

# Treme Brass Band

Treme Brass Band might be recognizable to Festival-goers who attended the first National Folk Festival in Bangor in 2002. That year, Treme Brass Band brought its New Orleans-style brass band music to the Bangor Waterfront and led the parade from one end of festival grounds to the other, essentially kicking off a revitalization of Bangor's downtown and riverfront area. In 2016, to mark the American Folk Festival's 15th birthday, Treme Brass Band returns to usher that same parade from Two Rivers Stage to the Railroad Stage.

"I got the sense that it was new, but the people really enjoyed the music and really enjoyed what we had to offer at the Festival," said Benny Jones Sr. of Treme Brass Band of his band's first visit to Bangor. "We were there at a peak time because it was new, but the more you do a festival like this over time the better it gets."

Made up of a combination of saxophones, trombones, trumpet, tuba, and drums, Treme Brass Band has performed for decades and is known and well-respected from the French Quarter of New Orleans all the way to France — and all points in between.

"Wherever we go, we try to give the New Orleans flavor — some of the old tunes," said Jones. "People are used to seeing parades and bands marching down the street and playing in New Orleans. This is something fairly unique to the people of Maine — they really appreciate our style of music."

While a decade-and-a-half has passed since the group's first experience with the Folk Festival in Bangor, they remember the area and the Festival well, and are anxious to return.

"I am looking forward to coming back to have people appreciate our music," said Jones. "I am also looking forward to having a chance to walk around and sightsee a little bit and hear some other groups play because we like to support other musicians, too. We're looking forward to a good time."



#### Treme Brass Band performs:

Friday, 7:15 p.m. Parade from Two Rivers to Railroad Stage

Friday, 9:15 p.m. Dance Pavilion

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Dance Pavilion

Saturday, 7 p.m. Parade from Two Rivers to Railroad Stage

