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The French Quarter Festival final day on Sunday, April 10, 2011, was one filled with music, food, dance and culture for youngsters, oldsters and all people in between. The Pfister Sisters entertain the crowd in Jackson Square from the WWL-TV Stage at the largest free festival in the South.

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For Immediate Release:

The Pfister Sisters celebrate Spring with their Boswell Centennial Big Band at New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Economy Hall, Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 12:20 to 1:10. This special tribute set marks the Centennial of Vet Boswell's birth.

Some of the musicians who played and recorded with the Boswell Sisters early 1930's big bands (which expanded on the traditional jazz band but preceded the bigger bands to come) were Joe Venuti, Eddie Lang, Bunny Berrigan, The Dorsey Brothers, and Glen Miller. At Jazzfest, we will have Ray Moore, Rick Trolsen and Kevin Clark on the horns and Matt Rhody on violin as well as our rhythm section of Jim Markway, Gerald French and Amasa Miller. Newly tweaked arrangements by Miller set the French Quarter Festival set on fire, causing one fan to say, "That was the best set of French Quarter Festival! No, that was the best set I ever saw!" We will be throwing down at Economy Hall! Don't miss it!

Friday, May 20, Vet Boswell's birthday, the Pfister Sisters 5:30 to 7:30 gig at Chickie Wah Wah, 2828 Canal, kicks off a yearlong celebration of the New Orleans Jazzwomens' Centennial, which will celebrate the contributions of the women who rocked the cradle of jazz. A partial list is Ann Cook, Mamie Desdunes, Dolly Douroux Adams, Lizzie Miles, Blue Lu Barker, Sweet Emma Barrett, Niliska "Baby" Briscoe, Yvonne "Dixie" Fasnacht, Dorothy "Sloopy" Sloop, The Boswell Sisters and public school musician/educators Mercedes

Stamps of Clark and Yvonne Bush of Booker T. Washington and Carver, who trained many of our greatest musicians, many still playing today. Look for events and performances marking the New Orleans Jazzwomens' Centennial throughout the coming year.

Links:

Pfister Sisters Upcoming Performances:

<http://www.pfistersisters.com/schedule.htm>

Boswell Sisters Timeline and Website:

<http://www.bozzies.org/bios-timeline.php>

Martha, Connee and Vet Boswell, 1920's



The Pfister Sisters and the Boswell Centennial Big Band, French Quarter Festival, 2011