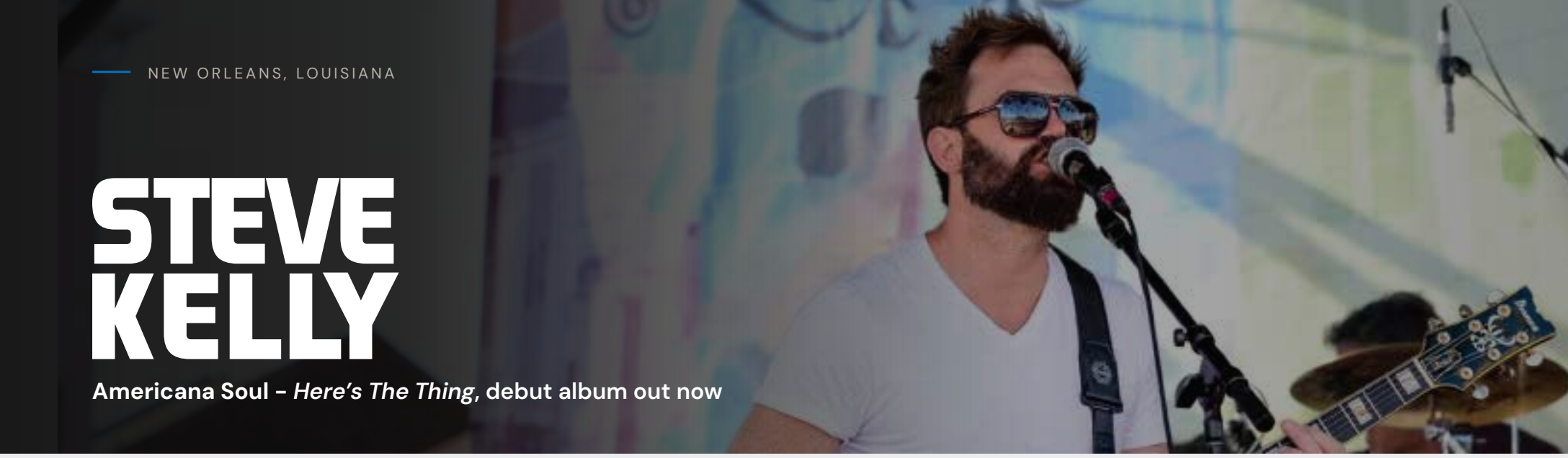


NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

STEVE KELLY

Americana Soul - *Here's The Thing*, debut album out now

THE CASE FOR 2027

A Louisiana artist, start to finish

Twenty years playing New Orleans rooms like **Tipitina's**, **The Maple Leaf**, and **Le Bon Temps Roule** - and a debut record cut with some of the city's most in demand players.

Galactic's Robert Mercurio produced it

Not a lent name — **Mercurio** co-produced the eight-track debut and played bass on it. The sessions drew from **Gov't Mule**, **Tedeschi Trucks Band**, **Tank & the Bangas**, and the deep end of the New Orleans bench.

The band is already in your lineup

Kelly's working band frequently includes members of **Naughty Professor**, **Tank & The Bangas**, **Dumpstaphunk**, and **The Rumble**. Festivals: Freret Street Festival, Riverbend Lagniappe, Wild Things Family Reunion

THE ARTIST

Steve Kelly built his reputation on powerful vocals and an energy too big to contain with the band **Gravy**, before stepping back to focus on the digital side of the music industry. After a near-fatal accident, he's back on the stage with a renewed sense of purpose.

He sharpened his craft in storied New Orleans rooms — Tipitina's, the Maple Leaf, Le Bon Temps Roule. Twenty years of connections across the city brought in a dizzying array of players for the album, and co-produced with **Robert Mercurio** of Galactic, the eight-track solo debut *Here's The Thing* is the record Kelly had been building to the whole time.

He calls it **Americana Soul** — gospel heart and R&B fire with the improvisational pulse of the Crescent City. The songwriting navigates the complexities of life's cycles, candid struggles with mental health, the perils of substance abuse and addiction, and the peaks and valleys of personal relationships, ultimately delivering a message of hope and perseverance.



Here's The Thing
Debut solo record · 8 tracks
Out Now · Vinyl · CD · Streaming

THE BAND ON THE RECORD

Bassist **Kevin Scott** (Gov't Mule, Jimmy Herring Band) · drummer and multi-instrumentalist **Isaac Eady** (Tedeschi Trucks Band) · drummer **Stanton Moore** and bassist-producer **Robert Mercurio** (both of Galactic) · **Noah Young, Bill Daniel, Sam Shahin, Nick Ellman, Ian Bowman,** & **John Culbreth** (all of Naughty Professor) · singer and vocal producer **Gabrielle Cavassa** (Joshua Redman) · singer **Anjelika "Jelly" Joseph** (Galactic, Tank & The Bangas) · guitarist **Ari Teitel** (Dumpstaphunk, The Rumble) · keyboardist **Andriu Yanovski** (David Shaw, The Rumble) · guitarist **Joe Pizzolato** (Kelly Price, Hans Williams) · composer and multi-instrumentalist **Kelly Pratt** (Arcade Fire, St. Vincent, David Byrne, Father John Misty) · **Sam Kuslan** (Anders Osborne), and many more.

THE LIVE SET

Kelly's working band already carries most of **Naughty Professor's** rhythm section. For 2027 he's proposing the full Naughty Professor lineup plus the **Dumpstaphunk** horns — two horn sections on one stage, a configuration built for this festival and playing nowhere else.

The set runs originals from *Here's The Thing* against reimagined classics, cut to a hard festival clock. And Kelly's circle overlaps the festival's own: program him on a day when **Galactic**, **Dumpstaphunk**, **The Revivalists**, **Tedeschi Trucks Band**, **Gov't Mule**, or **Naughty Professor** are on site and guest appearances stop being hypothetical.

THE ASK

A notable 2027 slot, programmed where the crossovers can happen.

The configuration: full **Naughty Professor** backing band plus the **Dumpstaphunk** horns. Two horn sections, one stage, Jazz Fest only.

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RECENT & UPCOMING

THU AUG 21 · 2026
Tipitina's
New Orleans, LA
Free Fridays — w/ Zoomst · 10:30 PM

FRI SEP 18 · 2026
The Maple Leaf
New Orleans, LA
10:00 PM

SAT OCT 3 · 2026
Le Bon Temps Roule
New Orleans, LA
NOLAxNOLA JAM-OLA - ft. Isaac Eady, Alfred Jordan • 11:00 PM

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