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New Orleans' Antijazz Featured on Napster

Jazz group Antijazz will be the first jazz band and first New Orleans artists featured on the controversial file-sharing service, Feb. 2nd-9th.

New Orleans, LA - by now, most people have heard of Napster. While some have hailed it as beneficial to the music industry and others have reviled, Antijazz have thrown their hat into the pro-Napster ring by agreeing to be featured artists on the site, beginning Friday, February 2nd. (Visit <http://artist.napster.com>.) "We see it as a great way to expand our audience on a global basis," says Antijazz guitarist Jedd Haas. Joining such company as The Dave Matthews Band, Arrested Development, and Widespread Panic, Antijazz's "Cavorting in the Moonlight," from their CD "Global Blues" will be featured on Napster's site through February 9th.

Formed in 1998 by guitarist Jedd Haas, Antijazz play a "visceralist soundtrack" of original compositions and their own interpretations of selected tunes by other composers. While the Napster exposure is a welcome boost to the band, Antijazz has been making a name on the local scene through a busy live schedule. (Visit <http://www.antijazz.com> for a list of upcoming performances and other information.) Ade Salgado, owner of Cafe Brasil, where Antijazz has played on numerous occasions, including a gripping New Year's Eve performance, calls Antijazz "the ultimate jolt!"

As Haas puts it, "the essence of Antijazz is a sudden grip on the senses; the pleasure of juicy timbre; and bold composition. Antijazz embraces the crunchy lyric strokes of the guitar, the snap and thump of the bass, and the perilous pounding of the drums. Antijazz is music to make you feel; to excite your senses, and to compel your smile." In addition to Haas on guitar, the group features Joshua Riley on bass and Chris Davis on drums. Live performances also feature various guest horn players.

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In addition to their live appearances, Antijazz has been busy in the studio, producing the debut CD "Global Blues" (Gallery Tungsten GT200101). The CD is available on the Antijazz web site, (<http://www.antijazz.com/swag.html>) and also through Amazon.com. Haas plans to make the CD available through local record stores as well. A CD release party with special guests and other surprises is planned for March 15th at El Matador (504 Esplanade Ave.). Another highlight on the Antijazz performance schedule is an appearance at Cafe Brasil (2100 Chartres St.) on Mardi Gras Day (Feb. 27th) from 7-10pm.

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About Napster (boilerplate)

Napster is the world's leading person-to-person file sharing community. Napster provides music enthusiasts with an easy-to-use, high quality service for discovering new music and communicating their interests with other members of the Napster community. Napster's software application enables users to locate and share music files through a user-friendly interface, and features instant messaging, chat rooms, and Hot List User Bookmarks. In October 2000, Bertelsmann AG and Napster announced the formation of a strategic alliance to further develop the Napster person-to-person file sharing service. In January 2001, edel Music joined the alliance. This year, Napster won several Wired Magazine Readers Rave Awards, including Best Music Site, Best Innovative Start-up, and Best Guerilla Marketing.