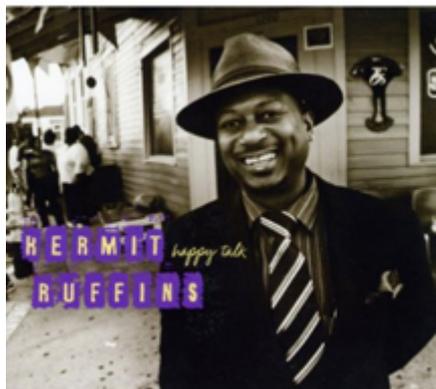


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Kermit Ruffins - Happy Talk

Clear out the room and let the dancing commence with **Kermit Ruffins'** latest release [Kermit Ruffins - Happy Talk](#). With a Who's Who of supporting musicians from **Dr. Michael White**, to **Corey Henry**, **Percy Williams**, **Mark Mullins**, and more, the release lives up to Kermit's belief, music was made for dancing.



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Kermit Ruffins - Happy Talk: *Panama; Hey Look me Over; Ain't That Good News; La Vie En Rose; Happy Talk; If I Only Had A Brain; High Hopes; I Got A Tremé Woman; Shine; Sugar; More Today Than Yesterday; New Orleans (My Home Town)*

Personnel: Kermit Ruffins: Vocals, Trumpet; Herlin Riley: drums; David Pulphous: bass; Matt Lemmler: piano, arrangement on tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11; Bobby Campo: trumpet (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11); Jimmy Webber: trumpet (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11); Mark Mullins: trombone (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, solos on tracks 1, 7, 9); Eric Traub: tenor sax (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, solo on track 9); Mike Jenner: tenor sax (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11); Ray Moore: baritone sax (tracks 2, 3, 7, 9, 11); Daryll McCoy: guitar solo (tracks 3, 12); Dr. Michael White: clarinet (tracks 1, 4, 10); Corey Henry: trombone (tracks 6, 8); Percy Williams: percussion (track 3); Neshia Ruffins: backup vocals (track 7); Kristiaan Lewis: backup vocals (track 7)

Kermit Ruffins - Happy Talk was produced by Tracey Freeman and Mark Samuels on the [Basin Street Records](#) label. *Happy Talk*, an uplifting and rousing release that is almost as bright as Kermit Ruffins' smile, draws from the fire and the heritage of New Orleans music that brews in Kermit's soul; there are twelve tracks that are guaranteed to get you up and dancing. Other releases from Kermit Ruffins found in the [Music Scene](#) section: [Kermit Ruffins - Livin' a Treme Life](#) and [Kermit Ruffins with the Rebirth Brass Band - Throwback](#).

The release opens with the bopping track *Panama* that is the signature feel of New Orleans, footloose and fancy-free; Kermit's trumpet is the live wire that turns the energy up and drives this song. *Hey Look Me Over* rolls out with the big band horn sound that complements Kermit's sensational vocals and trumpet, and a pulsating bass-line; the band takes off with select solos from each member, so they can show their 'stuff.' The track *Ain't That Good News* is good news that could only be told by Kermit in his familiar fiery trumpet and singing style as he lights up this track.

La Vie En Rose slows down the pace as the trumpet takes center stage and slow dances for your listening pleasure. So, grab your significant other and press your bodies together, let the music linger through all of your senses. The title track, *Happy Talk*, is a boisterous Kermit as he belts out "...talk about things you like to do, you've got to have a dream, if you don't have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true;" the piano work and percussion is fabulous, as is Kermit's trumpet.

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If You Only Had A Brain is a lively and fanciful track with a Latin beat to brighten up the arrangement. What better song could be covered by the big kid Kermit Ruffins than *High Hopes*, and he has more fun with this arrangement singing "opps there goes another rubber tree plant," than the kids that he has singing backing vocals. The track *I Got a Tremé Woman* swings and sways in New Orleans style with a pounding piano, driving drums, and echoing trumpet notes.

The release closes with some pace with the tracks *Shine*, a song that is the torch that lights the powder cake and fires up the band as they try to keep pace with Kermit's trumpet; *Sugar*, a timey 20s track with a sassy piano intro and complimenting horns; *More Today Than Yesterday*, the big band horn sound captures this cover and encases Kermit's trumpet and vocal to perfection; and *New Orleans (My Home Town)* is a fitting end to a toe tapping, dance marathon release and in Kermit style, his trumpet pours some sauce on the arrangement leaving the listener begging for more.

Websites where you can procure **Kermit Ruffins - Happy Talk** are [Basin Street Records](#), [Amazon](#), [CD Universe](#), [CD Baby](#), [iTunes](#), [J&R Music](#), and [Rhapsody](#).

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