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Festival International 23 *All Downtown's A Stage*

April 22-26, the streets, parks and cultural venues of Downtown Lafayette will once again be filled with the music, arts and cuisine, of Lafayette and Acadiana, Louisiana, the US and the world. This year's festival promises to be more exciting than ever! Make your plans now and don't forget to invite friends into the city...there's no better time for a visit! See www.festivalinternational.com for all of the details you'll need to experience all that Lafayette's signature event has to offer in the heart of the city.

A Few Highlights

For starters, over 100 free performances at Downtown stages and venues. What more could you ask for? This year's Festival International line-up is one to remember, with performers representing over 17 countries from around the world. A few ticklers...Marc Broussard with special



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guests, Rootz Underground, Rachid Tara, Seun Kuti and Egypt 80, Tarace Bulba, and Zachary Richard. View the 2009 line-up online and build your own Festival schedule.

New Venue for Heritage Stage

Chevron Scène Héritage has a new home this year across from Whitney Bank on Jefferson Street next to the Filling Station Restaurant.. Chevron Scène Héritage may have changed location but it will still house some of the most memorable performances you will see while at Festival International.

Scène des Jeunes

KADN Fox 15 and Festival International introduce Scène des Jeunes (formally La Place des Enfants). Scène des Jeunes is located at Cathedral Carmel School and offers a family friendly atmosphere, where you can sit under the trees, enjoy live musical performances and youth art activities and workshops. The hours of Scène des Jeunes have been extended and will be open Festival Saturday & Festival Sunday from 10:30am-4:30pm. This year, Scène des Jeunes will offer more activities for children of all ages, additional performance stages and even an art workshop with 2009 Official Festival Poster Artist: Kate Ferry.

Cirque de la Rue

The Festival is expanding its 'footprint' this year. It will feature Cirque de la Rue, street performers from around the world, performing



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Groundbreaking ceremonies at the Acadiana Center for the Arts on April 2nd, officially marked the start of construction on the 300-seat multi use theatre that will be built on the adjacent site. Among the project partners on hand for the celebration are (left to right) Downtown Development Authority Director, Cathy Webre, State Senator, Mike Michot, LEDA CEO, Gregg Gothreaux, City Parish Councilman D-3, Brandon Shelvin, ACA Incoming President, Kimberly Florsheim, and ACA Executive Director Gerd Wuestemann. Speakers and Partners on hand but not shown here, are City-Parish President, Joey Durel, Past ACA President Barry Berthelot, Past and Current DDA Chairs John Chappuis and Janet Wood, and LCVC's Kelly Strenge.

Festival Thursday through Festival Sunday (April 23-26) at various times throughout the day. Beginning at Jefferson and Vine, performers such as New Orleans Zulu Connection or Ilê Aiyê of Brazil will perform on Jefferson Street alongside Dwyer's Café, going towards the Lafayette Natural History Museum. This is a new and exciting area, so stop by Festival weekend.

Courir du Festival 5K Run!

Run, Walk, Skip or Jump to the finish line at the Courir du Festival 5K Run! Bring your kids, co-workers and friends of all ages to downtown Lafayette on Festival Saturday, April 25th at 8:00am! Meet up at Chevron Scène Héritage (on Jefferson

Street, across from Whitney Bank). Register online. All you have to do is enter your age on race day and your T-shirt size. That's right, and you'll get a cool Courir du Festival T-shirt as part of the package. So, sign-up early! Pre-registration is only \$20 per entry or \$25 onsite. Teams and Team Awards are also part of the fun.

Soirées du Cinema

The Soirées du Cinema is a films series that will happen every day of Festival at the Acadiana Center for Film and Media and the Cité des Arts. This year, Soirées du Cinema will kick off on Tuesday, April 21 with a special showing of *Le Môme* – better known in the United States as *La Vie en Rose*.



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**FESTIVAL EDITION OF
2ND SATURDAY
ARTWALK**



April 11
5:00 to 8:00pm



Festival International and Downtown Lafayette team up for a special edition of 2nd Saturday Artwalk. Downtown becomes a festival-style showcase offering live music, food and ART. Locals and visitors alike get the chance to see how rich and creative the art of our region and Louisiana is – and the opportunity to bring a piece of it home! Great shows will be on exhibit at each of the Galleries and Acadiana Center for the Arts. Bring family and friends and experience this unique and expanded Festival Artwalk with all its special features.

