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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Traditional Jazz Library at the University of New Hampshire is taking orders for its new jazz CD titled *Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?* The recording focuses on music related to New Orleans and will be available in December, just in time for holiday giving. The UNH Library is underwriting all production costs so that all proceeds directly support hurricane relief through two charities: Music Cares, Hurricane Relief 2005 and American Library Association, Katrina Relief Fund.

The music on this CD is drawn from the library’s extensive recorded archives of the university’s Traditional Jazz Series concerts, now in their 27th year. Fifteen tracks comprise nearly 70 minutes of music and span the years 1980 to 2005. The stellar cast of musicians represented include Doc Cheatham, Vic Dickenson, Dave McKenna, Dick Hyman, Jimmy Mazzy, Eli Newberger, Bud Freeman, Peanuts Hucko, and Tommy Gallant. Groups represented include Ray Smith’s Paramount Jazz Band of Boston, The New Black Eagles Jazz Band, The Wolverine Jazz Band, and Vince Giordano’s New Orleans Nighthawks. The spontaneous nature of these live recordings captures many memorable moments from the series.

It is fitting that the CD includes such standards as “Basin Street Blues,” “Way Down Yonder in New Orleans,” and “Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?” but it contains some surprise selections as well. Together these individual recordings evoke some of the atmosphere, geography, personages, and styles central to New Orleans jazz. According to UNH Professor Emeritus of Music Paul Verrette, “the contents of this CD demonstrates how New Orleans music lives and renews itself in the hands and hearts of such unselfish believers, as will the city of New...
Orleans itself.”

The New Hampshire Library of Traditional Jazz was established in 1978 by Dorothy Prescott, a long-time supporter of traditional jazz music in New England. The library’s mission is to preserve the history of and foster the appreciation and future of traditional jazz music as an original American art form. This includes co-producing, with the Department of Music, the Traditional Jazz Series at UNH.

The CD is priced at $20, including $2 for shipping and handling. To place an order or to get additional information about the CD, visit the New Hampshire Library of Traditional Jazz website at http://www.izaak.unh.edu/nhltj/ or call 603-862-2714.