

Pop music spotlight: Preservation Hall Jazz Band

New Orleans' internationally recognized purveyors of classic Dixieland jazz make first performance at the Dakota.

Monday-Tuesday: It's hard to believe, but New Orleans' most internationally recognized purveyors of classic Dixieland jazz never have performed at the Dakota, despite their many trips to Orchestra Hall and local ties dating to 1964, when the group recorded the "Sweet Emma" album at the original Guthrie Theater. It has been a big year for the 49-year-old ensemble, whose current leader, Ben Jaffe, is the son of the couple who opened the namesake French Quarter venue. The band toured with indie rockers My Morning Jacket this spring after releasing the tribute/benefit CD "Preservation," which also features Tom Waits, Steve Earle, Del McCoury, Ani DiFranco, Andrew Bird and more. PHJB collaborated with Mos Def and Lenny Kravitz on the BP oil spill charity single "It Ain't My Fault." It has also played several Gulf Coast charity concerts. This one's for the group's own coffers. Since Katrina, these guys have toured more and more, making room for other musicians back home to make money at the hall. (7:30 & 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Tue. \$24-\$40. Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. 612-332-1010.)