Chickie Wah Wah Music Excursion (and other early-bird clubbing)

They say the world belongs to those who can make do with little sleep... Most music venues in New Orleans target that very same group of people. Although several clubs advertise that live music starts at 9 pm, the locals know better... If you actually show up at 9 pm, you might find yourself having a really long chat with the bartender, since the odds are pretty good that the two of you will be the only ones there. In many venues, people don’t start to trickle in until after 10 pm, and that might include the musicians. By 11 pm or so, everyone is ready to start having a good time... So what to do you if unforeseen circumstances (e.g., the PowerPoint for your presentation on Saturday morning is not quite ready) prevent you from partying all night long?

Do not despair! On Friday evening (April 12), we will make an “excursion” to Chickie Wah Wah (www.chickiewahwah.com), one of the slightly off-the-beaten path clubs. At Chickie Wah Wah, live music starts early and ends early. A small group of altruistic faculty members and students from Tulane University will accompany you as you take the streetcar to Chickie Wah Wah.

Estimated cost: Streetcar ($1.25 each way); club cover fee (typically $8-15, depending on the band); tip for the band ($3 if you are polite; $10 if you are very nice; $20+ if you are either well to do or drunk...)

Other early bird music venues you may want to explore:

- **Snug Harbor (626 Frenchmen Street)**. Daily shows at 8 pm and 10 pm. This is one of the few venues where it strongly recommended to buy your tickets ahead of time. Snug Harbor has 80 seats, and many shows sell out. (See the Frenchmen Street Club Strut section for more information). Frenchmen Street is a short cab ride from the PAA conference hotel.

- **Irvin Mayfield’s Jazz Playhouse** (300 Bourbon St., in the Royal Sonesta hotel; 504-586-0300; http://www.sonesta.com/RoyalNewOrleans/index.cfm?fa=restaurant2.home). Managed by Grammy winning jazz trumpeter Irvin Mayfield, the Jazz Playhouse is quickly gaining a reputation for its superb line up. Daily shows, typically starting around or before 8 pm. There is no cover charge, but there is a two drink minimum. Walking distance from the PAA conference hotel.

- **Irvin Mayfield’s I-Club** (614 Canal St., in the JW Marriott hotel; 504-525-6500; www.iclubneworleans.com). Following the success of the Jazz Playhouse, this is Irvin Mayfield second club. Daily shows, typically starting between 6 and 8 pm. There is no cover charge, but there is a two drink minimum. Walking distance from the PAA conference hotel.

- **Davenport Lounge** (901 Canal St., in the Ritz Carlton hotel; 504-524-1331). Daily jazz concerts start at 8pm. Jeremy Davenport, after whom the venue is named, performs several times a week. Davenport actually lives in the Ritz-Carlton. Some musicians have it rough... Walking distance from the PAA conference hotel.