



Jack "Papa" Laine (Sicilian native George Vitale), Leader of his famous Reliance Brass Military Marching Band of New Orleans. Nick LaRocca was a regular member from 1910 to 1916.

Original Dixieland Jazz Band & "Nick" LaRocca of New Orleans, Creator of Jazz



Original Dixieland Jazz Band Members



Victor release of "Livery Stable Blues" 1917.

Victor release of "Dixie Jass Band One-Step" 1917.



Original Dixieland Jazz Band - A 1918 promotional postcard showing (from left), drummer Tony Sbarbaro (aka Tony Spargo), trombonist Edwin "Daddy" Edwards, cornetist Dominick James "Nick" LaRocca, clarinetist Larry Shields, and pianist Henry Ragas



1917

LATEST JAZZ Numbers Composed and Played by
The Original Dixieland Jazz Band

BLUESY THE BLUES, For Two	60	SENSATION, One Step	60
CLARINET MARCHALADE, One Step	60	STUBBIE WALK, For Two	60
WAR CLOUD, One Step	60	AT THE JAZZ BAND BALL, One Step	60
MOONLIGHT BLUES, For Two	60	PARLEYIN' JANGLE, For Two	60
LAZY BARRY, For Two	60	LOOK AT THE DIXIE IT, For Two	60
TIGER RAG, One Step	60	BARNYARD BLUES, For Two	60

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Nick LaRocca Bust
Courtesy Nick LaRocca Cultural Arts Center in Salaparuta, Sicily



Dominic James "Nick" LaRocca
1889-1961

Jimmy LaRocca
Continuing the Tradition

In 1917, under the leadership of Nick LaRocca, the Original Dixieland Jazz Band (ODJB) made the first jazz recording. This first and many to follow were instant sensational "Hits" that were inspirational and influential beyond imagination. The success of the ODJB recordings was immense and musicians worldwide changed instrumentation to emulate the sound and style they made famous. From 1917 to 1938 they recorded fifty-two 78's that are still sold today on various CD compilations.

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On February 8, 2006 the Original Dixieland Jazz Band was inducted into the *Grammy Hall of Fame* for their 1917 recording of the "Darktown Strutter's Ball."

The ODJB is back in full swing under the direction of the original leader's son, Jimmy LaRocca, on trumpet and vocals, with a fine ensemble of New Orleans musicians. They have performed concerts and jazz festivals worldwide and have four internationally selling CD's on the ODJB Records label. Jimmy and the ODJB are dedicated to jazz education through clinics, lectures and workshops.

The ODJB shines the brightest on a concert stage and it is refreshing to see so many people tap feet, clap hands, smile and comment on how good they feel when they listen to this music from New Orleans.

Think of visiting a famous New Orleans restaurant and wanting to taste everything on the menu ... this is what you get in an ODJB performance with selections such as "Dixie Jass Band One-Step," "Livery Stable Blues," "Fidgety Feet," "Clarinet Marmalade," "Tiger Rag," "St. Louis Blues," "St. James Infirmary," "Bourbon Street Parade," "When It's Sleepy Time Down South," "Basin Street Blues," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and many other great New Orleans classics.

96 years of tradition place Jimmy LaRocca's

Original Dixieland Jazz Band®

in a spotlight of their own.

1916 to present

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