Events

Beginning Mar 22nd – Mar 23rd

Butler, Dick Cavett, Michael Cerveris, Lisa D'Amour, Amy Dickinson, Gabrielle Lucille Fuentes, Winona Groom, Wally Lamb, Nicholas Manaster, John Patrick Shadley, Jill St. John, Robert Wagner, and many more. Most events (far too numerous to detail here, but which range from master classes and walking tours to theatre, food, and musical offerings) will take place in the French Quarter. Ticket prices vary depending on the activities or combination thereof. tennesseewilliams.net for all the details.

MAR 22nd - APR 7th
THEATRE
THE SEAGULL AND STUPID F**ING BIRD
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Swine Palace, as part of its twenty-fifth anniversary, has taken on a first-of-its-kind rotating repertory production, alternating performances of Chekhov's classic play, The Seagull, with its contemporary adaption, Stupid F**ing Bird. Multiple performances run from March 22 through April 7 so that audiences can compare and contrast the plays, along with the actors who play the same characters in each. At the Reilly Theatre on the LSU Campus. Times and tickets at cmta.lsu.edu/events. Read our January 2016 feature on the Swine Palace repertory at CountryRoadsMag.com.

MAR 23rd
CUISINE
TOP TACO NOLA
New Orleans, Louisiana

Forty chefs from the New Orleans area have been set a challenge: Who can make the best taco? Complete with tequila pairings and live music from Los Poboyitos, Otra, Mavelo, and Mariachi Jalisco, the festival stems from Colorado, but we have a feeling New Orleans will bring a certain flair to its own inaugural outing. 5:30 pm-9:30 pm at Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza. Tickets run from $65-$125. mptacono.com.

MAR 23rd
ART EXHIBIT
LE MARAIS, THE MARSH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Louisiana artists Jill Hackney celebrates twenty years of representation at Ann Connolly Fine Art in a March exhibition called Le Marais, The Marsh, which will also represent the gallery's new location at 1670 Labeckl Avenue, suite 108. Hackney's work begins with photography, capturing a serendipitous moment in nature and bringing those images back to the studio to interpret through her paintings. Hackney's newest series highlights the natural beauty of Louisiana's native wetlands: illuminated Spanish moss, dancing reflections in black waters, and the subtle bursts of color hidden within dense founa. Join the artist at an opening reception tonight from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

MAR 23rd - MAR 26th
FAIRS & FESTIVALS
NEW ORLEANS BOURBON FESTIVAL
New Orleans, Louisiana

Are you known to bend an elbow? Then here's the first for you. New Orleans Bourbon Festival (that's the drink, not the street) brings food, spirit, and culture to the Sugar Mill (1021 Convention Center Boulevard) and Marriott Convention Center (859 Convention Center Boulevard). The festivities include tastings (7:30 pm–10:30 pm Friday), live panels (starting 9 am Saturday, with a focus on "Women in Bourbon"), and a bourbon jazz brunch (11 am Sunday). Pre-game on Thursday, March 23, the night before the festival proper, at one of five exclusive pairing dinners as part of the Legends of Bourbon Series—choose between The Foundation Room at the House of Blues (Jim Beam), The Bourbon House (Wild Turkey and Russell's Reserve), Morton's Steakhouse (Diageo Brand), Salon by Suze (Jefferson's Bourbon), and Keno's (Heaven Hill). $130, including an armee-bouche and welcome cocktail. Festival tickets start at $59. neworleansbourbonfestivalach.com.