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Mondavi Center Celebrates the “Spirit of New Orleans”

Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis** will celebrate the “**Spirit of New Orleans**” with a week-long meditation on how the storied American city has coped after the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. The events take place November 7–12. Tickets are available at 530-754-2787 and MondaviArts.org.

“The Spirit of New Orleans’ is part of a larger look at how major moments of dislocation in American history have been translated into art,” said Jeremy Ganter, Mondavi Center associate executive director and director of programing. “With this week of film, music, dance and conversations with the artists we’ll see both the unique way New Orleanians celebrate their lives in the Crescent City and the deeply rooted social and economic struggles they have faced, both before and after Hurricane Katrina.”

“Spirit of New Orleans” is part of the Mondavi Center “Life Out of Balance” series of events funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2012 the Mondavi Center will continue to explore “Life Out of Balance” through film and music inspired by the Vietnam War.

The “Spirit of New Orleans” will begin with the free sold-out screening of Spike Lee’s film ***If God Is Willing and the Creek Don’t Rise***. Part One will be shown on Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. and Part Two will be shown on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Vanderhoef Studio Theatre. There will be a Post-Performance Q&A following the screening on November 8 with members of the Hot 8 Brass Band (featured in the film).

The series continues with three performances by **Hot 8 Brass Band** in the Vanderhoef Studio Theatre Wednesday–Friday, November 9–11 at 8 p.m. The band members, all born and raised in New Orleans, play traditional brass band and Second Line parade music. Even more than their boundless energy, what makes the Hot 8 special is the sound they coax from their well-loved, well-worn horns.

The week concludes with **Trey McIntyre Project** and **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** on Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m. together onstage in Jackson Hall. They will perform two pieces, **Ma Maison** and **The Sweeter End**, commissioned by the New Orleans Ballet Association, rooted in New Orleans' traditions featuring dancing skeletons dressed in carnival colors that jig to live street music. Before the show, there will be an open company warm up followed by a Pre-Performance talk with artistic director Trey McIntyre.

Complete information about the Mondavi Center's 2011–12 season is available at MondaviArts.org, and 530-754-2787, 866-754-2787 (toll-free), 530-754-5402 (TDD).

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