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NO CROSS, NO CROWN

NO Cross, NO Crown is a timely and engaging feature documentary that examines how New Orleans' music and culture can survive the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

NO Cross, NO Crown documents how New Orleans has been a fundamental element of American music since its inception, embracing the unique artists and underdogs that make up her inhabitants. And while New Orleans was entrenched in a rich history of struggle and the blending of European and African cultural streams, America's identity and culture flourished to the soundtracks of blues, jazz, hip-hop, rock n' roll, gospel and R&B—all of which have their origins in New Orleans.

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has had a chilling effect on the thriving musical community. Much of the media coverage focused on the physical destruction of homes and businesses, the familial and friendly ties that have been broken, the looting, violence, death toll and the paramount task of rebuilding.

NO Cross, NO Crown instead dissects the cultural significance of the disaster through the voices of musicians and other artists and shows that if we let New Orleans wither on the vine, post-Katrina, we'll be lesser of a country for it.

Cast

Beth Patterson...	Songwriter and Multi-Instrumentalist
Big Chief Alfred Doucette...	Musician, Artist and Mardi Gras Indian
Don Vappie...	Don Vappie & the Creole Jazz Serenaders
Fred Kasten...	Programmer, WWNO
Herbert A. McCarver III...	Pin Stripe Brass Band
James Singleton...	Bass Player
Nick Spitzer...	Host, American Routes on NPR
Ray Fransen...	Ray Fransen's Drum Center
Tom Piazza...	Author, "Why New Orleans Matters"
Topsy Chapman...	Gospel Singer

With commentary from

Antoinette K-Doe, Clarence "Frogman" Henry, Freddy Omar, Kermit Ruffins, Kim Prevost, DJ Soul Sister, Dr. William Ferris and others.

And Performances by

Big Chief Alfred Doucette, Don Vappie and the Creole Serenaders, Pin Stripe Brass Band and Banu Gibson and the Hot Jazz

Crew

Director, Writer and Producer	A.M. Peters
Producers	Roy Nowlin, Rik Andino, Morla Gorondona & Brian Geldin
Cinematographer	Boris Cifuentes
Sound Designer	Joel H. Guilbert