Street Performers

Festival entertainers will be strolling throughout the streets of Downtown, and rotating stations at various street corner locations and Parc de Lafayette. Groups on tap include **Les Djembes (African Rhythm Drummers)**, **ML Magic**, **Philippe Gould Trio**, **Nouveau String Quartet**, **Zerengue Twins (jugglers)**, **Ryan School of Irish Dance**, **Lafayette High School Performing Arts Academy**

Robert Dafford Mural Rededication

The Flying Violin mural was originally painted by Robert Dafford in 1988 in conjunction with the Festival. It is part of a series entitled, 'Horizon' connecting Lafayette with murals in Canada, France and Belgium. The common element, the Flying Violin, represents the universal language of music. Recently restored and enhanced as a project of Downtown Lafayette, the mural will be rededicated at 5:30pm. The mural is located on the sidewall of the building at Vermilion and Buchanan. Join festival, downtown and city officials for this special ceremony.

Chagall at the Childrens Museum

The Childrens Museum of Acadiana extends its hours, featuring the national exhibit, "Chagall for Children", which showcases 14 interactive images of the master artist, Marc Chagall. It is designed for preschool through grade 5 but delights all ages. In lieu of general admission for one, the museum will be accepting item donations. See www.childrensmuseumofacadiana.com for details.

**Movies in the Parc
is Back!**

Presented by Downtown Lafayette, The Advertiser and Cox, the popular series begins on April 18 with the **3D movie Journey to the Center of the Earth** – gates open at 7 & movie begins at 7:30. Admission \$2 – children 5 and under free. Visit DowntownLafayette.org for more info.



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| May 9 | Madagascar 2 |
| September 19 | Hotel for Dogs |
| October 17 | Kung Fu Panda |
| November 7 | The Wizard of Oz |
| November 28 | Elf |

**The Downtown
Garage Top
Crawfish Boil**

Downtown Lafayette and presenting sponsors, Cox, Home Bank, The Southwest Group, and Nitetown host the Downtown Garage Top Crawfish Boil on May 13.



This annual crawfish boil is "always a must do" event & one of the most enjoyable mixers in Lafayette, while offering one of the greatest vantage points of Lafayette's magnificent Downtown. Join friends for a spectacular breezy cool evening high above Lafayette's civic, cultural and economic heart. For reservations or ticket information call 291.5566 www.downtownlafayette.org



A retrospective of George Rodrigue's *Legends and Lives of Acadiana* is on exhibit at the Acadiana Center for the Arts. Patrons gathered for the opening.



There's plenty of phenomenal artists and performances still on tap as the Spring 25th Anniversary Series continues through June 5. Don't miss special performances by grammy nominees **Marcia Ball**, **Steve Riley and The Mamou Playboys** and **Geno Delafosse**. Join in the celebration and gather up family and friends downtown every Friday 5:30 to 8:30 pm, with performances beginning at 6 pm.

DTA! is a free event sponsored by Cox, Lafayette Coca-Cola, and The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living. Produced by Downtown Lafayette Unlimited in cooperation with the Downtown Development Authority and Lafayette Consolidated Government.

SPRING 2009

- April 17 Marcia Ball**
New Orleans R&B/ Gulf Coast Blues
Parc International
- April 24 Festival International de Louisiane**
- May 1 Rex Moroux**
Roots Rock - Parc Sans Souci
- May 8 Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys w/Special Guest Geno Delafosse**
Cajun/Zydeco, Parc International
- May 15 Krossfyre -**
R&B/Variety, Parc Sans Souci
- May 22 Li' Buck Sinegal**
Blues - Parc Sans Souci
- May 29 Brass Bed w/special guests
The Howdies – Rock/Americana**
Parc Sans Souci
- June 5 True Man Posse**
Creole Reggae - Parc Sans Souci

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**Accommodations for Marcia Ball
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Fridays, April 3 – June 5

SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK
April 11, 6 – 8 p.m. May 9, 6 – 8 p.m.

BACH LUNCH
For more information visit www.Inhmpmuseum.org
Fridays, April 3 - May 1

MOVIES IN THE PARC
Parc International - Gates open 7 p.m.
April 18 - Journey to the Center of the Earth
May 9 - Madagascar 2

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April 22 – April 26

ACADIANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
101 W. Vermilion St. • 337.291.7060
www.AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org
March 14-April 26 - Legends and Lives of Acadiana
George Rodrigue

ACADIANA FILM FESTIVAL
www.acadianafilm.org April 16 - 19

CITE DES ARTS
109 Vine St. • 337.291.1122 www.citedesarts.org
April 3 - 4 Lafayette High Arts Academy
Student Showcases
April 5 Sisters of the Gospel
April 17-18 Acadiana Film Festival
May 1-10 Alice In Wonderland
May 14-30 The Miracle Worker

