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Music at the Mint in January: Celebrating a Mardi Gras legend
Wild Magnolias' Bo Dollis commemorates 50 years of masking with concert event

Follow the call of the drums on Saturday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. when the *Wild Magnolias* bring the spirit of Mardi Gras to the Louisiana State Museum's Old U.S. Mint. The group will be appearing for a special performance as part of the annual *Music at the Mint* series. Admission is free and open to the public.

Whether seeing the *Wild Magnolias* perform for the first time or hundredth time, spectators' reactions are always the same. Amazed by the band's vibrant costumes and elaborate dancing, the crowd becomes captivated by the unique sound of Afro-Caribbean, jazz and funk rhythms blending seamlessly together. This is often followed by an uncontrollable urge to get up and dance!

The *Wild Magnolias*, led by Big Chief Bo Dollis, have had the distinction of playing with music legends Bob Dylan, Dr. John, the Neville Brothers and more. The band's powerful sound has captured audiences around the world with classics like "New Suit," "Fire Water" and "Peace Pipe." The *Wild Magnolias* are also well known as a Mardi Gras tradition for hundreds of revelers every Carnival season.

This performance at the Mint will double as an anniversary celebration for Bo Dollis, who is celebrating his 50th year of masking as a Mardi Gras Indian. The *Wild Magnolias* will kick off this event with a French Quarter second line and will be joined on stage by surprise guest performers.

Music at the Mint has long been one of the most popular events at the Louisiana State Museum. The annual concert series concludes Saturday, March 5, with a performance by the Johnny Vidacovich Trio, featuring George Porter Jr.

The Louisiana State Museum Old U.S. Mint is located at 400 Esplanade Ave. This event is sponsored by the Arts Council of New Orleans, Louisiana Division of the Arts, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Offbeat Magazine, the Louisiana Museum Foundation and Friends of the Cabildo. For more information call 1-800-568-6968 or visit <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.

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