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Press Release

Island View Casino Resort to host Groove on the Gulf in October

GULFPORT, Miss. (Sept. 23, 2011) – Island View Casino Resort will get in the groove this fall with a free outdoor entertainment event, hosted on the Gulfport resort’s grounds, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Groove on the Gulf, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, will feature live performances by Dr. John & The Lower 911, The Funky Meters, Kermit Ruffins, the Hot 8 Brass Band and the Lagniappe Brass Band. The festival will also feature food and beverages from many local restaurants, including Salute Italian Restaurant, Half Shell Oyster House and An-Jac’s Barbecue, as well as a booth offering spiked sno-balls. Vendors will also be onsite offering arts, crafts, jewelry and other gift items.

“Island View Casino Resort is honored to be a part of this community since opening our doors five years ago this fall,” said Lindsey Inman, CEO of the resort. “To be able to offer a free event of this scope is a true opportunity for us to give back and share our appreciation to South Mississippi.”

The entertainment lineup includes a meet and greet on the grounds with the Hot 8 Brass Band from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. The onstage schedule features Kermit Ruffins & The Barbecue Swingers from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.; the Hot 8 Brass Band from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Dr. John and The Lower 911 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.; the Funky Meters from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Groove on the Gulf will end with the Lagniappe Brass Band performing in the audience and leading a second line for attendees to the casino.

As an encore, Island View will offer its \$100 a Minute Hot Seat promotion, featuring a \$100 prize each minute to a guest playing with an Island View Players Club card. The \$100 a Minute Hot Seat will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight and will feature 180 winners.

Gates will open at 2 p.m. Guests must be 21 years or older. More information about Groove on the Gulf can be found online at www.islandviewcasino.com or by calling 228-314-2100.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 1,850 slots and 49 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort’s signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar, an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Artist Bios

DR. JOHN

Malcolm John "Mac" Rebennack, Jr. (born November 21, 1940), better known by the stage name Dr. John (also Dr. John Creaux), is an American singer/songwriter, pianist and guitarist, whose music combines blues, pop, jazz as well as Zydeco, boogie woogie and rock and roll.

Active as a session musician since the late 1950s, he came to wider prominence in the early 1970s with a wildly theatrical stage show inspired by medicine shows, Mardi Gras costumes and voodoo ceremonies. Rebennack has recorded over 20 albums and in 1973 scored a top-20 hit with the jaunty funk-flavored " Right Place, Wrong Time," still perhaps his best-known song.

The winner of five Grammy awards, Rebennack was inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by singer John Legend on Monday, March 14, 2011. www.drjohn.org

HOT 8 BRASS BAND

New Orleans ' own Hot 8 Brass Band has epitomized New Orleans street music for over a decade. The band plays the traditional Second Line parades, hosted each Sunday afternoon by Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs, infusing their performances with the funk and energy that makes New Orleans music loved around the world. The members of the Hot 8 Brass Band were born and raised in New Orleans and many began playing together in high school. What makes the Hot 8 so special are the sounds they coax from their well-loved, well-worn horns. An evening with the Hot 8 is like no other...

Members of the Hot 8 Brass Band have toured in Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Finland , England and Sardinia . The band performs annually at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, world and jazz festivals across the US and Europe, and were featured in both Spike Lee documentaries When the Levees Broke and If God is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise. The Hot 8 has released three critically acclaimed recordings and is featured on the latest Blind Boys of Alabama recording on Time-Life Records.

The Hot 8 Brass Band has been part of an important relief project following Hurricane Katrina SAVE OUR BRASS! is a local grass-roots project that has brought music and instruments to shelters, temporary trailer parks, and communities across the Gulf Coast. www.hot8brassband.com

KERMIT RUFFINS

Kermit Ruffins is a jazz trumpeter, singer and composer from New Orleans , Louisiana , United States . He has been heavily influenced by Louis Armstrong, Louis Jordan and Eddy Jefferson. Ruffins accompanies a large portion of his songs with his own vocals, and he says that the highest note he can hit on trumpet is a high C note. Most of his bands perform New Orleans jazz standards, though he also composes many of his own pieces. Jon Pareles of the New York Times wrote of Ruffins in a July 16, 2001 article, stating that "Mr. Ruffins is an unabashed entertainer who plays trumpet with a bright, silvery tone, sings with off-the-cuff charm and never gets too abstruse in his material." www.myspace.com/kermitruffinsmusic



