



Kermit Ruffins Press/Quotes

- April 30, 2016 **Nola.com** [Article](#)
 - “Kermit Ruffins dazzles soggy crowd with Satchmo salute at New Orleans Jazz Fest 2016”
 - “They probably were ready for anything just as long as they didn't have to go outdoors, but Kermit Ruffins gave them so much more: a frisky party to celebrate fellow New Orleans trumpeter Louis Armstrong.”
- April 18, 2016 **Nerdist** [Article](#)
- April 18, 2016 **Nola.com** [Profile](#)
 - Kermit Ruffins sings duet with Bill Murray on “The Bare Necessities” and plays trumpet with Christopher Walken on “I Wan’na Be Like You” on Jon Favreau directed Disney’s Jungle Book Soundtrack.
- April 15, 2016 **BBC World Service – Newshour** [Interview](#)
- February 18, 2016 **Ink 19** [Album Review](#)
 - “Ruffin’s infectious manner carries on the cities great jazz legacy.”
- July 11, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #14 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**
- June 12, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #11 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**, #34 on **Jazzweek Chart**
- June 11, 2015 **Jazz Weekly** [Album Review](#)
- June 19, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #10 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**
- June 5, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #12 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**, #33 on **Jazzweek Chart**
- May 29, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #12 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**
- May 27, 2015 **Washington City Paper** [Photo Slideshow](#)
- May 27, 2015 **Washington City Paper** [Live Review](#)
 - “It was the traditional New Orleans standards, however, like "Jock-A-Mo," "St. James Infirmary Blues," and Ruffins' own "I'm So New Orleans" that got the crowd up and dancing, with some audience members even using handkerchiefs in a traditional second line fashion. But it was Ruffins and his trumpet that brought it all together, and for a minute, you could almost smell the beignets from Cafe Du Monde.”
- May 26, 2015 **Brightest Young Things** [Show Preview/Added Video](#)
- May 26, 2015 **Washington City Paper** [Show Preview](#)
- May 22, 2015 **Washington City Paper** [Live Preview/Album Review](#)
 - “Ruffins turns jazz into party music with decades worth of R&B and south-of-the-border groove. As a former member of the Rebirth Brass Band, he knows how to get listeners out of their seats.”
- May 21, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #8 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**
- May 20, 2015 **DCist** [Preview](#)
- May 20, 2015 **Grantland** [Live Review](#)
- May 15, 2015 **#imsoneworleans** hits #1 on **CMJ Jazz Chart**



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- May 5, 2015 **Nola Defender** [Live Preview](#)
 - “Expect a healthy dose of standards, some NOLA favorites, and a lot of personality. We partyin’.”
- May 4, 2015 **Electronic Musician** [Album Review](#)
 - “This album—and Ruffins’ style in general—comes from such a winning combination of virtuosity and pure joy that chestnuts like “Tipitina” and “I Can’t Give You Anything But Love” shine with new light.”
- May 3, 2015 **Yahoo** [Live Review](#)
- May 3, 2015 **Glide Magazine** [Photo Slideshow](#)
- May 3, 2015 **Jambands** [Live Review](#)
- May 3, 2015 **Associated Press** [Live Review](#)
- May 2, 2015 **Jambase** [Photo Slideshow](#)
- May 1, 2015 **New Orleans Magazine** [Live/Album Review](#)
- May 1, 2015 **Black Grooves** [Album Review/Stream](#)
 - “Legendary New Orleans trumpeter, singer, and composer Kermit Ruffins has returned with a new album instilled with pride and love for his hometown...a combination of both covers and original songs that convey a sense of liveliness and unrestricted fun.”
 - “This really encapsulates what #imsoneworleans is all about: Ruffins embodying his connections to New Orleans in a manner that goes beyond mere city or place to encompass both a lifestyle and a community.”
- May 1, 2015 **Popshifter** [Live Review/Song Stream](#)
 - “It’s not often that I listen to an album that makes me grin like a lunatic after every track. Kermit Ruffins and the Barbecue Swingers’ #imsoneworleans is nine tracks of pure joy.”
 - “If there’s one word I think of when I think of Kermit Ruffins it is warmth. You can hear the warmth in his voice on every track he sings on #imsoneworleans. He’s a great showman, an unbelievably gifted musician, and a national treasure. His Barbecue Swingers are exactly the kind of band that he buoys him up, and in turn, those exemplary musicians get moments to shine individually on #imsoneworleans. It’s a joyful, delightful album that deserves to be in steady rotation.”
- April 30, 2015 **Esquire** [Song Stream](#)
- April 28, 2015 **Live for Live Music** [Live Review](#)
 - “Trumpeteer **Kermit Ruffins** blew his horn, causing the entire crowd to rise as one and dance joyously in the aisles.”
- April 28, 2015 **Times Picayune** [Feature](#)
- April 26, 2015 **Billboard** [Live Review](#)
- April 26, 2015 **KUCI** [Album Review](#)



