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## **Hotel Monteleone “Jazzy Jams” Concerts Kick off Friday, April 24** Carousel Bar & Lounge to be *the* Post-Jazz Fest Place for Live Music

**NEW ORLEANS, La.** – After a day of music and fun in the sun at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival fairgrounds, the nighttime place to be for hot jazz and cool drinks is the Carousel Bar & Lounge at the legendary Hotel Monteleone.

The hotel’s “Jazzy Jams” sessions feature locally-based, nationally-recognized musicians who give hotel guests and locals an intimate, yet fascinating taste of musical New Orleans. Hosted each night by local piano player, John Autin, the evening begins at 9 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m.

The Carousel Bar, which is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, has been home to an exciting array of musical acts over the years and continues to showcase the city’s most talented musicians and entertainers. Long a favorite of both locals and tourists, the Carousel Bar & Lounge is the only bar in New Orleans that revolves around the room and overlooks famous Royal Street through large fan windows. Originally installed in 1949, the 25-seat carousel bar turns on 2,000 large steel rollers, pulled by a chain that is powered by a one-quarter horsepower motor. While the bar always rotates at the same speed, visitors who have imbibed for a while often claim that the bartender has turned up the motor’s speed.

For those wanting to take a spin and listen to some of the best music the city has to offer, the Jazzy Jams schedule\* is as follows:

April	24 - Cindy Scott
	25 - Lindsay Mendez
	26 - Tom McDermott
	27 - Don Vappie
	28 - John "Papa" Gros
	29 - Big Daddy 'O'
	30 - Theresa Andersson
May	1 - Mitch Woods
	2 - Cherie Mannino
	3 - Leslie Smith

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com), has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter’s largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located eleven miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a three-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for “An Outstanding Guest Experience” for the past three years.

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**\*About the Jazzy Jams musicians:**

**April 24 - Cindy Scott:** Cindy is a classically trained flutist who discovered Jazz as an exchange student in Germany. Her singing carries the influences of well know jazz artists Sarah Vaughn and Karrie Allyson with a hint of Rickie Lee Jones.

**April 25 - Lindsay Mendez:** A day before her 14th Birthday, Lindsay signed her first record contract with RABADASH Records of New Orleans. She became the youngest musician to ever sign with the label. Nationally acclaimed pianist, Rabadash Records owner and Jazzy Jams host, John Autin, has teamed up with Lindsay on their first recording project.

**April 26 - Tom McDermott:** In 1984 Tom McDermott moved to New Orleans and found steady work as a solo pianist and later with jazz bands around town. From 1990 through 1995 he played with the world-renowned Dukes of Dixieland. In 2005 he released a Brazilian-music masterpiece, *Choro de Norte*, recorded in Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans.

**April 27 - Don Vappie:** The Creole Jazz Serenaders is New Orleans premier classic jazz orchestras. Led by Don Vappie, their repertoire includes creole jazz from early years, as well as music from Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and many others.

**April 28 - John "Papa" Gros:** Papa Grows Funk, led by John "Papa" Gros, is a "who's-who" of New Orleans best musicians, their tight grooves re-define the funk-jam band.

**April 29 - Big Daddy 'O':** Raised in New Orleans, Big Daddy 'O' started singing at the age of 19 on the streets of the French Quarter. For over thirty years he has been playing in roadhouses and bars in the delta area near the Louisiana/ Mississippi border.

**April 30 - Theresa Andersson:** Originally from Sweden, Andersson came to New Orleans in 1990 to play violin. She has performed and recorded with several legendary New Orleans Musicians, including Allen Toussaint, the Neville Brothers, the Meters and Betty Harris, and most recently performed on Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

**May 1 - Mitch Wood:** *Mitch Wood and His Rocket 88's* have been called "the torch bearers of a great American Musical Heritage." Their style is often described as Nouveau Swing.

**May 2 - Cherie Mannino:** Having performed in Los Angeles and all over New Orleans from Snug Harbor to the House of Blues, songstress, Cherie Mannino, has shared the stage with such legendary singers as Rosemary Clooney and Linda Ronstadt.

**May 3 - Leslie Smith:** Born in New Orleans, Leslie Smith started singing on the streets, quickly joined the ranks of the finest musicians in the Crescent City, playing in the premier music venues. She has performed and recorded with New Orleans' finest artists including musical patriarch, Ellis Marsalis, and the legendary singer/composer, Allen Toussaint.

For more information about the **Jazzy Jams** lineup or about the Hotel Monteleone, please visit: [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com).