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“Brooklyn’s excellent Red Hook Ramblers make vintage jazz that conjures a delicious speakeasy vibe: You’re just a step away from flappers, fancy shoes and illicit booze.”
- Time Out New York



“The Red Hook Ramblers are animated and larger than life, and are as delightful to watch as they are to listen to. United by their collective passion for the time-honored musical genres of classic jazz, blues, spirituals and ragtime, the Ramblers take pride in performing this compelling music of a by-gone era.”
- BRIC Community Television

From Brooklyn, New York, the Red Hook Ramblers are a six-piece Dixieland jazz band that is sweeping audiences off their feet. Fans of rock, folk, jazz, dance, spiritual and blues music are all thrilled by the Ramblers’ live energy and joyous sound.

Since 2005, the Red Hook Ramblers have constantly been in demand for their New Orleans-style jazz at New York clubs, parties, festivals, churches, burlesque shows and more. Recent highlights have included a sold-out concert with Squirrel Nut Zippers, performing for tens of thousands of fans before NY Jets home games at New Meadowlands Stadium, a wax cylinder recording session at the Thomas Edison National History Park, a tour of Switzerland including an appearance at the Meilemer Jazz Festival outside of Zurich, leading the Louis Armstrong House Museum’s celebration of Satchmo’s birthday, residencies at NYC burlesque institutions the Slipper Room

and Galapagos Art Space, a documentary on the band produced by BRIC Arts and numerous appearances at Jazz Age parties Shanghai Mermaid, Wit’s End and Dances of Vice. The band is planning to tour Australia in 2012.

The Red Hook Ramblers are an acoustic band consisting of tuba, cornet, trombone, clarinet, banjo/piano and drums, with many members contributing vocals. Audiences and venues are frequently surprised by how powerful and exciting this instrumentation can be, and for some it is the sheer novelty that makes the Red Hook Ramblers unforgettable. When was the last time you danced to a brass band?

In the hands of a young band whose inspirations draw from The Ramones as well as Louis Armstrong, traditional music has never sounded so fresh. The Red Hook Ramblers will make any event spectacular.

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