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BIOS, SONG INFO. & RELEASE DATES FOR CD: LOVE SONG TO NEW ORLEANS

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The Love Song to New Orleans CD **release date is October 1st**. Cd will be sold at New Orleans retail outlets, **Peaches Records, Louisiana Music Factory and Borders** on St. Charles, Cdbaby.com & Itunes. Cd cover is by New Orleans artist Cath Wilson.

This tribute to the Crescent city is a complimentary mix of blues, Americana, folk, jazz, Southern rock & a little bit of zydeco thrown in for good measure. The songwriters were selected from entrants from all over the world for the song contest ending Sept. 1.

Cd Release Party is Friday Oct. 2nd at Check Point Charlie's, 501 Esplanade Ave. (Decatur St.) New Orleans, LA 70116. Phone: 504-281-4847 Anyone with a song about New Orleans &/or Louisiana is invited to get up and play their song in between sets and get a free beer on the house! Domenic Fusca, David Vidal, Solar Heat & Joshua Hoyer from Son of '76 and The Watchmen will be performing.

We will also be doing an **"In store performance"**, **Friday, Oct. 2 at 2pm at Peaches Records** 408 N. Peters St. New Orleans, La. 70130 (504) 282-3322 That is the day of the release. Tune into **ABC's Good Morning New Orleans** Thursday, Oct. 1 for a live interview with producer Diana Williamson & performance by Domenic Fusca, an artist on the cd.

BIOS FOR PRODUCER/ WRITERS ON "LOVE SONG TO NEW ORLEANS"

RECORD PRODUCER & WRITER: Diana Williamson

(Love Song to New Orleans & Playing Hookey) #12 & #6

Diana Williamson wrote the single for the cd "Love Song to New Orleans" as well as a 2nd track Playing Hookey. She fell in love with the Crescent City after visiting April 2009 as part of the world-record-breaking solar car crew xof1.com. Diana has had a **#3 Billboard Hot Club Chart single**, as well as many blues, rock & pop cuts with EMI, Warner Bros., House of Blues, etc.. She produced the Modern Christmas Classics album & single for Temptation singer Ali Woodson & jazz artist Jeff Lorber (which was selected for Queen Latifah's feature "Perfect Holiday") as well as her own indie cd "Deer in the Headlights" which was featured on MTV. The Los Angeles Music Awards voted Diana **"Top Female Singer Songwriter of the Year"** Triple A for her song Travelling Light.



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Jimmy Rip: (Playing Hookey) #6

Jimmy Rip is a blues artist (House of Blues Records-cd "Way Past Blue") and much in demand producer and sideman. His recent production of **Jerry Lee Lewis's album** has proven to be Jerry's best selling album yet. (noted guest artists were Neil Young, Keith Richards, Eric Clapton, B. B. King, Jimmy Page, Bruce Springsteen, Kid Rock, Buddy Guy, Don Henly, Ringo Starr, Ronnie Wood, Robbie Robertson, Little Richard, Kris Kristofferson, Willie Nelson, etc) Jimmy was **Mick Jagger's sideman** and musical director for his solo projects and tours as well as many other luminaries such as Rod Stewart, Mariah Carey, Bette Midler, Hall and Oates.

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne (Ragin' Storm) #7

Blues and Boogie Woogie piano master Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne is hailed by LIVING BLUES magazine as "an artist bringing the piano back to the front ranks of contemporary Blues". **This 2006 Juno Award winner** is at the forefront of modern day blues piano practitioners. He is well versed in the New Orleans Blues and Jazz tradition by his Louisiana born parents -- soaking up the exquisite grooves laid down by Fats Domino, Roosevelt Sykes, Professor Longhair and Pete Johnson -- Kenny has along the way picked up a taste for Kansas City Swing and West Coast Jump. Working with artists as diverse as **Jimmy Reed, Charles Mingus, Sonny Rhodes, Jeff Healey and Joe Louis Walker** has added a tasty seasoning to the mix.

