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Gay Mardi Gras Guide

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Friday, February 16th-Fat Tuesday, February 20th

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Sun., Dec. 31st

Saints vs. Carolina

12noon Food, Fun & Free Shot w/Every Saints Touchdown



New Year's Eve Bash

Party starts 10pm
Free Champagne
& Party Favors @ 12midnight



Mon., Jan. 1st • open 5pm

Happy New Year



Sat., Jan. 6th • 9pm

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Sun., Dec. 31st

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Party Favors
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at 12midnight



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Lavish Christmas Dinner on Christmas Eve

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New Year's

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Sun., Dec. 31st

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Dec. 31st at 12midnight



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Arts Council of New Orleans Announces \$440,000 in Grants to Launch NOLAFunGuide.com

The Arts Council of New Orleans announced that it will implement a new online marketing tool and half-price e-mail ticket program to increase attendance for New Orleans cultural organizations. The goal is to make the arts more affordable and accessible for New Orleans' residents and visitors.

The program is being made possible by a grant of \$392,000 from The Pew Charitable Trusts and \$48,000 from the William Penn Foundation, both provided to the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. The Cultural Alliance will work with the Arts Council of New Orleans (ACNO) to create and launch an online regional events calendar, **NOLAFunGuide.com**, and FunSavers, a weekly half-price ticket program.

NolaFunGuide.com is scheduled to launch in spring 2007, followed by the launch of the FunSavers program shortly thereafter.

"Because cultural organizations and the public are increasingly depending on the Internet to access information, **NOLAFunGuide.com** and the FunSavers program will offer a quick and efficient way to communicate with our audiences. That means it will be easier and more affordable for residents to enjoy and support the arts in New Orleans." --Shirley Corey, President and CEO, Arts Council New Orleans

"Philadelphia understands the social and economic value of the arts, particularly to a city like New Orleans. The Pew Charitable Trusts is proud to join with our partners in the cultural community to offer this special gift to New Orleans as an important step toward its recovery. The grant will help the city build on its unique strength and character." --Marian Godfrey, Managing Director, Culture and Civic Initiatives, The Pew Charitable Trusts

The project is modeled on a pre-existing platform, **PhillyFunGuide.com**, developed by the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance and interactive media firm, Zero Defect Design LLC, with Pew funding. Zero Defect Design LLC will also design the NOLAFunGuide.com site for ACNO.

In Philadelphia, the program, which highlights upcoming events and allows customers to purchase tickets, has been instrumental in building awareness and attendance for the local cultural community. **PhillyFunGuide.com** has been recognized nationally as a model for successful online event promotion. The half-price ticket

component of the program, FunSavers, has sold 95,000 tickets and generated \$1.5 million in revenue for hundreds of Greater Philadelphia cultural groups since its launch in 2002. All of this revenue was from the sale of tickets at the last minute-seats that otherwise would have gone empty.

"New Orleans is a national treasure. We're honored to play a part in the city's ongoing recovery. This project is fundamentally about transferring an existing, proven marketing platform, in order to accelerate the rebirth of a truly great city." --Peggy Amsterdam, President, Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

Perhaps more than any other city in America, culture in New Orleans is widely acknowledged as being the central focus of regional identity and key to economic well-being. A recent mayoral commission confirmed that restoring the city's cultural heritage in all of its forms-music, food, history and craft traditions-will be a main component in rebuilding the city following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to the considerable physical damage to its buildings, the arts community in New Orleans has experienced diminished capacity to communicate with its audiences due to irregular hours, substitute venues and disruption of basic postal services. The Web site and email services of the NOLAFunGuide will provide reliable and accessible sources of communication about cultural organizations and events across the city.

The **NOLAFunGuide.com** project, which is designed to support New Orleans' overall recovery strategy, is truly a collaborative effort between New Orleans and Philadelphia. The Arts Council of New Orleans will lead the initiative and collaborate with the New Orleans Tourism and Marketing Corporation (NOTMC). The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, which developed and runs **PhillyFunGuide.com** and FunSavers, will donate consulting services and provide licensing of the software at no charge. NOTMC will provide in-kind resources and advertising, and use the calendar on its tourism websites.

Yale Glee Club performance to Benefit the New Orleans Children's Chorus

Loyola's Montage Arts Series will present a special performance by the Yale Glee Club on Friday, January 5, at 7:30pm., in Louis J. Roussel Performance Hall. All proceeds will benefit The New Orleans Children's Chorus.

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