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FUNKY METERS

Formed during an informal jam during the 1989 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Art Neville, George Porter Jr., and Russell Batiste Jr., founded what would be the core of the funky METERS. The history of founding members Art Neville and George Porter Jr. dates back to 1967, when keyboardist, Art recruited bass player, George, drummer Joseph (Zigaboo) Modeliste and guitarist Leo Nocentelli to form The Meters. In their 31-year history, The Meters have grooved their way around the globe. They have toured with such talents as The Rolling Stones, and have been a studio band for such diverse artists as Dr. John, Paul McCartney, Robert Palmer, and Patti Labelle. The original Meters disbanded in the late 70's. Today founding members Art Neville and George Porter Jr., are joined by New Orleans native Brian Stoltz on guitar and Russell Batiste Jr. on drums and are known officially as the funky METERS. funky METERS tap into the roots of The Meters musical heritage while taking the sound well into the future. Their trademark sound blends funk, blues, and dance grooves with a New Orleans vibe.

In 1994, Art and George were joined by guitarist Brian Stoltz and Russell Batiste and officially christened The Funky METERS. This lineup carried the funk torch until the spring of 2007 when Stoltz left to pursue his solo career and Ian Neville, the son of Meters founder Art Neville joined the line up taking over guitar duties. Growing up in the Neville house of music and touring with The Neville Brothers, as well Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk, Ian was poised to step in to help bring the band into the future. In 2011, Brian Stoltz was invited to play with funky METERS when Ian was committed to his band, Dumpstaphunk, gigs. Once the band was onstage it was if they hadn't skipped a beat, the band and audience both knew Brian was meant to be there. After four years with Ian in the band, the time came for him to focus on his own band's success and funky METERS invited Brian to rejoin full time.

The collective resume between the four artists in the band speaks volumes for the level of musicianship and creativity that comes alive when they play together on any stage. After three years of solid touring including dates at Bonnaroo, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Jamcruise, The Fillmore Auditorium and countless others the funky METERS are stronger than ever. In fact, the funk is still going as strong today as it was 40 plus years ago. www.funkymeters.com

LAGNIAPPE BRASS BAND

Lagniappe Brass Band is an established brass band in New Orleans, Louisiana dedicated to bringing out the funkier brass music to the dancing masses. We based our name on the French term, "Lagniappe" which is defined as "something given or obtained gratuitously or by way of good measure." Mark Twain writes about the word as "a word worth traveling to New Orleans to get." The Lagniappe Brass Band is here to give you the best brass music – and a little extra. www.lagniappebrassband.com



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Dr. John



Hot 8 Brass Band



Kermit Ruffins



Lagniappe Brass Band



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Island View Casino Resort

Fact Sheet

Location:	40 acres of waterfront property in Gulfport, Miss.
Website and Phone:	www.islandviewcasino.com ; 228-314-2100, (877) 774-VIEW (8439)
Overview:	Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with 2,030 slots and 45 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 563-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar, an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
<u>Resort features</u>	
Gaming space:	83,000-plus square feet
Number of slots:	2,030 reel and video slots, including the newest slots and traditional favorites. Denominations range from penny to \$100. Includes 80 video poker machines with denominations from nickel to \$1.
Tables:	45, including Mississippi Stud Poker, Three Card Poker, Let it Ride, roulette, craps, mini-baccarat, Flop Poker, Pai Gow Poker, Imperial Pai Gow Poker, single- and double-deck blackjack and low- and high-limit blackjack.
Players Club:	Island View Players Club offers exclusive invitations, information and player perks. Club members can also join www.IslandViewInsider.com , an online portal offering previews of upcoming promotions, merchant discounts, chef's recipes and more.
Employees:	Approximately 1,200
Food and Beverage:	Carter Green Steakhouse, C&G Grille, The Buffet, The Coffee Shop, the View Bar, casino lounges and 24-hour room service.
Parking:	On-site parking and a 700-space parking garage, which is adjacent to the casino.
Hotel:	563 rooms, including 24 suites, with luxury amenities such as high-end linens, upgraded mattresses, in-room refrigerators, coffee makers, plasma televisions and complimentary wireless Internet. The 2,450-square-foot tropical pool is surrounded by a 9,000 square-foot, Balinese-inspired courtyard/entertainment area that can host groups up to 500 people, and seven private cabanas. No resort fees are charged.
Contractor:	Roy Anderson Corp. of Gulfport, Miss.
Interior Design Firm:	Friedmutter Group of Atlantic City and Kuhlman Design Group Inc. of St. Louis
Executive Team:	Rick Carter, co-owner Terry Green, co-owner Lindsey Inman, CEO John Bakley, executive vice president and CFO Cathy Beeding, vice president and general counsel

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