



New Orleans Jazz Orchestra



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IRVIN MAYFIELD, THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ ORCHESTRA AND CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, ANNOUNCE THE "NEW ORLEANS TO HAITI RELIEF CONCERT", A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE.

-The concert of spirituals is this Friday, January 22, 7pm, Doors open at 6pm-

(January 16, 2010 – New Orleans, LA): Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra in collaboration with Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral announced today the "**New Orleans to Haiti Relief Concert**", a special benefit concert for the victims of the Haitian earthquake, this **Friday, January 22 at 7pm** at the **Christ Church Cathedral at 2919 St. Charles Avenue**. Doors open at 6pm. A minimum donation of \$25 is suggested, 100% of the proceeds will go to assist the Episcopal Relief & Development fund for Haiti. As the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States, Episcopal Relief and Development is on the ground in Haiti meeting such needs as food, water, shelter and medical care. For more information, call (504) 895-6602 or visit www.cccnola.org <<http://www.cccnola.org>>.

"In Port-au-Prince, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti has set up a camp the size of a football field where thousands are receiving food, water and other supplies as they become available. We welcome the chance to bring the generous people of New Orleans together to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are just beginning the long journey toward recovery." said Fr. David duPlantier, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. For more information on the Episcopal Relief & Development Agency, visit <https://www.er-d.org/>.

Irvin Mayfield, Artistic Director of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra and the Cultural Ambassador for the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans, has deep affection for the people of Haiti where he spent time studying the musical connection between Haiti and New Orleans. "*With historical ties that bind us musically and culturally, New Orleans is a part of Haiti and Haiti is part of New*

Orleans", said Mayfield.

The concert of spiritual will feature Irvin Mayfield and Ronald Markham plus special guest artists. Mayfield will play the Elysian Trumpet which has been designated a national treasure by the President of the United States and serves as a living memorial to Irvin Mayfield Sr. and all those who perished in the aftermath of Katrina.

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ABOUT THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra (NOJO) is a performing-arts organization that strengthens the business of jazz through performances, touring, business development, recordings and media platforms. Founded in 2002 by trumpeter, composer, arranger and bandleader Irvin Mayfield, NOJO's mission is to inspire freedom and culture in the individual and the global community by creating authentic, engaging jazz experiences while celebrating the origins and transforming the future of jazz. A non-profit organization, NOJO is engaged in innovative partnerships with the University of New Orleans, where it established the New Orleans Jazz Institute, and Tulane University. NOJO performs in the form of a big band and other configurations. For more information, please visit thenojo.com.