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**Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu and the Louisiana State Museum present
annual Wild Magnolias performance**

The show will go on in Jackson Square due to hurricane damage to the Old U.S. Mint

For the fourth year in a row, the Louisiana State Museum will continue its carnival time tradition of having the highly acclaimed Wild Magnolias Mardi Gras Indians perform. But this year things will be a little bit different. Normally the band plays as part of the Music at the Mint concert series at the Old U.S. Mint. Damages to the property from Hurricane Katrina threatened to cancel the event this year but Lt. Governor Landrieu and the Louisiana State Museum decided the show must go on! The Wild Magnolias will celebrate one of New Orleans most unique cultural traditions on Jackson Square at the Cabildo on Sunday, February 26 from 2-4 pm (note change from originally published date of February 25 from 1-3 pm).

“It is more important now than ever before to support the tradition of the Mardi Gras Indians and to share this important part of our history with future generations and visitors to New Orleans,” said Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu who oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the parent agency of the Louisiana State Museum. “This performance will show the world that our unique and deep-rooted culture is still with us.”

The Wild Magnolias have had the distinction of playing with musical 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 “Smoke My Peace Pipe.” They are only one of many tribes that don elaborate hand beaded and feathered suits to parade and celebrate the carnival season.

This performance is made possible from generous support of the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation and the city’s official tourism website, NewOrleansOnline.com and will be free to the public. Regular Music at the Mint sponsors include the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the Louisiana Museum Foundation and Friends of the Cabildo.

For more information on this and other Louisiana State Museum events call 800-568-6968 or 504-568-6968.

The Louisiana State Museum is part of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which is overseen by Lieutenant Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu. The State Museum network includes six museums in New Orleans and sites in Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, Patterson and Thibodaux. For details on sites, exhibits and events, visit <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.

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