

## NEVILLE BROTHERS AT MARGARITAVILLE

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If the Rolling Stones and Huey Lewis asked your band to share the bill for a tour, you could safely assume you had one bad (—) band. Maybe the BADDEST.

Now, from the city that gave us jazz (Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong), rock 'n roll (Fats Domino, Roy Brown), and world music (Professor Longhair), comes the first family of Funk; the tribe known as The Neville Brothers. And it's happening right here in Key West.

The Neville Brothers are a collective of musicians fronted by the brothers Art, Aaron, Charles, and Cyril whose roots reach back to the thirties in New Orleans. Their mother was a dancer. Their father was a singer. And the little ones were allowed to rock and roll.

Imagine growing up in a town that not only put the Mardi Gras into your soul, but also was the site of the early recordings of Little Richard, Ray Charles, Fats Domino and Lee Dorsey.

Art began recording in 1954. Aaron's million seller, "Tell It Like It Is", hit number 2 nationally in 1967. Charles was blowing sax with blues legends Little Walter and Jerry Reed before blue-eyed soul superstar George Michael (current worth 240 million) was born. Art was in the seminal Funk group, The Meters, back in the early seventies.

Their singular credits go on and on, but the point should be made that the band isn't a stale museum piece, but rather continually stretches and re-defines the boundaries of a music that already is very wide in scope. And more importantly: They are a dance band unlike anything you've ever danced to before.

The Neville Brothers will be playing two shows Dec. 30 at 9:00 and 11:30 (\$25 each show) with special guest (guess who).

(New Years Eve will be a private bash, but if you have good connections and a fun ticket, you might get in.)

It is really hard to describe just how good and influential this band truly is. Although no one disputes Key West's being the Southernmost city in the USA, a lively debate could be whether New Orleans or Key West is the Northernmost city in the Caribbean. The Neville Brothers should be right at home here, and thanks to Jimmy and Margaritaville for bringing them down. Personally, I don't know if I'm more excited about Santa or the Nevilles coming to town. Hey-Pockey-Way!!

**P.S. NEW YEAR'S EVE WAS TERRIFIC! STEVE CROPPER WAS IN TOWN AGAIN AND JOINED JB AND THE NEVILLES ON STAGE. MARGARITAVILLE TOOK ON A BOURBON STREET ATMOSPHERE. BY 4 AM ALL THE GUESTS AND THEIR COMPLIMENTARY HOT WATER ICE BUCKETS WERE OFF THE STREETS OF KEY WEST.**

**P.P.S. TO TOP OFF HIS KEY WEST VISIT, ART NEVILLE PARTICIPATED IN A NEW YEAR'S DAY NUPTIAL AGREEMENT RIGHT IN JIMMY'S BACKYARD. CONGRATULATIONS ART AND LORRAINE!**



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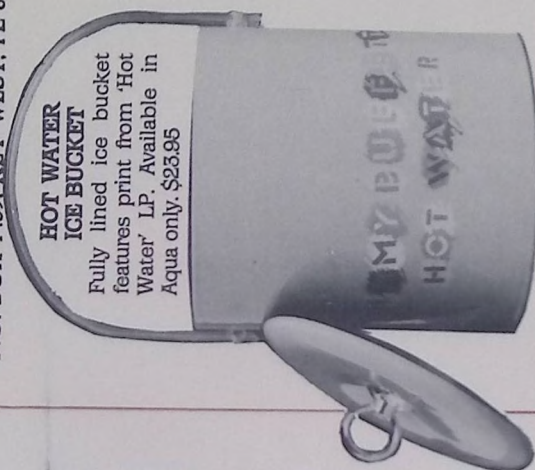
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The Second Annual Caribbean Musical Festival is scheduled to be held from 2 PM to midnight on Saturday, March 25th. Miami's Bayfront Park & Amphitheatre will be the sight of this year's festival, which promises to be bigger and better than last year. You may recall that JB and the Reefers performed at 1987's Caribe Musicale'; a fundraising concert held to benefit the Florida Inter-American Scholarship Foundation. Funds raised provide scholarships for students from the Caribbean Basin region to study in local universities and colleges.

In addition to Jimmy, several bands representing diverse Caribbean musical styles will also be in attendance. Tumba, a band from Aruba, Eddy Palraieiri from Puerto Rico, the

Tabou Combo from Haiti, and others. Attempts are also being made to lure Ziggy Marley to perform.

The Caribe Musicale' II will also feature a variety of artwork depicting a true picture of the distinct styles within the Caribbean Basin.

Bob Graham, full time Senator and part time Coral Reefer, initiated the Florida Inter-American Scholarship Foundation in 1984 and remains very much involved and strongly committed to the program. Tickets are \$22.50 each and are available through Bayfront Park (305) 358-7550. For more information regarding the scholarship foundation, contact Jeff Sharkey, State Director of International Education, 219 Glemons A Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

