

DOWNTOWN



Performing Arts Theatre... A Step Closer

The second phase of the Acadiana Center for the Arts, a 300-seat multi-faceted theater, is getting closer. The re-advertisement and receipt of public bids was recently completed in January.

Pending state and local approvals, it is anticipated that the project will be able to move forward into construction this spring.

The ACA is a major component of the Downtown Arts District, bringing visual and performing arts and education together in a dynamic, integrated center, programmed and

managed by the Acadiana Arts Council. The theatre will serve Lafayette and Acadiana through a host of activities from children's workshops to recitals, concerts, theatrical performances, special events, public gatherings, film screening, and film and music recordings.

The ACA has benefitted from significant partnerships with the State of Louisiana, Downtown Lafayette, Lafayette Consolidated Government, the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, LEDA and LCVC.

Downtown Leaders Ahead in '09

The Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Lafayette Unlimited are pleased to announce their respective Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2009.



DDA Officers, (from left) Chairman Janet Morein Wood, Immediate Past Chairman, John Chappuis, Secretary - Treasurer Blake David.

The two groups represent Lafayette's longest-standing public-private community partnership. They work hand-in-hand with one another and together with the governmental,

non-profit and private sectors to advance the economic, cultural and physical development of our Downtown ---- both preserving and enhancing its important place and role as Lafayette's historic, now contemporary, city center. See complete board rosters on back.



DLU Executive Committee (from Left) Rob Robison, Joey Babineaux, Linda Terry, President Elect, Jaci Russo, President, Bottom Michelle Ezell, Not pictured: Mary Guidry, Cheryl McManus, Byron Tosclair

Mardi Gras Traditions "King's Court at Parc Sans Souci"

Mardi Gras celebrations, parades, and costumes go bead-in-hand. Come Fat Tuesday, the best in these traditions take center stage in Downtown Lafayette. Bring family and gather friends at Parc Sans Souci and enjoy the festivities all day long, February 24th.

King's Court Costume Contest

Beginning at 9am, it's Lafayette's original Costume Contest. The theme this year is "Sportsman's Paradise". Individuals, couples and groups, children and adults of all ages can join in the fun. Pre-registration is not required. The winners receive special Mardi Gras medallions and plaques for 09 bragging rights.

It's all about the beads!

The parades stop en route at the King's Court Reviewing Stand. City Parish President Joey Durel presents the key to the city and toasts the reigning royalty. Pick your spot at the Parc for an up close and personal view of the Krewe, or choose a place anywhere along the downtown parade route for bead fun.

Music Too!

Immediately following the costume contest, and before and after the parades, Nik-I Beer is featured on stage. So kick back and enjoy the beautiful parc and fountain with great entertainment throughout the day.

The King's Court and Costume Contest is produced by Downtown Lafayette Unlimited and sponsored by The Daily Advertiser on behalf of the Greater Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association.

For more information call 291-5566 or visit downtownlafayette.org.



Best Mardi Gras Shopping

Looking for the perfect costume, themed gifts, home and office decorations...all in the Mardi Gras spirit, check out The Fun Shop, Old Vogue, Teche Gifts and Jefferson Street Market. Unique ideas and accessories in one fun place.



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Vermilion Place, shown here, presents an exterior design concept plan for the renovation and adaptive re-use of the former Tribune building on E. Vermilion across from Parc Sans Souci. Another Place de Lafayette downtown development project, the building offers approximately 5200 square feet with flexibility for smaller 1250 square foot units. Great for retail and a host of commercial uses with build to suit options available. Contact Danny Nugier 237-6517 or 384-5613



Innovation in Residential Infill Concept
Shown here, a residential project planned for a lot on Jackson Street in the block between Lee Avenue and Johnston Streets. The project is an initiative of Jim Keaty with Keaty Real Estate and Mickey and Charlotte Mason with M.C. Gulf. The project will have 5 townhouse type units – 2 two-bedroom and 3 one-bedroom units. It will be constructed as a pilot project with System Built Homes of St. Martinville. Each quality built unit will have antique pine floors, tiled bathrooms, granite countertops and 10' ceilings with other amenities.

