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TOP TACO TICKETS

Folks who love tacos and tequila can get early-bird discounted tickets through Feb. 14 for the Top Taco New Orleans festival. The event is March 23 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza. The food festival, presented by Paddlewheeler Creole Queen, is a collaborative effort of New Orleans restaurateur Shane Finkelstein and those who put on Top Taco Denver, a popular summer festival in Colorado.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit One Heart NOLA, a charitable organization that raises money and awareness for New Orleans' foster children.

Confirmed restaurants include Arana, The Backyard, Bacobar, Barcadia, Bayou Burger And Sports Company, Blue Oak Barbecue, Bourbon House, Bruger's Barbecue with Barrel Proof, Canal Street Bistro, Carreta's Grill, La Casita, Cellar Door, Chilangos, Del Fuego, Felipe's, Hilton New Orleans, Jacques Imo's, Johnny Sanchez, Juan's Flying Burrito, La Mezcla, Los Jefes, Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar, Mizado, Nacho Mama's, Patois, Rum House, Superior Grill, Tacos & Beer, Tequila House and Velvet Cactus.

Vendors will compete for recognition for people's choice and judges awards for top creative taco and top traditional taco, as well as top creative cocktail and top margarita. Tacos will be paired with tequilas and spirits.

General admission discounted passes are \$50. First Tasting tickets are \$75 and include early entry. VIP discounted tickets are \$110. After Feb. 14, tickets will be \$65 for general admission, \$85 for tasting, \$125 for VIP. Prices include food and drinks. Visit Top-TacoNOLA.com or their Facebook page.