‘American Routes’ wants your stay-at-home playlist

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Trombone Shorty performs at the 2016 Shorty Fest held in New Orleans. The radio show “American Routes” wants to know which songs and artists are helping music fans while they stay at home to avoid further spread of COVID-19. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The “American Routes” radio show wants to know which songs and artists are helping music fans cope with physical isolation and social distancing.

Drop links to songs, artists, albums, playlists and podcasts to Tulane Professor of Anthropology Nick Spitzer, host and executive producer of “American Routes” via email: mail@amroutes.org or via social media:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/americanroutes/

Instagram: @americanroutes

Twitter: @AmericanRoutes
“Early results will be included partly in a new program for Easter/Passover and Spring called ‘American Routes Spring Awakening’ that will broadcast nationally and stream globally in early April,” said Spitzer. “Beyond that, we’ll continue to ask listeners for suggestions of words and music, ideas and expressions that they create, invoke or listen to going forward.

“Our greater engagement with listeners and the cultural shape of and expressions surrounding the crisis is analogous to what we did during the Katrina recovery and return to New Orleans and the wider Gulf South,” Spitzer added. “People have time now to think about their lives individually, in families and communities, with social and cultural, as well as regional, national and global identifications that explore what we share and what distinguishes us as mortal and spiritual beings.”

Listeners can also stream all past and present episodes of “American Routes” and find a local station that carries the show at americanroutes.org.