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**High School Senior from New Orleans takes top prize in
Seeking Satch Trumpet Competition at 2010 French Quarter Festival**
Junior Competition deadline on May 22nd

New Orleans, LA – On Saturday April 10th, the French Quarter Festival program started on a high note, when representatives of the New Orleans Jazz Institute and UNO Jazz Studies program judged four National High School Senior trumpet players for the inaugural “Seeking Satch” competition at the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park.

The New Orleans Jazz Institute’s partner, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra provided the trophies for the winners. “Through our work with the Jazz Institute at UNO, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra is on a focused mission to increase the number of students that study jazz in our city.” said Ronald Markham, CEO & President of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra.

Terry Gibson Jr., New Orleans trumpeter and High School Senior at Warren Easton H.S. won grand prize for his highly spirited rendition of “St. James Infirmary”. Gibson has been recommended for a full four year ELLIS MARSALIS scholarship by the UNO Jazz Studies program, pending his admittance to the University of New Orleans. The Warren Easton marching band member will also win a trip to Bonn, Germany in late May, to be a featured performer at the “Keep New Orleans Music Alive” benefit concert in the *Bundeskunsthalle*, the official museum of the Federal Republic of Germany .

Three other High School Seniors, including Hasani Arthur from Brooklyn, New York, Jonathan Richardson of Gautier, Mississippi and Jacob Dupre of Baton Rouge, Louisiana additionally won scholarships to study Jazz at University of New Orleans.

“Watching these four young trumpeters play with such determination and confidence reminded me that the next Louis Armstrong is among us.” said Irvin Mayfield, contest judge and Artistic Director of the New Orleans Jazz Institute.

This is first installment of the “Seeking Satch” trumpet competition. Next up is the Junior Ambassador tier of “Seeking Satch”, targeting local trumpet players in 6-11th grades. Auditions are May 22nd, and will take place at KIPP McDonough 15 School for the Creative Arts in the French Quarter. The application deadline is May 3rd.

For an application and more information on the Junior Ambassador “Seeking Satch” competition, contact Amy Kirk at the French Market Corporation at akirk@frenchmarket.org or (504) 522-2621 ext. 205. All finalists and winners will play onstage at Satchmo Summerfest . The Junior winners will also receive scholarships to UNO’s Saturday Music School Program.

