2 pop-ups from James Beard winners and more New Orleans food events

In New Orleans, food is entertainment. Here are picks from The Times-Picayune’s food team for eating and drinking events in the weeks ahead.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Feb. 26** -- The Argentine steak house La Boca (870 Tchoupitoulas St.) hosts a Bacchus Sunday party to benefit LGBTQ organizations.

**March 7** -- Paradigm Gardens in Central City launches its spring concert series with a performance by Sonic Harvest and food from Patois, Boucherie and Angeline. The dinners and show continue through May. See paradigmgardensnola.com for details.

**March 16** -- The 16th annual Chefs’ Charity for Children benefits St. Michael Special School. See www.stmichaelspecialschool.com for details.

**March 23** -- The first Top Taco, a festival of tacos, will be held at the River Walk’s Spanish Plaza.

**March 24-26** -- The New Orleans Bourbon Festival debuts with tastings, dinners and seminars dedicated to America’s native spirit.

**March 26** -- At the first Bloody Mary Festival, area bars and restaurant will mix their best eye-openers. $39-$49

**March 31-April 1** -- Hogs for the Cause, the annual charity barbecue competition and music festival, returns at a new location: on the lake and behind the UNO arena.

**May 25-28** -- The New Orleans Wine and Food Experience returns for its 25th year.