Business Briefs

Tipitina's Co-Op is now open at 510 Johnston Street in downtown Lafayette. Part of a statewide network operated by the Tipitina's Foundation, the co-op will provide members with access to an array of computer equipment & software from Final Cut to Pro Tools, plus high-speed internet, phones, fax, scanners, printers and other educational and training resources. Hours are 11am to 7pm Monday through Friday. Call 234-5138, or go online at www.musiccoop.blogspot.com

Coming Soon to Jefferson Street Market... "Revival Consignments", a high-end, top of the line, venue for fine consignment furnishings, offering an array of architectural, antiques, furniture, home-décor and more. Call 278-2475 for more info.

Bonnie Bell's Bistro, downtown's newest restaurant at 740 Jefferson Street, is owned and operated by Bonnie and Paul Gibson. A big hit on the eclectic dining scene, continental cuisine with a southwest flair provides a special treat for lunch or dinner. Wine and cocktail menu available. Call 234-6776 for hours and services.



Bonnie Bells

Zeus Downtown is now open on Sunday from Noon – 6 pm. Check out their new hours soon.

Now open in Gordon Square is **Weston Solutions**, an engineering firm and **Goodfellas Barbershop**. Goodfellas is owned and operated by Phillip Bonner, preserving barbershop traditions with an array of contemporary services.

Ungarino and Eckert, has opened offices in IberiaBank Tower. Founded in 1988, the law firm has grown to 6 locations in Louisiana and Mississippi. The firm's attorneys practice in litigation defense, in numerous specializations.



Poche Building

On the heels of the year-end move of **The Southwest Group**, to their renovated space in a former Bellsouth building on Buchanan, several new businesses moved into their former digs at 201 W. Vermilion.

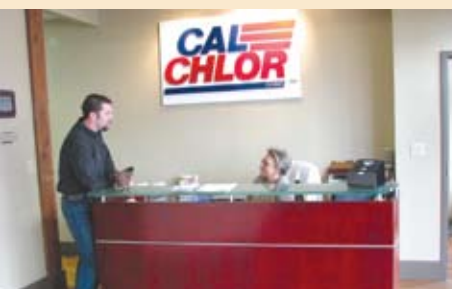
Heart of Hospice provides a special kind of care for patients and families facing a life-limiting illness or condition.

Total Support Medical Staffing provides short and longterm healthcare personnel to hospitals and nursing homes in Lafayette and surrounding areas. The management team is led by experienced nurses and their diversified healthcare providers.

Management Medical Systems provides medical billing services to companies in the medical industry.

JTH Agencies, a professional manufacturer's representative agency was created in 2005 to provide quality representation for manufacturers in the utility and commercial/industrial markets. Committed to leading the market with the companies they represent, JTH principles are Jamie Howard, Tommy Hudson, and Jeffery Bienvenu.

Cal Chlor, the largest distributor of calcium chloride, has expanded into the entire building at 627 Jefferson. Additional improvements are underway to add a covered canopy to the 2nd floor balcony.



A very special thanks to Cal Chlor who sponsored the first Rudolph Run in conjunction with Twas the Light before Christmas during the recent holiday season.

EVENTS

DOWNTOWN ALIVE!

visit downtownlafayette.org for details Sponsored by Lafayette Coca-Cola, Cox and Keaty Real Estate Fridays, March 13 – June 5

SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK

February 14: 5 – 8 p.m.
Come early & stay to watch parade!
March 14: 6 – 8 p.m. April 11: 6 – 8 p.m.

BACH LUNCH

www.inhmpmuseum.org
Fridays, March 6 – March 27
March 28: Special 21st Anniversary Celebration Les Freres Michot, Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole, Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars 8:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

MARDI GRAS - February 24

KING'S COURT - Parc Sans Souci All Day Festivities Costume Contest at 9 a.m. followed by entertainment by Nik-L Beer Visit lafayettetourism.org for complete listing of parade schedules and routes

MOVIES IN THE PARC

Sponsored by The Daily Advertiser, Cox Communications & Home Bank March, April & May - Parc International Check website for exact dates/time/movies

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LOUISIANE

www.festivalinternational.com
April 22 – April 26

ACADIANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

101 W. Vermilion St. • 337.291.7060
www.AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org
January 10 – Feb 28
Suggested Retail Value Heidi Cody
February 14 - March 6 Heather Ryan Kelley
March 14-April 26 Legends and Lives Acadiana
George Rodrigue