Johnny Rodgers (Miss Dixie) #2

Liza Minnelli discovered Johnny several years ago, bringing him on as a pianist and guest performer on her world tours and recent Tony Award winning Broadway run. Johnny Rodgers takes you on a guided tour of American Pop with his original soft rock ballads, Taylor-flavored melodies, and sultry jazz arrangements. Praised by Rex Reed as "a finger popping pianist and a terrific singer with range and style," Rodgers has won the MAC Award, Bistro Award and Billboard Magazine's 2008 World Song Contest as well as the 2008 ASCAP Foundation Jamie deRoy & friends songwriter award.

C.J. Solar (Only Thing She Needs) #9

The Solar Heat is a band of brothers from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. C.J. the eldest Solar brother (**now 16**), has an edgy yet rich and soulful voice well beyond his years. Younger twin brothers Cody & Mack, (**both 14**) add harmonies. The band has been playing for 7 years and have opened for national acts such as **Aly & AJ, Vanessa**

Hudgens, and Jesse McCartney. They have, also, shared the stage with David St. Romain, Marc Broussard, Percy Sledge, and Big Luther Kent.

[David Vidal \(Love Song to New Orleans\) #12](#)

"Vidal's tunes capture the essence of that raw to the bones blues soul out of the past while at the same time spinning some elevated consciousness from the likes of Lao Tzu and Carlos Castenada inside the notes." (Austin Independent Review) He was formerly lead singer of the Los Angeles based **New Orleans funk band** Village of Odd Waters. His love for the Big Easy is evident in his music.

[Jenny Brooks \(Down in the Bayou\) #1](#)

Raised in south Louisiana but now living in Nashville, Jenny melds the lyrical honesty of country music with the musical character of her Louisiana stomping ground. She was recently featured in COUNTRY WEEKLY Magazine and on CMT. You can catch her live performances at fairs and festivals all over Louisiana.

[Marie Angell \(Big Big Love\) #3](#)

The Snake Charmers are a rockin', swingin', bluesy band from Houston, Texas. With **"Lucinda Williams meets Peggy Lee" vocals** backed by a sound reminiscent of the Allman Brothers with a hint of Pink Floyd, The Snake Charmers create their own brand of eclectic blues. "Big Big Love" is a homage to the kind of authentic, free-spirited characters New Orleans is noted for, with a sing-along chorus and a big smooch right on the lips for NOLA herself.

[Domenic Fusca \(New Orleans\) #5](#)

Domenic is a popular and much in demand blues rock **performer in New Orleans** and has been featured on Good Morning New Orleans, ABC 26, WWOZ 90.7 fm and USA Today. His music was featured in the racing car film "Salt Dreams".

[Morgen La Civita \("Pretty Marie\) #8](#)

The inspiration for the song came from a combination of Morgen's love of old world New Orleans and her favorite novel "Voodoo Dreams". The song was written about the **legend of Marie Laveau** and the rich history of New Orleans. Morgen La Civita is a singer/songwriter who's musical style reflects her love of Blues, Folk and World music.

Jody Adams (Bourbon Street) #4

Jody is a multi-instrumentalist, composer and performer whose songs are being featured on CMT, MTV's Real World, NBC's Friday Night Lights, Bill Bennett's "Morning in America", **ABC Television**, Sirius-XM Radio, the WB, ESPN, Fox Sports, A & E Biography Series and The Learning Channel.

Joshua Hoyer (Take Me to New Orleans) #10

Joshua) is a soulful songwriter from Lincoln, NE. His travels down the strange and crooked roads of the American experiment landed him in New Orleans in 2003. Staying for six months, he fell deeply in love with the culture, history and spirit of America's most unique city. **He hopes that all the folks in New Orleans, and those displaced, find peace and happiness in their trying times.** Now living in Lincoln, the 33-year-old continues to work as a singer/songwriter, performing regularly with his award-winning band, Son of '76 and The Watchmen.

Scott Klamm (Crawfish Pie) #11

Scott plays the guitar, mandolin, hand percussion, and several traditional American-roots instruments. His credits include the **2008 Smithsonian "New Harmonies – Celebrating American Roots Music"** events & the independent film "Twilight on the Rails".

