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19th Annual Satchmo SummerFest Presented by Chevron Returns August 2–4 *Ellis Marsalis slated to perform at kickoff party August 1, tickets on sale now*

NEW ORLEANS, La. (June 4, 2019) – Satchmo SummerFest presented by Chevron returns for its 19th year August 2-4 at the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Mint. Satchmo SummerFest, a production of local nonprofit French Quarter Festivals, Inc. (FQFI), celebrates the jazz, life, legacy, and music of New Orleans' native son, Louis Armstrong. FQFI will reveal the festival's full musical and culinary lineup on June 27.

Fans can help raise funds for the three-day festival by purchasing tickets to the **opening night kickoff party** August 1. The party will feature music from preeminent jazz musician and New Orleans native **Ellis Marsalis, Jr.** Marsalis will perform during the festival's opening dinner and cocktail reception from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Omni Royal Orleans, 621 St. Louis St., New Orleans.

"For nearly 20 years, we've celebrated the beautiful music and spirit of Louis Armstrong through concerts, conversations, and community. We're proud to continue to produce Satchmo SummerFest for New Orleans locals and visitors from around the country and world," said Emily Madero, President & CEO of FQFI.

French Quarter Festivals, Inc. Announces Spirit of Satchmo Award Winners

During the Satchmo Summerfest kickoff party Aug. 1, FQFI will honor three individuals for their commitment to preserving and honoring Armstrong's legacy with a "Spirit of Satchmo Award." The awards focus on performance, education and advocacy, and the 2019 winners are Corey Henry, Jackie Harris and Ricky Riccardi.

Satchmo SummerFest presented by Chevron celebrates the life, legacy, and music of New Orleans' native son, Louis Armstrong. What began in 2001 as a way to commemorate the musician's 100th birthday, Satchmo SummerFest has grown into a three-day event filled with the music of New Orleans' finest traditional and contemporary jazz musicians and brass bands on the Fidelity Bank and GE Stages, fascinating lectures by world-renowned Satchmo scholars on the Hilton Satchmo Legacy Stage, and fare from some of New Orleans' most notable restaurants. Satchmo SummerFest also showcases New Orleans' most important indigenous traditions, such as a **Sunday morning Jazz Mass** at the historic St. Augustine Church in Tremé and a **traditional second line parade**. Other special events include the opening reception and kickoff party at the historic Omni Royal Orleans Hotel (the official hotel of Satchmo SummerFest) and a **Trumpet Tribute** to close the festival. A modest \$6 daily admission helps support local musicians and pay for the event.

Satchmo SummerFest presented by Chevron

Satchmo SummerFest presented by Chevron is produced by French Quarter Festivals, Inc. (www.fqfi.org), the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, which also produces **French Quarter Festival presented by Chevron** in April and **Christmas New Orleans Style** in December.

French Quarter Festivals, Inc. promotes the Vieux Carré and the City of New Orleans through high-quality special events and activities that showcase the culture and heritage of this unique city, contribute to the economic well-being of the community, and instill increased pride in the people of New Orleans. For more information on all FQFI festivals and events visit <http://www.fqfi.org> or call 504-522-5730.

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