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Kevin O'Day Debuts Allstar Band at Ray's Over the River

Drummer to Lead Quartet on Thursdays In August

Group Features Guitarist/ Vocalist Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Trumpeter/ Vocalist James Andrews, Organist David Ellington

New Orleans- July 26, 2005- Eclectic New Orleans drummer Kevin O'Day announced his debut today at Ray's Over the River atop the World Trade Center at 2 Canal Street in downtown New Orleans.

The veteran musician has enlisted an allstar lineup culled from his many musical associations for a series of weekly shows beginning Thursday August 4, 2005 and extending through the month.

O'Day's last foray as a leader was with the avant-garde improvisation band, Live Animals. He also performs with Kirk Joseph's Backyard Groove, Anders Osborne, Brian Stoltz, Have Soul Will Travel and a host of other top tier New Orleans roots and jazz acts.

O'Day promises an evening of superb music showcasing the unique talents of his band members. Their sound is a fascinating blend of their many influences and musical experiences.

O'Day is the go-to drummer for Walter "Wolfman" Washington's band, the Roadmasters creating a powerful bottom end for Wolfman's one-of-a-kind blend of wrenching blues, soul ballads, gritty R&B and soaring funk.

James Andrews, also known as the "Satchmo of the Ghetto," hails from a musical family centered in the city's Tremé neighborhood. He is a traditional jazz trumpeter anchored in the age-old traditions of New Orleans and a top-notch vocalist with a mature stage presence honed on the streets and clubs of his hometown.

David Ellington's career in New Orleans can be seen as a snapshot of the city itself. One of his earliest gigs was as a member of Washington's Roadmasters. Since then he has become one of the leading lights on the vibrant Latin music scene in New Orleans. He brings feeling and groove to a variety of acts including his own band, Chevere.

Ray's Over the River opened to great applause on April 17, 2005. The venue, which is located high over the Crescent City, provides a panoramic view of New Orleans. It is an upscale music destination with a laid back vibe. Music lovers are invited to dance or sit back and enjoy their fine musical offerings.

For a detailed bio of Kevin O'Day go to www.kevinoday.com

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