CITE DES ARTS

109 Vine St. • 337.291.1122 www.citedesarts.org
February 6 – 15: Presenting Spirit North
March 5 – 21: Presenting Educating Rita
March 27, 28: Film, Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival

LAFAYETTE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

301 W. Congress 337.261.5775
www.lafayette.lib.la.us – see website for calendar
Friends of the Library Book Sale
March 11 - 14

LAFAYETTE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM

433 Jefferson St. • 337.291.5544
www.inhmpmuseum.org for exhibit and shows

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For more information on downtown properties or incentives, call Downtown Business Services manager Brett Mellington • 593-1414 • brettm@lafayette.org

Home ^{HB} Bank

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631 Jefferson St.
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www.PamplonaTapas.com

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337.236.9107
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RESULTS

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337.769.1530

Dafford to Enhance Murals

Two of Robert Dafford's popular outdoor murals in downtown will get some TLC this spring, with help from an LCVV Enterprise Grant, and the downtown organizations. Over time, surfaces fade, paints flake, and the walls and murals deteriorate with exposure to Mother Nature. Restorative work is needed to preserve these large-scale public works of art, and that presents an opportunity for the artist to enhance the artwork itself.

Beginning this month, Horizon the Flying Violin, painted in 1988 on the building located at the corner of W. Vermilion and Buchanan will be the first to be refreshed. Later on in March, "Til All That's Left is a Postcard", painted in 1986 on the building across from Dwyer's at Jefferson and Garfield will get its turn.

Weather permitting both projects to be completed by April, it is hoped that the two can be rededicated during Festival International de Louisiane.

The Flying Violin is one of a series of murals painted By Dafford in Louisiana, Canada, France and Belgium that has the violin as a common element. Each of the murals has



Robert Dafford's Flying Violin

a violin "flying through the wall" as it were. The wall symbolizes barriers between nations and people – economic, social and political – and the violin represents music, a universal language which overcomes barriers.

An Artful Feast Served Up Unique Spring Exhibits

Chagall Is Here!

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Childrens Museum of Acadiana, the interactive exhibit, Chagall for Children, is now open and will be in residence for the next 4 months at the museum. Featuring 14 fine reproductions of Chagall artworks, the exhibit couples each work with a unique interactive element that expands on its style, form, color or whimsy "We were looking for an exciting art exhibit to appeal to children pre-k through 4th grade", says CMA Director Marvita Hudson. "The hands-on character of Chagall for Children exemplifies our motto, 'Learning By Doing'."

Chagall for Children is a first for the CMA, and a first for a major children's art exhibit of this caliber in Lafayette and Acadiana.

Visit www.childrensmuseumofacadiana.com for more information on the exhibit and schedule of activities.

Chagall for Children was created by the Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago.



and lore of Acadiana as created by George Rodrigue.

In the Side Gallery, March 14-31st, experience, 'Blue Dog: The Process of Printing'. Get a rare glimpse into the process of fine art printing as you discover the Blue Dog as you have never seen him before.

See online at www.acadianacenterforthearts.org for more detailed information and schedules of associated activities.

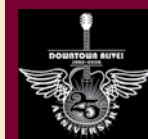


The Blue House, 1917
Oil on Canvas; 26" x 38 1/8"
Musée d'Art Moderne, Liege, Belgium
© 1995 ARS, New York/ADAGP, Paris

Rodrigue at the Acadiana Center for the Arts.

As part of a multi-faceted citywide event, the Acadiana Center for the Arts will feature a major exhibit March 14 through April 26th in the Main Gallery, entitled, 'George Rodrigue: Legends and Lives of Acadiana.' There will be more than 60 original oil paintings presenting the bayous, fields, architecture, people, places

DTA! 25th Continues



The celebration continues as the Spring Series, winds up the second half of the 25th anniversary year, March 13th through June 5th 2009.

A sneak preview, spanning the Early to the Now years - Marcia Ball, TK Hulin, Steve Riley, Tab Benoit, Rex Moroux and Brass Bed are just a few highlights. Details online starting February 9th.

