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Unlike the often folksy or over-the-top hosts of many mental health shows, Dr. Nick Pejic actually is a practicing psychiatrist. And he is delving into the lives of prominent New Orleanians in his radio talk show.



Dr. Nick Pejic Interviews Irma Thomas for his radio talk show "Mindset," which features conversations with prominent New Orleanians about the secrets of their success. (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

"This is New Orleans," Pejic says. "We are not about what is wrong with you, we're about what is right with you."

A graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine and the School of Science and Engineering, Pejic hosts "Mindset," a web-streamed talk show that features fascinating and distinguished New Orleanians. Recent interview subjects have included Tulane graduates, including longtime district attorney Harry Connick Sr. and actor Bryan Batt, as well as and businessman John Georges.

New Orleans may be known for its laid back, laissez-faire approach to life, but Pejic's interview subjects uncover a different side to the city.

"There is so much more to New Orleans than partying," says Pejic. "These success stories show that New Orleans is not just a place to rest on your laurels. You can

achieve great success here."

Pejic uses his training as a psychiatrist to understand what motivates successful people. Using an unscripted approach, Pejic asks his guests probing questions. He delves into how they work, what drives them and what makes them happy. Pejic and listeners learn about each guest's background and how they overcame obstacles and fears in their quest for success.

"I've learned something from each person that I've interviewed," says Pejic. "If there is a common thread between all my interview subjects, it is that they found out what they loved to do and pursued it."

Pejic hopes that "Mindset" will inspire others to find their passion and pursue it to find success and happiness.