REBIRTH BRASS BAND: NEW ORLEANS’ LIVING LEGACY COMING TO THE SETT AS PART OF ISTMUS JAZZ SERIES

Mardi Gras may fall on March 4 this year, but in true New Orleans fashion we’ll be making the party last a little longer with Rebirth Brass Band at the Sett (Union South) at 8PM on Thursday, March 13. The Wisconsin Union Theater is pleased to welcome this incredible musical legacy as part of the Isthmus Jazz Series. More information is available by calling the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787). Tickets are: $22 General Public, $19 Wisconsin Union Member, UW-Madison Faculty & Staff and Non UW-Madison Student (with ID), and $10 for UW-Madison Student (with ID). Buy online, call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. Buy your tickets early, as prices are subject to change.

Formed in 1983, Rebirth Brass Band has carried their musical tradition through the decades with a revolving cast of musicians. Although this Grammy-winning group...
performs around the world, their sound comes straight from the streets of New Orleans, where they remain a vital fixture in the city’s renowned music scene. A true marching band at heart, Rebirth once played a gig in New York City only to receive a little too much attention when they took the show out into the streets: local police weren’t familiar with the musical traditions of the Big Easy. Now, after over thirty years of dazzling audiences indoors and out, the toughest cop in Brooklyn would find it hard to think about noise regulations in the presence of their riotous beats.

Since brothers Philip and Keith Frazier and their friend Kermit Ruffins first started the band with members of the Joseph S. Clark Senior High School marching band, Rebirth has recorded 11 albums, won a Grammy, and toured Europe and the U.S. The band has also seen its share of hardships - in 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated their home city, including the neighborhood of Treme, which is now widely known due to the HBO TV series of the same name which followed neighborhood citizens as they rebuilt their homes and lives. Through the years, Rebirth Brass Band, which was featured in the series, has used music to create hope, unity, and a sense of place, even while marching around the world.

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