

Good evening

We're the Mixed Nuts and we're pleased to be here with you again this evening. Tonight, we have a special program celebrating a great event that takes place every year at about this time. It's the Mardi Gras, a festival which celebrates the start of Lent, and which is very prominently celebrated down in New Orleans.

For this event, we've decided to feature the music of the greatest ambassador of Dixieland music - the immortal Louie Armstrong. As you know, Louie was born in New Orleans, specifically in uptown New Orleans or what was known as "Back Of The Town." But one of the most famous streets in the city was Basin Street, back then one of the finest residential streets of the city. In 1926, Spencer Williams wrote a song "Basin Street Blues," which was recorded by Louie in 1928. So we'll open our tribute to Louie Armstrong with his great version of that song - "The Basin Street Blues."