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- "...What makes this release stand out are his originals, "Put You Right Foot Forward" and the title tune, "I'm So New Orleans", done twice... at the start and finish of the record... like the french bread on the top and bottom of a po' boy sandwich. The bottom slice is slathered in hot sauce."
- April 23, 2015 **Jambase** [News Item](#)
- April 23, 2015 **Sun Herald** [Album Review](#)
- April 22, 2015 **AXS** [Preview](#)
- April 20, 2015 **Offbeat Magazine** [Album Review](#)
 - "Kermit Ruffins does Kermit Ruffins on *#imsoneworleans*, and that's so New Orleans."
- April 20, 2015 **Courier Journal** [Album Mention](#)
- April 20, 2015 **Journal Sentinel** [News Item](#)
- April 20, 2015 **Louisiana Weekly** [Review](#)
 - "It's so New Orleans that the tunes on this album remain so vital to our community. They never grow old. Kermit Ruffins knows that, as he truthfully declares, "I'm so New Orleans."
- April 19, 2015 **Times Picayune** [Live Review](#)
- April 17, 2015 **Where Y'at** [Photo Slideshow](#)
- April 16, 2015 **WGNO** [Feature](#)
- April 14, 2015 **EURWeb** [Live Review](#)
 - "Kermit Ruffins is an amazing, talented trumpeter, vocalist with a huge local, national and global fan base. Count me in as one of those fans. Kermit can easily take the crowd on a musical journey of blues; jazz, gospel and R&B."
 - "*We Partyin' Traditional Style!* is like a love letter to Ruffin's home town, and demonstrates once again his devotion to the preservation of New Orleans jazz."
- July 27, 2013 **Twin Cities Pioneer Press** [Show Review](#)
 - "Trumpeter Kermit Ruffins [is] worthy of Louis Armstrong comparison"
- June 11, 2013 **PopMatters** [Album Review](#)
 - "Ruffins isn't playing traditional New Orleans jazz in a purely curatorial way—he actually grooves this stuff in bars all over the Crescent City (and elsewhere) before fun-seeking audiences. The cat actually does party traditional style, goofy as that title may seem."
- June 8, 2013 **Nola Defender** [Album Review/Song Stream](#)
- June 7, 2013 **Baton Rouge Advocate** [Feature to Preview](#)
- June 6, 2013 **New Tune Daily** [Album Review/Song Stream](#)
 - "Kermit Ruffins' new album is exactly what you would expect from its title, right from the fantastic opening track 'Chinatown, my Chinatown' it's a non-stop party from one of the most musical cities on earth – New Orleans. 'We Partyin' Traditional Style!' is a beautifully



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recorded and performed look at the best that late 19th century and early 20th century New Orleans jazz had to offer: a modern recording of some traditional standards.”

- June 5, 2013 **GoNOLA** [Show Mention](#)
 - “He is one of the local music greats, and he channels New Orleans soul every time he blows the trumpet, whether he’s playing the classics or his own material.”
- June 5, 2013 **Offbeat Magazine** [Show Preview](#)
- June 5, 2013 **The CD Critic** [Album Review](#)
 - “‘*We Partyin’ Traditional Style*’ is exactly what it says on the tin, a brilliant fun sounding album that calls up the old style jazz music that seems to have gone missing over the years”
- June 4, 2013 **Times Picayune** [Show Preview](#)
- June 4, 2013 **WWOZ** [Show Mention](#)
- June 4, 2013 **Consequence of Sound** [Album Review](#)
- June 4, 2013 **My Spilt Milk** [Album Review](#)
 - “As familiar as the song list is, one of the places where Ruffins' do-whatcha-wanna aesthetic serves him well is that he performs with the best musicians he can get when he goes in the studio. As such, on this traditional jazz-oriented album, he is joined by Shannon Powell (drums), Steve Pistorius (piano), Richard Moten (bass), Don Vappie (banjo), Lucien Barbarin (trombone), and Tom Fischer (clarinet), who kill throughout. Their contributions bring out the best in Ruffins, and the arrangements consistently put his trumpet and his voice in their best contexts. “
- June 3, 2013 **Black Grooves** [Album Review](#)
 - “Just in time for summer, Kermit Ruffins’ no holds barred NOLA party record is sure to liven up your barbeque.”
- May 31, 2013 **The Alternative Review** [Tour Announcement](#)
- May 30, 2013 **Toledo Blade** [Album Review](#)
 - “*We Partyin’ Traditional Style!*, released Tuesday, is a veritable house party of early 20th century traditional and New Orleans jazz classics, some reinvented and all dripping with authenticity.”
 - “When you visit New Orleans and want to leave with one or two albums that really seem to capture the city's musical history but also don't sound too old, remember this disc.”
- May 30, 2013 **Pittsburgh Music Magazine** [Album Review](#)
- May 29, 2013 **Boston Herald** [Album Mention](#)
- May 29, 2013 **The Horn** [Album Review](#)
- May 29, 2013 **Nola Defender** [Show Mention](#)
- May 29, 2013 **That Music Mag** [Album Review](#)



