



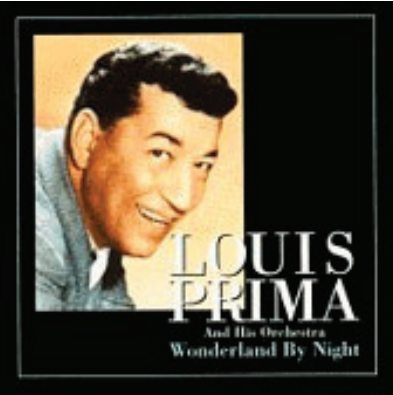
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Born on December 7, 1910 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Louis Prima was a trumpeter, band leader, singer, composer, and some-time film star. The son of Italian immigrant parents Angelina and Anthony Prima. He was educated at Jesuit High School, and studied the violin for several years under Hemmers-back, before switching to the trumpet.

At the tender age of 17, Louis was inspired by such jazz greats as Louis Armstrong and King Oliver. He acquired his first job as a

singer/trumpeter in a New Orleans theater - his older brother, Leon, also played trumpet at a local night-spot.

In the early 30s Prima worked with Red Nichols, before forming his own seven-piece group called 'New Orleans Gang', with its signature tune, 'Way Down Yonder In New Orleans'. They recorded more than 70 titles in New York for various labels from 1934-39, some of which made the US Hit Parade.

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Comments from the editor:

Some of you having been sharing your newsletter with other folks. I think that's great. I also send it out to people who can relate to our experience. Some respond back saying "can I join, I want to participate". I say of course we are open to all. If you would like to be a part of our circle, we would love to have you. Just send your check for \$25.00, for the Sunshine Fund, and you will become a member in good standing.

The money collected is designed to help the needy. During the course of the year we will entertain ideas on how to increase the size of the fund. Some of you have suggested expanding our annual golf tournament or have periodic social functions with the proceeds going to the fund.

I would like your thoughts and ideas. Is this something that you would like us to do? Would you participate?

The more successful we become, the more people we can help.

I believe that we are more than just a bunch of guys that get together for dinner or play golf.

Think about it!

The seed has been planted lets nurture it.

J Di Leo

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