

## **Makin' Music at the Fest**

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The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival is in session, and that means musicians from Tulane are performing on the fest stages at the Fairgrounds Race Course. Student musicians from the jazz studies program were first up on the opening day on Friday (April 29), filling the Gentilly Stage with the jazz orchestra just after the gates opened. And alumnus Alex McMurray jammed with his Happy Talk Band, just a few of many examples of Jazz Fest performers with Tulane ties. The fest continues on Thursday through Sunday (May 5â€”8).



Tulane alumnus Alex McMurray, left, and the Happy Talk Band entertain on the first day of Jazz Fest.



On the Gentilly Stage, a line of saxophone players — all Tulane students from the jazz program — performs under the direction of John Doheny, professor of practice in jazz studies.





Being on stage at the world-famous Jazz Fest gives students a unique chance to show their talents.



The sounds of the big band resonate from the Tulane Jazz Orchestra.



Making music at the fairgrounds means fun for young jazz performers from Tulane.