

Top Taco Festival Premieres in NOLA Spring 2017

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This spring, Crescent City locals and visitors will be able to indulge in an evening filled with tacos and tequilas when the inaugural Top Taco festival lands in Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza on Thursday, March 23, 2017. A collaborative effort by the team behind the highly successful Top Taco Denver and local restaurateur Shane Finkelstein, Top Taco NOLA will feature tantalizing tacos from forty of the city's best restaurants, along with handcrafted tequila cocktails and top notch live entertainment. A portion of the proceeds will benefit One Heart NOLA, a charitable organization that raises funds and awareness for New Orleans' foster children.

Sponsored by Southern Eagle Beverage, Hola Nola tortillas and Performance Food Group, the evening will feature forty (40) restaurants that will compete for People's Choice and Judge awards in four categories: Top Creative Taco, Top Traditional Taco, Top Creative Cocktail and Top Margarita.

An additional ten (10) restaurants will be showcased in the private VIP Lounge, aboard the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen, where guests can enjoy one-of-a-kind culinary creations, exclusive VIP tequila tastings, live music by Mariachi Jalisco US and Margie Perez's Latin band Muevelo.

Confirmed restaurants to date include: Mizado, Jacques Imo's, Rum House, Araña, Velvet Cactus, Tacos and Beer, Del Fuego, Patois, Canal St. Bistro, Chiba, Cowbell, Vincent's, Nacho Mama's, La Casita, Felipe's, Blue Oak BBQ and Horn's. Restaurants will be paired with tequilas and spirits including Sauza Hornitos, Patron, Tres Generaciones, Casa Noble, El Tesoro, and Cointreau to create festive and flavorful cocktails

Live entertainment will include performances by NOLA's famed Latin ensemble Los Pobocytos and Afro-Cuban jazz and groove band Otra.