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MARDI

March 28th

Book Reading: Elizabeth Pearce
Garden District Book Shop, 6PM
From her new book "Drink Dat New Orleans: A Guide to the Best Cocktail Bars, Dives, & Spokeseats!"

Spring Publishing Camp
Tubby & Co's Mid-City Book Shop, 7PM
Book publishing workshop

Gabby Douglas
Dillard University, 7PM
Olympic gymnast talks fame and fitness

Laelume
The Carver, 7PM
World soul jazz music

Laughter Without Borders
Loyola University, 7PM
Clowns for a cause, to benefit Syrian refugees

Tuesday Night Haircuts
St. Roch Tavern, 8PM
Tonight: beer, haircuts, karaoke

Thinkin' With Lincoln
Bayou Beaz Garden, 8PM
Outdoor trivia

Water Seed
Blue Nile, 9PM
Interstellar future funk

Stanton Moore Trio
Sung Harbor, 10PM
Galactic drummer's side project - also at 8PM

MERCREDI

March 29th

Response: Artists in the Park
Botanical Garden, 10AM
Art exhibit and sale on plain air

Studio Opening Party
Alex Beard Studio, 5PM
Drinks, food, painting to celebrate the artist's studio opening

Sippin' in the Courtyard
Maison Dupuy Hotel, 5PM
Fancy food, music by jazz great Tim Loughlin, and event raffle

Work Hard, Play Hard
Benachi House & Gardens, 6PM
Southern Rep's fundraising dinner and party

Lecture: Patrick Smith
New Canal Lighthouse, 6PM
Coastal scientist discusses his work

Pelicans vs. Dallas Mavericks
Smoothie King Center, 7PM
The Birds and the Mavs go head to head

Drag Bingo
Allways Lounge, 7PM
Last game planned in the Allways's popular performance & game night

FOOD

TOP TACO NOLA KICKS OFF FIRST FOOD FEST

Posted Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 by Alexis Manrodt

Grab your bottles of Cholula and Crystal, and let's taco 'bout a new festival coming to town this week. More than 30 restaurants and over 40 spirits companies will vie for top honors at the inaugural Top Taco New Orleans fest, kicking off Thursday (3.23) at the Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza.

Following the success of Top Taco Denver, NOLA gets its chance to flex its Mex muscles with the inaugural food fest. Attendees and industry judges alike will declare winners from participants competing for four prizes: Top Creative Taco, Top Traditional Taco, Top Creative Cocktail, Top Traditional Margarita. Proceeds from the event will benefit One Heart NOLA, an organization serving children in need.

General admission affords you unlimited taco, cocktail, and tequila tastings. The VIP experience, hosted on the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen, offers all that — *plus* Patrón tequila-infused desserts, a premium open bar sponsored by the folks at Jim Beam, and will even have ten top chefs on hand to cook up food just for you.

Of course, it wouldn't be a NOLA fest without some live music. Afro-Cuban jazz band Otra, Latin soul outfit Los Poboycitos, Mariachi Jalisco US will perform at the fest, while New Orleans salsa group Muevlo will provide the soundtrack for the VIP experience.

Restaurants dishing out their top tacos include: Araña, The Backyard, Bacobar, Barcadia, Bayou Burger and Sports Company, Blue Oak BBQ, Bourbon House, Bugger's BBQ w/ Barrel Proof, Canal Street Bistro, Carreta's Grill, La Casita, Chilangos, Cochon Butcher, Del Fuego, Drago's, El Paso Mexican Grill, Felipe's, Jacques Imo's, Johnny Sanchez, Juan's Flying Burrito, Kingfish, Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar, Lula's Restaurant Distillery, Masquerade, Mizado, Nacho Mama's, Paddlewheeler Creole Queen, Patois, P.F. Chang's, Rum House, Superior Grill, Tacos & Beer, Tequila House, and Velvet Cactus.

On the cocktail front, the following beverages & spirits companies will compete: 1800 Tequila, Agavero Orange, Barefoot Wines & Bubbly, Casanigos, Casa Noble, Corona, Dekuyper, Don Julio, Espolon, Exotico, Fortaleza, Ghost Tequila, Gran Centenario, Hornitos, Hussong's, Jose Cuervo Tradicional, Lunazul, Maestro Doble, El Mayor, Modelo Especial, Negra Modelo, O3, Patrón, Patrón Citronage, Patrón XO, Peligroso, Sauza Blue, El Silencio, El Tesoro, Tito's Vodka, and Tres Generaciones.

Top Taco New Orleans, March 23, 6:30-9:30PM, tickets \$65-125



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