

## Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival Returns to Louis Armstrong Park November 8–9, 2025

Highlighting the Enduring legacy of Jazz, Gumbo, and Community in Tremé

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-- The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage
Foundation has announced the return of the Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, November 8–9, 2025, at Louis
Armstrong Park, located at 701 North Rampart Street in the historic Tremé neighborhood. The festival is free and open to the public, with programming running from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day. Voluntary donations are



Steam rises from a cast-iron pot of gumbo at the annual Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival in New Orleans.

welcomed to support the Foundation's community programs and music education initiatives.

Now entering its 17th year, the Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival continues to celebrate the neighborhood's pivotal role in shaping the sound, flavor, and rhythm of New Orleans. The event



The heart of New Orleans beats in Tremé, where history, rhythm, and resilience have never stopped dancing.""

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honors the deep cultural legacy of Tremé — recognized as one of the oldest African American neighborhoods in the United States and the birthplace of many of the city's defining artistic traditions.

The 2025 lineup will feature an array of local brass bands, Mardi Gras Indians, and jazz ensembles, each representing a vital thread in the city's musical fabric. Past performers have included the Rebirth Brass Band, Hot 8 Brass Band,

and the Tremé Brass Band, all known for their high-energy performances that bring the park to life. The accompanying Arts Market will highlight regional artisans, sculptors, and cultural vendors offering hand-crafted works reflecting the Gulf South's creative heritage.

Of course, no Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival would be complete without its namesake dish.

Visitors can expect a wide variety of gumbos, from classic Creole and seafood styles to vegan and contemporary interpretations — each one showcasing the fusion of African, Caribbean, French, and Indigenous influences that define New Orleans cuisine.

The festival's location at Louis Armstrong Park carries its own cultural significance. The park sits on the historic site of Congo Square, where enslaved Africans once gathered on Sundays to play drums, dance, and preserve ancestral traditions that ultimately gave rise to jazz. The annual celebration serves as both a musical showcase and a reflection of the enduring cultural strength that defines Tremé and the broader New Orleans community.

The Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival remains one of the city's most anticipated fall events, offering visitors and locals alike an opportunity to experience the authentic sounds, tastes, and artistry that make New Orleans a world-renowned cultural destination.

For more information about the Tremé Creole Gumbo Festival, including a detailed schedule of performances, food vendors, and transportation guidance, visit the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation's official website at <a href="https://www.jazzandheritage.org">www.jazzandheritage.org</a>.

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