards accepted.</small>			

name of band or musician

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Mardi Gras Balls and Krewes



For half a century, New Orleans' fantastic Mardi Gras balls were strictly for the upper crust. Nobody without money, blue blood, or both gained membership in the secret men's clubs or "krewes" which staged them. Before 1900 there were only five clubs: Comus, Momus, Twelfth Night, Rex and Proteus. They culled guest lists with pernicky care, asked only the fairest of debutantes to serve as carnival queens. But times changed. The socially ambitious began forming their own krewes. In 1928 New Orleans had 16 Mardi Gras balls. In 1946 there were 36.

Always do your Best-

Your best is going to change from moment to moment,

It will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick.

Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid

Self-judgement, self-abuse, and regret.

Holiday Sunday Dance — December 2017

Fresno Dixieland Society Christmas Ball

With
STARDUSTERS

December 10, 2017
1-5 pm

FRESNO ELKS LODGE 439
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Fresno, CA

Dance Class: 12:30

FDS Member: \$5 Non-Member: \$15

Elks Lodge Members FREE

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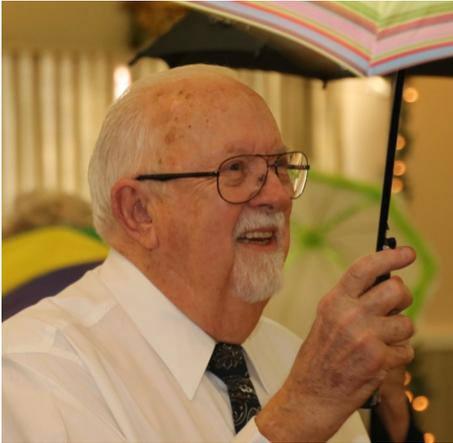
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Hal Magnie Band

January 28, 2018

**THE GRAND 1401, 1st floor
1401 Fulton Street, at Tuolumne**

Dance 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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www.mgmballroomdance.com

CCBBDS can be contacted at:
(559) 801-6308
Facebook: *Central California Big
Band Dance Society*
www.bigbanddancing.com

**Admission Fees: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members.
Suggested Dress Code: Cocktail dress or dressy separates
for the ladies. Dress slacks and shirts with jackets and
ties optional, for the men.**

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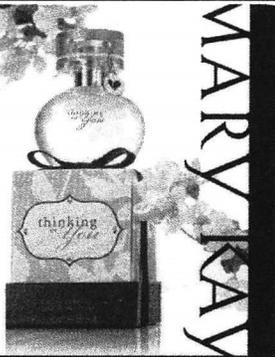
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