



Up Front and Center: New Orleans Music at the End of the 20th Century (Paperback)

By Jay Mazza

Threadhead Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Up Front and Center- New Orleans Music at the End of the 20th Century is the first in-depth account of this very important era in the history of New Orleans music. It is filled with vivid descriptions of many of the most significant musical performances in the last two decades of the 20th century. Jay Mazza is an outstanding writer who was a constant presence in the clubs, concert halls, and festivals of the period. The book begins with a foreword by iconic New Orleans trumpeter and personality, Kermit Ruffins. The first chapters set the stage for a thrilling ride through history by describing in rich detail the New Orleans milieu of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Musicians, bands, and clubs come to life as Mazza skillfully weaves the story. The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival serves as the thread tying the tale together. Three chapters discussing the Jazz Fest s adolescence, developing years, and emergence as the world s premier music festival bookend the text. Mazza also provides the reader with a thorough socio-economic and cultural analysis of...



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