

Press Release

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Groovananda to perform at Snug Harbor Jazz Bistro, New Orleans, LA

KENNISGTON, MD, AUGUST 3, 2009: New York clarinet maestro, Perry Robinson; yoga musician, Wynne Paris; and tabla player, Rajesh Bhandari come to New Orleans to perform a concert as

Groovananda: a Yoga inspired World-Beat & Jazz trio that weaves together rhythms and melodies from Sydney Bechet to the Kumbha Mela! From Woody Allen to Sun Ra!

Perry Robinson is a 70-year-old clarinetist and composer who started his career playing and recording with great artists like Dave Brubeck (and sons), Charlie Hayden, Alan Ginsberg, Ginger Baker, and Archie Shepp. He has shared the stage with many of the major jazz artists of his era (late 60's east village New York City) and has continued to perform internationally and record with a multitude of jazz labels and artists.

Perry has distinguished himself as an innovator on clarinet (traditional, modern and free) and has been recognized by the prestigious jazz magazine **Down Beat** Critics Poll (24 times between 1972-1990).

Perry's raga-jazz improvisations, a brilliant facet of his eclectic mastery, stem from a longtime collaboration with World-fusion legend Badal Roy.

"Perry Robinson is widely regarded as the most gifted modern jazz clarinetist." -Robert Palmer,

The New York Times

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For the past 14 years, producer/World Beat Artist Wynne Paris has been a proponent of a new genre: Yoga music. Known for playing the sarod and guitar, Wynne has developed a unique approach to Indian/Jazz Fusion, one that is influenced by the venues he performs in: Yoga Centers, Festivals and occasional nightclubs.

In 1998, when Yoga music started becoming large enough as a venue to afford a musician a lifestyle, He began touring nationally and recording with a diverse group of musicians including Perry Robinson, Badal Roy, JT Thomas (Bruce Hornsby band), Rick Allen (Def Leppard), Mark Karan (Ratdog), John Molo (Phil and Friends), Doug Derryberry (Bruce Hornsby band) and Yoga/Chant artists Krishna Das and Rasa. Wynne's first Groovananda recording, titled "Omspun", will be available at the concert.

Perry and Wynne will be joined by Miami based tabla player, Rajesh Bhandari, and guests: New Orleans vocalist Margie Perez and Yogi/guitarist Aaron Lind.

Wynne Paris attributes the beautiful sounds and luck Groovananda has been enjoying to good Karma. Wynne's grandmother is a long time devotee of the Indian teacher Yogananda, one of the first to bring yoga and Indian spiritual music to America. Wynne's grandfather, a DJ in Boston is close friends with legendary clarinetist Sydney Bechet. He produced a few records with Bechet, and worked with many other jazz musicians. "Playing w/ Perry Robinson," Wynne states, "feels like very positive musical karma. I hope Sydney and Yogananda are grooving to our music and spirit."

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