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New Orleans roots rockers Andi Hoffmann & B-Goes are tonight's featured Nightfall act. From left are Robert Mache, Elisabeth Gill, Kevin O'Day, Thomas McDonald and Hoffmann.

Andi Hoffmann & B-Goes come to Nightfall

STAFF REPORT

Andi Hoffmann was born and raised in Switzerland and currently lives in New Orleans.

The vocalist/guitarist is influenced by both cultures, as well as a wide variety of other musical styles in his writings. The music he makes as part of Andi Hoffmann & B-Goes includes Cajun, calypso, reggae, swamp pop, hip-hop and rock.

The group headlines tonight's Nightfall Concert Series at Miller Plaza. Ridgefarm will open the show.

The band itself formed in 1989 in Switzerland. Hoffmann came to America in 1993 to see more of the world and became fascinated by New Orleans and

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Nightfall concert featuring Andi Hoffmann & B-Goes with Ridgefarm opening.
- **When:** 7 tonight.
- **Where:** Miller Plaza, 850 Market St.
- **Admission:** Free.
- **Phone:** 265-0771.

its rich and varied culture.

He loved the swamps, the heat, the colors and the different musical styles.

Hoffmann and his band of veteran musicians have recorded five albums, embarked on several European tours and

played extensively in the United States.

The current B-Goes lineup has combined to play in more than 15 local and national bands, notably with the Continental Drifters, Steve Wynn and Anders Osborne.

Their live shows take on a tent revival atmosphere.

The B-Goes' newest CD, "Living in the Big Wide World," has been featured in several independent films as well as other artistic projects.

Andi Hoffmann & B-Goes have been compared to Bob Dylan, Rusted Root, Dave Matthews Band, Lou Reed, Daniel Lanois and the sub-

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WHAT CRITICS HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT ANDI HOFFMANN & B-GOES

"Naturally, the B-Goes presented their audience with Louisiana songs tinged by rock 'n' roll influences. The band shone with the easy grace and relaxed, confident, can-do-it-blindfolded flow that you know from people like John Hiatt and Sonny Landreth. Even though the band has been playing together a long time, they're not frozen into a routine. The effect of the show was to transform the cold Swiss night into a sweaty rock 'n' roll club in the middle of Louisiana."

— Winterthurer Landbote (Swiss newspaper)

CD REVIEWS

"Living in the Big Wide World" flows from style to style; the band dives into soul, Southern rock, blues and zydeco, while keeping the New Orleans second-line beat. No Swiss musician has ever made such a beautiful record."

— Facts (Swiss magazine)

"Whether it's the wonderfully subtle instrumentation of the B-Goes, the multilayered feel, Andi's original voice, little compositional details or the well-written lyrics, you've got a magnificent collection

of songs with superb performances."

— Rambles Magazine

LIVE PERFORMANCES

"Andi Hoffmann and B-Goes are one of the most talented and interesting bands the Southeast currently has to offer."

— Columbia Free Times

"Swiss-born front man Andi Hoffmann's lyrics and upbeat music is the perfect mix to stomp and dance a warm afternoon away."

— Where Y'at Magazine

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