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KEEP YOUR MOJO WORKIN'...JOIN US ON FOURTH MONDAYS MONTHLY!!

**IT'S TIME FOR SECOND LINE UMBRELLAS, RALLY-RAGS AND JAZZ...
 MOBILE SECOND LINE SOCIETY JOIN US JAN. 26TH!!**



Come kick-off the Mardi Gras Season with MOJO at "Carmen's Club", with the incredible, crowd-pleasing "Mobile Second Line Society"! Founded in 2014 for the sole purpose of hosting a Second Line down Dauphin Street on Joe Cain Day, was never intended to be the band they are today. The band includes: Matthew Taylor - trumpet/founder/leader; Jake Riosti - Trumpet; Chad Davidson - Trumpet; Dean Naritoku - Trombone; Bill Sparkman - Trombone; Evan Bernard - Trombone, Peter Histing - Tenor Sax; Christopher Spies - Baritone Sax; Sydney Cumbest - Sousaphone; JP Gresham - Bass Drum; and Justin Skinner - Drummer.

Over the course of the last 10 years they have evolved as a staple during Mobile's Mardi Gras season! Influenced heavily by the sound of NOLA bands such as the Rebirth Brass Band and Hot 8 Brass Band, they enthusiastically perform a mix of traditional second line tunes and more contemporary brass funk. Get ready to raise your umbrella and wave your rally rag! Laissez les bon temps rouler!

JAN. 26TH
 +
6:00 PM
 MOJO
 MYSTIC ORDER OF THE JAZZ OBSESSED
 25th anniversary
 MOBILE
 Second Line
 SOCIETY
 EST. 2014
 Performing
 LIVE @
 "Carmen's Club"
 522 Dauphin Street
 in downtown
 Mobile, AL
Tickets selling fast!
Get yours today at
mojojazz.org!

*"Slow down, 'cause where you're going is gonna be there
 when you get there...and nothing happens
 until you get there, baby!
 Str8 ahead!!*

**Carmen Brown, Legendary Broadcaster
 & MOJO Muse, 1947-2023**



MOJO Memberships are available now for the 2026 calendar year.

Your Membership Benefits include:

- First dibs on Jazz jambalaya tickets - online at www.MOJOjazz.org
- **Discounted Admission:** Pay just \$10 for our monthly Jazz Jambalayas.
- **Exclusive Newsletter:** Receive our monthly email, "The MOJO Jazzette."
- **Early Access to Merch:** Get first dibs on new MOJO gear, like our new **25th Anniversary Medallion with beads**, on sale now at the January JJ, and more to come...
- **VIP Seating:** You'll have the option to reserve VIP seating at "Catt's Crib" for up to 7 people. Sign up online www.MOJOjazz.org or in person at the Jazz Jambalaya

Membership Fees:

- Individual: \$40 Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
- Family (2 people): \$60 Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

Updates for 2026

- Our monthly Jambalaya events for 2026 will be held at "Carmen's Club", a.k.a. Cedar Street Social Club, located at 522 Dauphin St. in downtown Mobile.
- Guest Tickets: Guest admission for Jambalayas is \$20.
- Student Discount: We'll be offering student tickets for \$10 with a valid ID.
- Ongoing opportunities to develop the musical program for your own Jazz Jambalaya as a "MOJO Jazz Angel."

"CATT'S CRIB" IS THE BOMB...(AND IT'S CALLIN' YOUR NAME)!!



Want to experience a MOJO Jazz Jambalaya like a rockstar? We have officially opened reservations for Catt's Crib—that cozy yellow 7-seater sectional at the rear of Carmen's Club.

Make the "Crib" yours for the night 🛋️

It's the perfect way to turn a night of jazz into a private party for your family, friends, or colleagues. For just \$250 (total!), you get the full VIP experience:

- 🎫 7 Admission Tickets (Cards 1 thru 7 included!)
- 🛋️ Reserved Sectional Seating (Sink into the yellow couch—no hunting for chairs)
- 📣 Program Shout-Out (We'll let everyone know you're in the house)
- 🎨 Custom Decor (Get access the day before to decorate your space!)

Note: This Reservation is a Member-exclusive offer (First Come / First served)! Pre-payment is required to hold the spot.

