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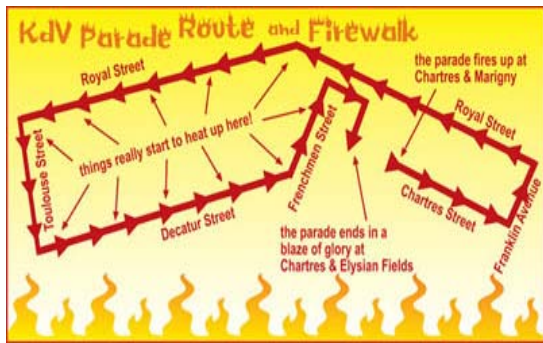
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Krewe du Vieux Parade Rolls & Stumbles Jan. 30

On Saturday, January 30, Krewe du Vieux will be rolling and stumbling through the Marigny Triangle and the Lower French Quarter. This year's theme is **Fired Up!** The King is Dr. John, aka Mac Rebennack, reigning along with his Queen Mother, Priestess Miriam of the Voodoo Spiritual Temple.

Krewe du Vieux is a New Orleans Mardi Gras or Carnival krewe, originally and more fully known as the Krewe du Vieux Carre ("Vieux Carre" being another term for the city's French Quarter). It is one of the earliest parades of the New Orleans



Carnival calendar, and is noted for wild satirical and adult themes, as well as for showcasing some of the best Brass and Jazz Bands in New Orleans.

Faced with the infernal inertia of the elite, Krewe du Vieux decided to get all **Fired Up!** Immersed in refried confusion, caught in the bonfire of the inanities, and burning in the Ninth Ward of Hell, the Krewe will nevertheless rise from the ashes, walk on burning sphincters, demand a public option, and put a spell on each and every one of you. It will be such a blight!

Like moths drawn to a flame, the firebugs, fire signs, fire hosers, fire drillers, fire truckers, firecrackers, gunsmokers, pot smokers, pot holers, potlickers, politickers, hot mamas, cinder fellas, and citronellas of the krewe will burn the candle at both ends as they firewalk through the French Quarter and Faubourg Marigny on Saturday, January 30 at 6:30pm.

Parade-goers are advised to drink plenty of firewater and beware of burning sensations. Lighting the krewe's fire will be King Dr. John, who's been known to fire one up and make a little whoopee himself. Exceptional pianist, lyricalizer, producer, and performer of New Orleans music who has night-tripped many a night club, King Dr. John has been downright ambassadorial in helping bring New Orleans back. He will certainly fire out many a treasure from the royal floatation device.

The Krewe du Vieux's seventeen subkrewes will each present their own flame-throwing, fire-breathing, fire-eating, rubber-burning, love-burning, ash-licking, ash-kicking interpretations of the theme. Subkrewes include the Krewe of C.R.U.D.E., Krewe of Space Age Love, Krewe of Underwear, Seeds of Decline,

Krewe of Mama Roux, Krewe of L.E.W.D., Krewe of Drips and Discharges, Krewe of K.A.O.S., Knights of Mondu, T.O.K.I.N., Krewe Rue Bourbon, Krewe de C.R.A.P.S., Krewe of PAN, Mystic Krewe of Spermes, Mystic Krewe of Comatose, Mystic Krewe of Inane, and Krewe du Mishigas.

Also marching will be many of the city's top brass bands. Showcasing the local brass band talent is one of many Krewe du Vieux traditions not eligible for coverage under the health care reform bill.

The parade will go up Chartres to Franklin to Royal through the Quarter, turn on Toulouse to Decatur, up Decatur to Frenchman back to Royal, Elysian Fields and disbands at Chartres.

The parade is followed by the Krewe du Vieux Doo at 527 Elysian Fields Avenue between Chartres and Decatur Streets. Doors open at 9pm with music starting at 9:30pm.

The event features the Brass Band Jam, The Lower 911 Band, with special guests followed by late night music with Los Po-Boy-Citos.

Tickets are \$30 and available from:

Louisiana Music Factory, 210 Decatur Street; Up in Smoke, 4507 Magazine Street; and Miss Claudia's Vintage Clothing & Costumes, 4204 Magazine Street.

A portion of the proceeds from the 2010 Krewe du Vieux Doo will be used to pay for float repairs due to fire damage.

Southern Rep Launches New Play Bacchanal

The Southern Rep New Play Bacchanal will showcase an array of workshops, readings and lectures featuring writers Doug Wright, Eric Overmyer, Steve Yockey, Pete Sturman and Brian Sands among others thru January 31. In addition, the Bacchanal will feature the 10-Minute Play Riot and Radio Riot Competition winners and finalists; host the late night Alterna-Endings Play Slam; and close out the Bacchanal with a

celebratory TOGA! PARTY!

"Southern Rep had a new play reading series many years ago," said Artistic Director Aimée Hayes. "With the advent of so many new writers in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region it made sense to bring back the work but reincarnated into more fully-realized workshops, and use new work as a pre-Mardi Gras celebration—hence the Bacchanal reference. Instead of feasting on wine, parades and wildness we'll celebrate with words, stories, and playwrights."

Workshops and readings include:

Afterlife by Steve Yockey conjures up magic and darkness. A ghost story in the most literal sense, **Afterlife** follows Connor and Danielle as they prepare their abandoned beachfront house for an impending storm. But when a great wave comes to their doorstep, they may not be able to escape from the haunting world of grief, death and everything after. Yockey's AIDS-themed play **Octopus** premiered in his native Atlanta in 2008 followed by an extended run in San Francisco where he now resides. Directed by Aimée Hayes, **Afterlife** runs Thursday, January 21-Sunday, January 24.

The Thing About it is a new musical with music and lyrics by Pete Sturman and a book by Brian Sands featuring a Louisiana country-fried pop/rock score that'll have your toes tapping. It's a tale that follows a young man's journey as he comes out and negotiates the challenges of relationships and love. Songwriter "Pistol" Pete Sturman lived in New Orleans for many years where he performed with Paul Cowgill as the unambiguously gay music duo Pistol Pete & Poppun Paul. Co-Theater Editor of **Ambush**, Sands has had numerous works produced at local venues including **DramaRama** where he was a Featured Artist in 2005. Directed by Holly-Anne Ruggiero, **The Thing About it** runs Thursday, January 28-Sunday, January 31. Both Workshops run Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm.

The 10-MINUTE PLAY RIOT and RADIO RIOT winners and finalists will receive staged readings featuring a host of local actors and directors on January 20th and 27th at 8pm.

The events include:

DOUG WRIGHT SPEAKS, the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of **I Am My Own Wife**, book writer for **Grey Gardens**, and screenwriter of **Quills**, along with numerous other publications, shares stories and insight. January 19 at 7:30pm, FREE and open to the

public.

CHAT WITH ERIC OVERMYER, the multitalented writer and producer for **The Wire**, **Law and Order**, and **St. Elsewhere**, among others. Overmyer is the author of such plays as **Dark Rapture**, **Native Speech**, and **On The Verge** and is currently collaborating with David Simon on HBO's **Treme**. January 26th at 7:30pm, FREE and open to the public.

On January 23 at 11pm, the Alterna-Endings Play Slam will allow theatre makers an opportunity to perform familiar works with a twist ending. Willie (Death of a Salesman) Loman retiring in sunny Florida? Perhaps. Ophelia smacking some sense into Hamlet? Why not?! Audience applause will determine the Alterna-Ending winner who will receive \$100 cash, bragging rights and the chance

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