

NEW ORLEANS JAZZ SOCIETY OF TOKYO PRESENTS \$15,000 GIFT
TO NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS' CLINIC DURING
1ST ANNUAL PONDEROSA STOMP MUSIC CONFERENCE

WHAT: In honor of the 10th Anniversary of the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic (NOMC) which has provided health care services to more than 1500 local musicians during the last decade, Mikio Shoji, Chairman of the New Orleans Jazz Society of Tokyo, Japan, will present a \$15,000 check to the New Orleans Musicians Clinic.

The presentation will be made during the 1st annual Ponderosa Stomp Music Conference, sponsored by Louisiana State Museums and the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, in honor the Ponderosa Stomp's dedication to honor, celebrate and revitalize the careers of American Music's unsung heroes.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 30
2:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Cabildo, 2nd floor, front gallery

WHO: Mikio Shoji, Chairman of the New Orleans Jazz Society of Tokyo, Japan
Bethany Bultman, Founder and Program Director, New Orleans Musicians Clinic
Ira Padnos, Founder, Ponderosa Stomp
Dave Guralnick, Author and music historian
Scott Hutcheson, Executive Director, Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation

About New Orleans Musicians Clinic

The New Orleans Musicians Clinic is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization founded by LSU Healthcare Network, Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans, and The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation. In collaboration with LSU Healthcare Network and Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans, The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic (NOMC) provides access to health and social welfare services for the local music community. From providing medical services to funding gigs, NOMC's response to the needs of musicians knows no boundaries. For more information about NOMC, please visit www.neworleansmusiciansclinic.org.

About Ponderosa Stomp

The Ponderosa Stomp and the Ponderosa Stomp Foundation are projects of MK Charities, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the legacy, revitalizing the careers and preserving the history of the unsung heroes of American music. Founded in 2001 by the Mystic Knights of the Mau Mau, whose mission was to rediscover and celebrate America's overlooked musical pioneers of the blues, soul, rockabilly, swamp pop, funk and New Orleans R&B, MK Charities, Inc. has hosted over 50 shows employing more than 200 musical legends and giving a forgotten generation of musicians a platform to perform for – and re-educate – the public about their pioneering cultural contributions to American contemporary music, including

rock 'n roll, rhythm and blues, and hip hop. For more information, visit www.ponderosastomp.com.

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