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BASIN STREET RECORDS SIGNS DAVELL CRAWFORD First release scheduled for March 2012

Basin Street Records has signed Davell Crawford to an exclusive recording contract. The first release is scheduled for March 2012.

Davell Crawford is widely recognized as the leading young ambassador of New Orleans' rich piano tradition, and will immediately begin preparing his first new release since 1999. Hailed as "The Prince of New Orleans," Crawford has brought his soulful voice and Big Easy bred piano chops to many countries including Spain, Italy, France, Russia, Finland, Dominica, Brazil, Morocco, and Portugal while remaining a familiar face on the stages of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

Brandishing fiery live performances through an expressive and fresh voice, Crawford has been captivating audiences since he began performing at the age of seven. Davell is the grandson of legendary New Orleans R&B artist James "Sugar Boy" Crawford who wrote the classic "Jock-A-Mo" in 1954. With a background drenched in the musical fibers of New Orleans, Crawford doesn't miss a beat representing the younger generation of players keeping the piano sounds of New Orleans alive. After relocating to New York post-Katrina, Crawford spent time refocusing his talents and material; both of which will be highlighted on his new release.

"Davell is no stranger to the label. He's performed on releases by Kermit Ruffins & Los Hombres Calientes. We've been fans since before the formation of the label, and look forward to releasing many records with him", says Mark Samuels, president of Basin Street Records.

New Orleans based Basin Street Records celebrates its 14th anniversary this month. The label was recently included on the Downbeat Magazine critics' poll for Best Record Label, and has had great Billboard sales success this year with releases from Kermit Ruffins, Rebirth Brass Band, Dr. Michael White, and its first book/cd by Irvin Mayfield. Other artists who record for the label include Jeremy Davenport, Dr. Michael White, Henry Butler, Jon Cleary, Theresa Andersson, Los Hombres Calientes and the Headhunters.

For more on Davell, including downloadable press photos, visit www.DavellCrawford.com
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