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The 'Take Me Back to New Orleans' album, produced by Doctor John will be released in the UK in late March/early April, but will be preceded by a tour of the same title. All dates on the tour will include the New Orleans Brass Band and those that also feature Dr. John and Freddie Kohlman (both of whom are on the album) are clearly indicated on the enclosed list of dates.

The title, 'TAKE ME BACK TO NEW ORLEANS' has turned out to be not only appropriate but also prophetic because the Chris Barber Band plays at The New Orleans Heritage & Jazz Festival during the period May 4th to 7th.. They fly out on the inaugural British Airways direct flight to New Orleans from Gatwick on Sunday May 3rd..

The boxed album set entitled "Class of '78" recorded at Birmingham in December 1978 will not be available in the UK in the foreseeable future, but we have imported supplies from Germany for sale at concerts. It is also available to order by direct mail from this address at £11.00 inclusive of postage. The recording was made prior to the personnel changes of January 1979 and therefore includes Pete York and Sammy Rimington instead of Norman Emberson and Ian Wheeler.

Pete York will renew acquaintance with some of his former colleagues later this year. The 1981 'Summer Band' tour will comprise The Pat Halcox/Pete York All-Stars and Sweet Substitute. Full personnel details and dates follow later but will include the North Sea Festival at The Hague on Sunday July 12th..

Pat Halcox guests with The Dave Brennan Band at Wentworth Jazz Club (Nr. Rotherham, Yorks) on Tuesday February 24th and at Creaton Village Hall Nr. Northampton with the Ginger Pig Band on Wednesday February 25th..



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CHRIS BARBER'S JAZZ & BLUES BAND

U.K. DATES ON EUROPEAN TOUR ENTITLED
'TAKE ME BACK TO NEW ORLEANS' are:

Fri Feb 27th: Sunset Club: North End Cres.. LONDON W14

Sat Feb 28th: Town Hall: DUDLEY: West Midlands

Sun Mar 1st: Theatre Royal : NORWICH: Norfolk

THE ABOVE DATES FEATURE A NEW ORLEANS BRASS BAND

The FOLLOWING dates feature the Brass Band PLUS
AMERICAN GUESTS DOCTOR JOHN and FREDDIE KOHLMAN:

Mon Mar 2nd: Priory Centre: ST NEOTS: Cambs

Tue Mar 3rd: Southport Theatre: SOUTHPORT: Merseyside

Wed Mar 4th: 100 Club: Oxford Street: LONDON W1

Thu Mar 5th: Fairfield Hall: CROYDON: Surrey

Sat Mar 7th: Forum Theatre: HATFIELD: Herts

There are also two dates by the Band exclusive of guests &
outside the above package at:

Fri Mar 6th: Leas Cliff Hall: FOLKESTONE: Kent

Sun Mar 8th: Clare Hall: HAYWARDS HEATH: Sussex

The concert at ST. NEOTS (March 2nd) is in conjunction
with Hereward Radio Peterborough who will record the
show, but tickets are on sale to the general public
direct from the Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St. Neots.