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**Squirrel Nut Zippers "Jazz from the Back O' Town" Tour Comes to Mount Baker Theatre** *Bellingham, WA* — The Squirrel Nut Zippers Jazz from the Back 'O Town show is an intriguing look at the birth of jazz, focused on the prodigious musical neighborhood of New Orleans called Back 'O Town. Mount Baker Theatre (MBT) will be hosting Squirrel Nut Zippers on the theatre's Main Stage Wednesday, September 25, 2024 as part of their 2024-25 season.

The Squirrel Nut Zippers (the Zippers) present a delightful view into a magical era from the late 19th century through the Roaring '20s in the New Orleans' Back O' Town neighborhood. Performing reverent yet exciting renditions of such seminal NOLA classics as Jelly Roll Morton's "Animule Ball" and Louis Armstrong's "Back O' Town Blues," the Zippers also perform favorites from their own catalog adapted and arranged to more closely echo the sounds of 1920s New Orleans.

Throughout the show, the band offers humorous, insightful musings on both the musical history of one of America's most fascinating cities and the stories and inspirations behind many of the Zippers' most beloved songs. Performed in era appropriate attire, this show is not so much a period piece but serves as a living peek-behind-the-curtain of inspiration and celebration.

The Platinum selling group has sold over three million albums to date, with their watershed album, *Hot* (1996), making Squirrel Nut Zippers a household name. Recorded in the heat of New Orleans fueled by a smoldering mix of booze and a youthful hunger to unlock the secrets of oldworld jazz, this pivotal release was just the beginning for the band.

**Location:** Mount Baker Theatre Main Stage **Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Price:** Tickets start at \$22.75\*

**Tickets available at:** <u>mountbakertheatre.com/events-tickets/squirrel-nut-zippers</u> (*Tickets are only available at mountbakertheatre.com. Beware third-party ticket resellers and other websites that may advertise MBT performances.*)

## **About Mount Baker Theatre**

Mount Baker Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization dedicated to enriching the region's culture through dynamic performances, arts education, inspiring engagement in the community and stewardship of a national historic treasure. Located in the heart of downtown Bellingham's Art District, MBT is the largest theatrical venue north of Seattle in Washington State. Built in 1927, MBT is the only survivor of the five original movie palaces built in Whatcom County between 1914 and 1930. The building itself is a beautifully restored architectural treasure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since opening day, MBT has been dedicated to showcasing top touring performing arts events, as well as presenting

community-driven events and performances, to audiences in the North Puget Sound and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

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