Look for 25th t-shirts and Compilation CD onsite and online.

Thanks to 25th presenters Lafayette Coca Cola and Cox with series sponsor Keaty Real Estate.

Your Official Gallery Guide for Downtown Lafayette

Where Lafayette Happens!

Visit www.DowntownLafayette.org for a complete list of activities, events, shops, restaurants, music venues and business opportunities.

Immerse yourself in the Arts and Cultural District of Acadiana – Downtown Lafayette.

Get your official guide, a quick and easy brochure with gallery profiles and contact info, a handy walking map, and 2nd Saturday Artwalk dates and info for 2009.

With a dozen galleries, 3 museums and the Acadiana Center for the Arts, downtown offers a unique experience for all ages.

Everyday, and especially on the 2nd Saturday Artwalk, visitors are treated to new exhibits and showings along with many opportunities to enjoy the cultural and social experience that downtown offers.

Pick up your copy at the galleries, restaurants and shops of downtown, or go online to www.downtownlafayette.org.



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Wine Bar and Spirits
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337.236.5570

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116 E. Vermilion St.
337.231.6901
www.stansdowntown.com

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GREEK & LEBANESE CAFE
431 Jefferson Street
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www.ZeusCafe.com

Nite Town
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Spring Series:
March 13 - June 5



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- Antlers*
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902 Johnston St. 233-3331
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740 Jefferson St. 234-6776
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- Borden's Ice Cream
1103 Jefferson St. 235-9291
- Buns
105 Saint Landry St. 232-3287
- Cedar Grocery & Deli
1115 Jefferson St. 233-5460
- Domino's Pizza
107 E. University Ave. 234-3030
- Don's Seafood DOWNTOWN
301 E. Vermilion St. 235-3551
- Dwyer's Café
323 Jefferson St. 235-9364
- Filling Station, The*
900 Jefferson St. 291-9625
- Frankie's
427 Jefferson St. 237-0897
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- Johnson's Boucaniere
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417 Jefferson St. 237-4634
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1012 Jefferson St. 235-1568
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631 Jefferson St. 232-0070
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311 Jefferson St. 234-7799

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515 Cathedral St. 232-1322
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310 Jefferson St. 234-0791
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436 E. Vermilion St. 235-0745
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- Reflections of Olde
700 W. Congress St. 593-8593
- Right On Fashions
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- Teche Drugs and Gifts
501-511 Jefferson St. 235-4578
- Tiara Jewelry
426 Jefferson St. 235-8781
- Tommy's Flowers
538 Jefferson St. 255-0910
- Wa-Zoo
408 Jefferson St. 593-8553

MUSEUM & CULTURAL

- Acadiana Center for the Arts
101 W. Vermilion St. 233-7060
- Children's Museum of Acadiana
201 E. Congress St. 232-8500
- Lafayette Museum (Alexander Mouton)
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

ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Juliet Hotel
800 Jefferson St. 261-2225
- Blue Moon Guest House
215 E. Convent St. 234-2422
- Carriage House
1011 Lee Ave. 235-2924

GALLERIES

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101 W Vermilion St. 233-7060
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- Art Café
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210 Gordon St. 232-6682
- Galerie Eclairouse
535 1/2 Jefferson St. 234-5492
- Galerie Lafayette
538 Jefferson St. 233-2589
- Gallery 549
549 Jefferson St. 593-0796
- Lounge Gallery
402 S. Buchanan St. 236-5570
- Gallery R
116 E. Congress St. 769-1530
- Pottery Alley
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532 Jefferson St. 269-9310

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324 Jefferson St. 233-7772
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113 W. Grant St. 237-8513
- Green Room, The
229 Jefferson St. 262-0307
- Jefferson Street Pub**
500 Jefferson St. 232-5040
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314 Jefferson St. 704-2669
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413 Jefferson St. 261-9494
- Lounge
410 Jefferson St. 236-5570
- Marley's**
407 Jefferson St. 235-4002
- Nitetown
524 Jefferson St. 593-8551
- Office, The
307 Jefferson St.
- Renaissance Night Club
425 Jefferson St. 267-7404
- Shaker's Martini Bar
222 Jefferson St. 291-2425
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209 Jefferson St. 269-6011
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