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**Roy Blount and
the Tennessee
Williams Festival**

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EAT+DRINK

PLATE DATES

MARCH 23

Top Taco

6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Thursday
Spanish Plaza, Poydras Street at the Mississippi River
www.toptaconola.com

The event features tequila and mezcal tastings and creative tacos from Blue Oak BBQ, Bourbon House, Cochon Butcher, Drago's Seafood Restaurant, Johnny Sanchez, Juan's Flying Burrito, Nacho Mama's, Patols, Pirogues, Taqueria Chilangos and others. There's music by OTRA, Los Po-Boy-Citos and Mariachi Jalisco. Proceeds benefit One Heart NOLA. Admission \$65, early admission \$85, VIP admission \$125.

MARCH 23-26

Louisiana Crawfish Festival

5 p.m.-11 p.m. Thursday; 5 p.m.-midnight Friday;
11 a.m.-midnight Saturday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday
Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette,
(504) 271-0537

www.louisianacrawfishfestival.com

The festival features live music, amusement rides, craft vendors and boiled crawfish as well as dishes including crawfish bread, crawfish pasta, burgers, hot dogs, kebabs and funnel cakes. There's music by The Molly Ringwalds, The Wiseguys, Groovy 7, Category 6, Voodoo Gumbo and others. Admission \$5.

MARCH 24-26

New Orleans Bourbon Festival

Various locations
www.neworleansbourbonfestival.com

There are bourbon tastings, speakers, dinners and more. Speakers include distillers Pat Heist (Wilderness Trail Distillery), Fred Booker Noe III (Jim Beam), Eddie Russell (Wild Turkey) and Greg Davis (Maker's Mark), as well as brand ambassadors and whiskey writers. Tastings include bourbon and food from local restaurants, and there are dinners March 23 at Bourbon House, Kenton's, Cochon, House of Blues, Salon Restaurant by Sucre and Morton's The Steakhouse. Ticket prices vary.