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- “If you are looking for an album to start off your introduction to the glorious sounds of jazz music, then this is for you.”
- May 28, 2013 **Broadway Music World** [Album Review](#)
 - “Kermit Ruffins gracefully channels the glory of the roaring 20s and opens a door to a rich history of musical heritage for all who will listen. But if you ask him, he'll probably just tell you, "We Partyin'!"”
- May 24, 2013 **Magnet Magazine** [Poll](#)
- May 24, 2013 **The Vinyl District** [Album Review](#)
- May 24, 2013 **Metacritic** [Album Release Listing](#)
- May 23, 2013 **Sun Herald** [Album Review](#)
- May 23, 2013 **NolaFunk NYC** [Album Announce/Song Stream](#)
- May 22, 2013 **WNYC Soundcheck** [Album Stream](#)
- May 21, 2013 **Offbeat Magazine** [Song Premiere](#)
- May 21, 2013 **Consequence of Sound** Album Release Date Ran
- May 21, 2013 **Popmatters** [Song Premiere](#)
 - “Ruffins plays the brassy, sing-songey, “play it from the bottom of your heart” style that is the trademark of NOLA’s great trumpeters, including most obviously Louis Armstrong and Louis Prima. And like the many great New Orleans musicians before him, Ruffins celebrates the city’s heritage in every note he blows and word he sings.”
- May 14, 2013 **Popshifter** [Album Review](#)
 - “Kermit Ruffins’s We Partyin’ Traditional Style is loads of fun. It’s a timeless classic and happy as hell. I don’t think you could ask for anything more.”
- May 13, 2013 **CMJ** Album Listing Ran
- May 12, 2013 **Pause & Play** [Album Announce/Song Stream](#)
- May 11, 2013 **Huffington Post** [Feature](#)
- May 3, 2013 **Yahoo! Music** [Live Review](#)
- May 2, 2013 **Times Picayune** [Show Announcement](#)
- May 1, 2013 **Offbeat Magazine** [Album Review](#)
- April 29, 2013 **Huffington Post** [Live Review](#)
 - “Kermit Ruffins exhorted a crowd of fans so large it looked like a massive camp-out to do "the Palm Court Strut, Swing your Butt." Many did.”
- April 29, 2013 **The Advocate** [Show Listing](#)
- April 27, 2013 **Hellhound Music** [Live Preview](#)
 - “Kermit Ruffins needs only two words to hype a New Orleans barroom for one of his weekly shows, and this, his newly adopted slogan, sums up what this Big Easy ambassador is all about: *We Partyin'!*”



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- April 26, 2013 **The Vinyl District** [Show Preview](#)
- April 25, 2013 **Offbeat Magazine** [Album Review](#)
 - “The new record, *We Partyin’ Traditional Style*, is a New Orleans party on CD. Given that nobody parties better or with more charismatic exuberance than Kermit, the record sounds like an evening at Sidney’s or the Speakeasy.”
 - “Put on *We Partyin’ Traditional Style* and you will undoubtedly end up doing the same.”
- April 22, 2013 **Louisiana Weekly** [Album Review](#)
- April 20, 2013 **Nola Defender** [Interview](#)
- April 9, 2013 **The Joy of Violent Movement** [Album Announcement/Song Stream](#)
- April 8, 2013 **Paste** [Song Premiere](#)
- April 8, 2013 **Broadway Music World** [Album Preview/Song Announce](#)
- April 8, 2013 **The Grateful Web** [Album Announce](#)