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301 W. Congress • 337.261.5775
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see website for calendar
April 19 Sounds of Sunday

LAFAYETTE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM
433 Jefferson St. • 337.291.5544
www.Inhmpmuseum.org – see website for calendar
April 4 Solar viewing of the sun at the museum
April 4 Star Party and Telescope Fair
April 11, May 9 ArtWalk Astronomy

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ACADIANA
201 E. Congress St. • 337.232.8500
www.childrensmuseumofacadiana.com
January 17 – May 1 "Chagall for Children"

SPECIAL EVENTS
April 4 Lafayette Concert Band • Icband.org
Parc International
May 13 Downtown Crawfish Boil
Crouchstock
May 16 5-11 PM Parc International
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Business Briefs



Zagis USA, a newly formed corporation between North Carolina executives and Grupo Zaga of Mexico has located its main Louisiana office at 1017 St. John Street. Zagis USA is

currently investing \$75 million to construct two textile plants in Louisiana. The first is currently under construction in Lacassine. When complete, the plant and a second planned facility will employ 160 Louisiana workers. The office in downtown Lafayette is overseeing construction and will become the center of operations and management for all of Louisiana.

Williams Realty Group, formerly Realty Executives of Acadiana, not only has a new name but a new location at 806 St. John Street. Theresa Williams, Broker/Owner, and the staff assists both buyers and sellers with their real estate needs. "We are very excited about locating in the heart of the city to better serve our clients," says Williams. The new contact info is 337-237-1110 or toll free 877-907-1010.



Don's Celebrates 75th Anniversary, The Original Don's located at the corner of Lee and Vermilion is celebrating 75 years of serving the finest seafood and steaks, prepared in a time-honored manner, with superior service. The Original Don's began in 1934 as a simple French Acadian restaurant called Don's Beer Parlor and has grown to an icon among Lafayette restaurants. Don's proudly serves only Louisiana seafood. Rocky Landry and

his staff will be celebrating through October 31st with specials and weekly drawings, and invites everyone to visit and be part of the celebration. On a historical note, the Landrys are direct descendents of the Acadians who fled from Nova Scotia more than 200 years ago.



Taco Sisters, the newest addition to downtown's culinary delights is Taco Sisters. And by the accounts of those who have tried it and are now hooked, it's a really big hit!

Lafayette sisters, Molly and Katy Richard will welcome you daily at their drive-thru restaurant located at 407 Johnston Street at the corner of Vermilion and Johnston. Prepare to taste delicious fish tacos made with fresh smoked Gulf fish, Gulf shrimp, or savory meats and poultry. Smothered burritos, veggie tacos, and unique salads made with 'fresh ingredients and lots of love', according to the sisters, are also served up on the menu which you can find at www.tacosisters.com



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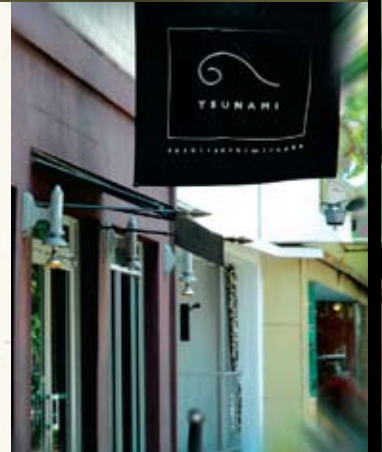
MICHELE EZELL -

RESTAURANTEUR/ OWNER TSUNAMI

Michele didn't just jump into restaurant proprietorship. After all, in a city like Lafayette, one known for its cuisine, your food can't just be good; it has to be great. So Michele carefully considered her menu, her decor, and most importantly - her location.



"We never looked anywhere other than Downtown Lafayette," says Michele Ezell, owner of Tsunami Downtown. "We knew our restaurant needed to be in an environment where people felt creative - where people could park and walk through Downtown Lafayette as they decompressed from work. Basically, I wanted to be part of this community, and I know the people who connect most with our atmosphere and food would be the same people enjoying the Downtown experience."



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1122 Lafayette St. 234-2208
- Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium
433 Jefferson St. 291-5581
- Lafayette Public Library
301 W. Congress St. 261-5775
- Saint John's Cathedral Museum
515 Cathedral St. 232-1322

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- The Juliet Hotel
800 Jefferson St. 261-2225
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- Carriage House
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