



Irma Thomas



**2007 GRAMMY Award Winner for
*After The Rain***

4-Time Grammy Nominee

“It’s easy to read Hurricane Katrina metaphors into everything New Orleans musicians record, but that tragedy runs deep through this set of understated piano-based songs by Crescent City’s long reigning queen of soul...Thomas’ versions of these stark, powerful tunes help *Simply Grand* live up to its title.” – ***Rolling Stone***

“Her head-tilting takes on R&B standards since the early 1960s place her in the stylistic neighborhood of Aretha Franklin, with a spark of Southern-fried moxie...Irma Thomas plus piano is *Simply Grand*.” – ***The Wall Street Journal***

“...lets her put the grand in grand dame.” – ***People***

“Ms. Thomas sings warmly and forthrightly amid the two-fisted rumbas, R&B vamps, jazz ballads and barrelhouse flourishes. And without getting heavy-handed the song choices haven’t forgotten what happened to her beloved city...” – ***The New York Times***

Irma Thomas is one of New Orleans’ most beloved and iconic entertainers. Irma won her first GRAMMY in 2007 and has three additional nominations including one in 2009 for her album *Simply Grand*. Among her other recent honors are a 2009 induction into the Blues Hall of Fame, MOJO Magazine’s Legend Award in 2008 and induction into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame, as well as being an 8-time Blues Music Award Winner. Irma also appeared on HBO’s hit series, *Treme*, in which she sang with an All Star backing band including Allen Toussaint, who produced some of her best known work. Her version of “Ruler of My Heart” was re-interpreted by Otis Redding as “Pain In My Heart” and her version of “Time Is On My Side” was later covered by The Rolling Stones. In 2008 Irma was honored as the subject of the prestigious New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival poster.

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