

"Come aboard my riverboat cruise, Hurry up, so many things to do.

Explore the world, and when we're done, Come back, sing songs and have some fun."

Arriving July 28th:

Jazzy Ash Releases Third Album of Vintage NOLA Goodness: Bon Voyage

Irvine, CA, July 2015 – Jazzy Ash invites the whole family to come along on a Crescent City inspired, jazzy music adventure this summer with her new album **Bon Voyage**. The album will be available from various retailers and JazzyAsh.com on July 28th (\$12.97 CD, \$9.99 digital – Leaping Lizards Music). Already, Jazzy Ash's cover of the Louis Armstrong classic "Heebie Jeebies" is the #1 song on SiriusXM Kids Place Live radio, and Red Tricycle calls it one of the "best kid-rock albums to put on repeat" this summer. Following two nationally acclaimed album releases, and a successful PledgeMusic campaign, this new album digs even deeper into Jazzy Ash's New Orleans roots.

This interactive musical album follows kids through their day. Jazzy Ash's songs celebrate the magic of movement, with a lot of sugar and sass thrown in, New Orleans –style. **Bon Voyage** features gypsy jazz, zydeco, swing, blues, and Dixieland to encourage kids and their grown-ups to celebrate the music of New Orleans as part of the American folk music heritage. The album is the next best thing to being at a Jazzy Ash concert, kicking off with the rousing "Jazzy Ash Theme Song," and ending with "Goodbye to the Bayou." Original songs include "Firefly," Tight Rope Walker," "Tandem Bike" (featuring "Boom" from Sugar Free Allstars), and "Ice Skates" (featuring Grammy-award winner Jennifer Gasoi). The Jazzy Ash band of teaching musicians adds various horns, banjo, accordion, guitar and drums to the jaunty sounds of each song.

Indeed, Jazzy Ash's strong alto vocals and a fully orchestrated sound add to some sophisticated listening for the grownups. For kids, these songs celebrate "the movement of life," according to Christoval. "These songs are about all things that move around – bikes, trains, boats, fireflies, etc. – and all of the ways we move our bodies, too."

Jazzy Ash is also known as Ashli Christoval, who grew up with a mom from New Orleans and a dad from Trinidad. Music infused her home life every day, from jazz to Caribbean rhythms to the lively children's music which was playing all the time for the kids in her mother's home day care. She often spent summers in New Orleans with her aunts and grandparents, enjoying the culture and music that permeated their West Bank neighborhood. Starting in junior high, Christoval explored musical theater, portraying roles as diverse as Lady Macbeth and Anita in *West Side Story* while singing in several choirs. Later on, after becoming mom to two sons, she earned a degree in early childhood development and embarked on her music education program, Leaping Lizards Music. Her first album *Ready* offers peppy songs exploring preschool concepts, and her second album *Home* was the first to explore her New Orleans musical heritage. Christoval's recent NOLA visits during Mardi Gras, and participating in a neighborhood second line reaffirmed the importance of exploring this part of her heritage. "Learning about and performing this music gives me a foundation. Truly, I've found myself through this experience. Even though I was born in California, I see myself as a second-generation New Orleanean, since it's so much a part of my family's experience, going back at least five generations."

Jazzy Ash and her band plan several shows around Southern California this summer, including The Getty Garden Concerts in Los Angeles and the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana in August. An east coast tour will follow.

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"Our favorite musical discovery has got to be Jazzy Ash." ~ SiriusXM Kids Place Live

"You might think you've wandered into a kids-only jazzy club in a hidden New Orleans side street." ~ KindieMusicDC

"A kid-friendly album to put on repeat this summer." ~ Red Tricycle

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Track List (with run times)

1. Jazzy Ash Theme Song 2:12 2. Hop to School 1:44 3. Leap Frog 1:33 4. Tight Rope Walker 2:19 5. Hide and Seek 3:22 6. Tandem Bike (feat. Chris Wiser) 2:50 7. Buddy 2:40 8. Heebie Jeebies 2:24 9. Ice Skates (feat. Jennifer Gasoi) 2:25 10. Bubbles 3:00 11. Firefly 2:48 12. Goodbye in the Bayou 1:31

Press-only streaming listening page <u>HERE</u>. High resolution band photo downloads, <u>HERE</u>.

More information is available at www.jazzyash.com