ContactCurly at

MysticOrderjazzObsessed@gmail.com

to lock in your reservation!

**TO JAZZ, OR NOT TO JAZZ...
THERE IS NO QUESTION.**

~Louis Armstrong

"HAPPY HOUR" ANYONE?!?

Arrive at 5:00 p.m. and have your festive MOJO Monday begin with "Happy Hour with Curly" at The Outsider Bar, and then take the opportunity to order your food selections from The Insider Food Collective. Use this QR code...



The Insider Food Collective



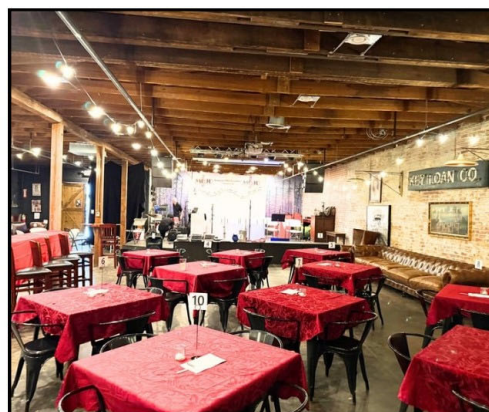
Help us Celebrate our milestone...

The Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed (MOJO) invites you to record a videoclip as part of our 25th ANNIVERSARY milestone of providing the Mobile community with:

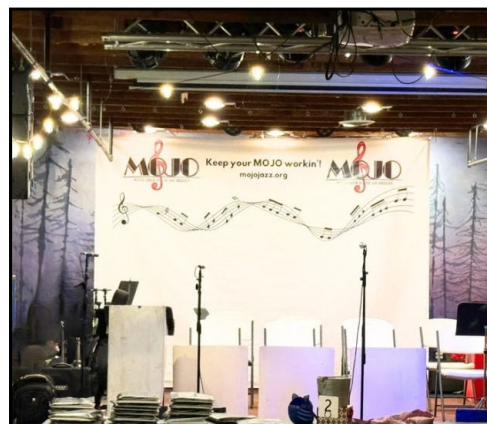
- monthly live jazz concerts featuring stellar local/national/international artists
- broadening appreciation of the jazz genre as America's music
- supporting music education and the arts
- sustaining strong community partnerships for more than two decades!!

- Please tell us your favorite MOJO memory
- use your phone or tablet to record a "Congrats on 25 years of MOJO Monday's in Mobile!"
- share about the ways that listening to jazz and attending live shows has impacted your life!

We'd be "jazzed" if you would record and send us a :30 second to 1 minute congratulatory videoclip to ychestangpr@gmail.com during this Winter or early Spring. We are compiling a special commemorative video presentation. Thanks in advance!!



"Carmen's Club" (a.k.a. Cedar Street Social Club, 522 Dauphin Street in Downtown Mobile, AL)



The MOJO Main Stage @ "Carmen's Club"

We ♥ our Volunteers

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DID YOU KNOW...

January in jazz history is marked by significant recording sessions, like the start of Miles Davis's "Birth of the Cool" in 1949, major artist birthdays such as Janis Joplin and Bobby "Blue" Bland, and milestones like the first jazz concert at New York's Metropolitan Opera House in 1944, highlighting the genre's evolving sounds from bebop's cool evolution to broader cultural acceptance.

Key Events & Milestones:

1944: New York's Metropolitan Opera House hosted its first jazz concert, a significant moment for the genre's acceptance in classical venues.

Notable January Birthdays:

- **Janis Joplin: (Jan. 19, 1943) Rock and blues icon** known for her powerful vocals, born in Port Arthur, Texas.
- **Bobby "Blue" Bland: (Jan. 27, 1930) Legendary blues singer** born in Rosemark, TN.
- **Melba Liston: (January) Celebrated jazz trombonist**, composer, and arranger, known for work with Randy Weston and Dizzy Gillespie.
- Wilbur DeParis, saxophonist Tab Smith, and guitarist Buddy Scott also have January birthdays.

Jazz Eras & Themes in January:

- Miles Davis's *Birth of the Cool*, was indeed a pivotal moment defining the cool jazz movement.