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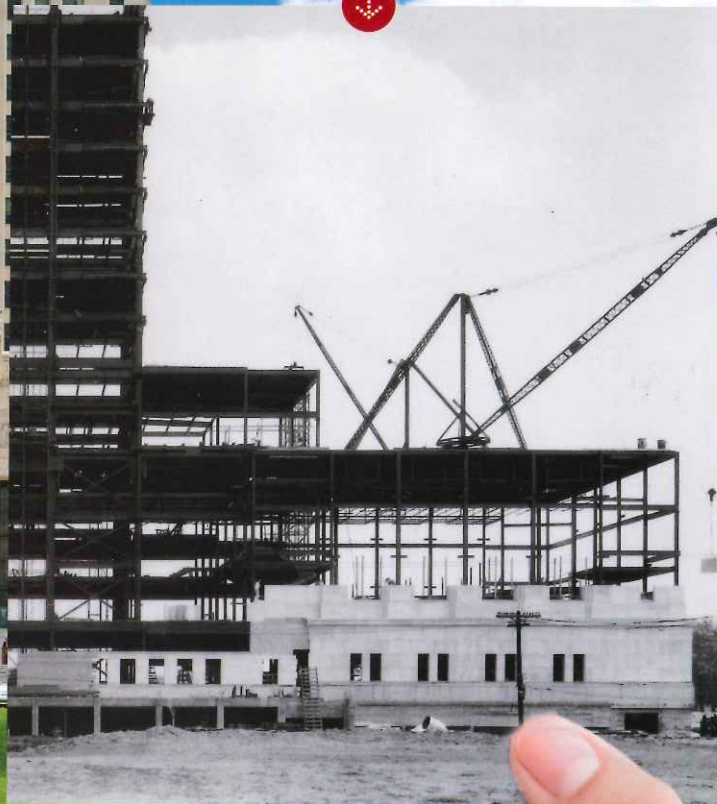
MARCH/APRIL 2017

BICENTENNIAL BLOWOUT!

A salute to Baton Rouge on its 200th birthday

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The Red Stick's Dining, Arts, Architecture, Music, People, Events and More!

The iconic Louisiana State Capitol building, completed in 1932, is the tallest capitol in the United States.



MARCH/APRIL 2017 \$4.95
DISPLAY UNTIL APRIL 30, 2017





SPRING FESTIVALS

The awe-inspiring diversity of Louisiana is easily taken for granted. A quick survey of the state's spring festivals — Louisiana is home to more annual festivals than there are days in the year — is an apt reminder that there's no place like the state that we call home. Here are a few of Louisiana's best festivals for mingling with the locals, dancing like you're not on Facebook or connecting with your roots — whether they're in Senegal or Sicily.

BY CHRIS JAY

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MARCH 31-APRIL 2

Dave Robicheaux's Hometown Literary Festival

One of Louisiana's newest festivals celebrates fictional detective Dave Robicheaux, the rule-breaking Cajun sheriff's deputy who appears in numerous novels by best-selling author James Lee Burke. Dave Robicheaux's Hometown Literary Festival, launched in 2016, invites fans of Burke's detective novels to explore the character's hometown haunts like Shadows-on-the-Teche and Victor's Cafeteria during guided bus tours. There's also an academic symposium on Burke's life and career, a book fair with author appearances and book signings, and even a Cajun bourré tournament. This being New Iberia, there are plenty of opportunities to sample local food (including a cochon de lait) and dance to Cajun and zydeco music while enjoying scenic views of Bayou Teche. Burke, who spent summers in New Iberia as a child, did not attend the festival in its first year — but hundreds of his fans did.

Where: New Iberia Historic District
Tickets: Many events are free, other events \$15-\$60
More Info:
daverobicheauxliteraryfestival.com

FESTING THROUGH 2017

MARCH

Buku Music and Art Project New Orleans

Congo Square New World Rhythms Festival New Orleans

Tennessee Williams Literary Festival New Orleans

Taco Fest New Orleans

Spring Fiesta New Orleans

Louisiana Winter Beer Festival Lake Charles

Annual Black Heritage Festival Lake Charles

Cajun Chili Fest Youngsville

Iowa Rabbit Festival Lake Charles

Wild Beast Feast Lake Charles

Dave Robicheaux's Hometown Literary Festival New Iberia

Youth Art Month Festival Alexandria

Scottish Tartan Festival Shreveport

Taste of Covington Festival Covington

French Quarter Festival New Orleans

Covington Antiques and Uniques Festival Covington

Abita Springs Busker Festival Abita Springs

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival New Orleans

Dave Robicheaux's Hometown Literary Festival New Iberia

Louisiana Railroad Days Festival DeQuincy

Downtown Lake Charles Crawfish Festival Lake Charles

Southern Garden Festival Lafayette

Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival Westlake

Flea Fest: Flea Market Lake Charles

Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival Grand Isle

Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Breaux Bridge

Mid-City Bayou Boogaloo New Orleans

New Orleans Wine & Food Experience New Orleans

Contraband Days-Louisiana Pirate Festival Lake Charles

Starks Mayhaw Festival Starks

Cochon de Lait Festival Mansura

Mudbug Madness Shreveport

Greek Festival New Orleans

Jambalaya Festival Gonzales

Marion Mayhaw Festival Marion

Riverboat Festival Columbia

Jeff Fish Fest & Rodeo River Ridge

JUNE

Lake Arthur Regatta Lake Arthur

FestiGals New Orleans