

Festive hot jazz to swing you into the holiday season!

Banu and her band The New Orleans Hot Jazz discovered Dixieland songs written for the holiday season, added them to familiar songs like *Winter Wonderland*, *Let It Snow* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and combined them into an evening of unique jazzy holiday cheer!





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It's never a blue Christmas with Banu Gibson on stage

New Orleans Hot Jazz pleases crowd at Krannert

Mixing Christmas classics with some rare gems, jazz singer Banu Gibson and her band showed they know how to come up with a holiday melange of music. Gibson's holiday revue, "'Zat You, Santa Claus?" took to the stage Friday night in front of a near-capacity crowd at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts Foellinger Great Hall.

Gibson and her six-piece band set the tone for the evening with the rollicking Dixieland feel of Christmas time In New Orleans. Gibson has a fine versatile voice.

> —The Champaign—Urbana News Gazette

"Banu Gibson remains at the top of her field, the very best singer active during the last decade who focuses on material from the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Not only does she have a highly appealing and well-trained voice, a winning and witty stage personality, a full understanding of the early styles and perfect jazz phrasing, but her repertoire is inspired, and her band is one of the finest classic jazz combos around."

—L. A. Jazz Scene

"Banu Gibson and her band blend musicianship and showmanship in an irresistible brand of entertainment. I'm crazy about them."

> —Leonard Maltin Entertainment Tonight