

For more events and festivals, see the calendar on pages 71-75.

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The Andy Pizzo Project

(225) 936-1751, www.andypizzo.com. Diverse band that stretches from three pieces up to 10 pieces. Specialize in jazz, funk, rock, latin, blues, soul and R&B.

Audubon Aquarium of the Americas

1 Canal St., New Orleans, 1-800-744-7394, www.auduboninstitute.org. Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., subject to change. The underwater world comes to life as you experience fish, birds and reptiles in their natural habitats, including sharks, stingrays and jellies! Immerse yourself in the BIG sensory experience at IMAX Theatre. Visit the new Audubon Insectarium! It's infested with fun! Ask us about Audubon Zoo! MC, V, AE, D, HC

Baton Rouge Arts Market

5th at Main St., Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge Arts Market is an open-air market and cultural event featuring more than 50 artists from Louisiana with pottery, jewelry, woodwork, photography and more! First Saturday of each month (first three Saturdays in December), 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Project of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

Coushatta Casino Resort

777 Coushatta Dr., P.O. Box 1510, Kinder, 1-800-584-7263, www.coushattacasinoresort.com. Louisiana's premier land-based gaming destination! Enjoy 2,800+ slots, 70+ table games, live Poker Room, six restaurants, 500+ rooms, supervised childcare, teen arcade, RV resort, fuel facility, convenience store, award-winning championship golf course. Located 25 miles NE of Lake Charles on US 165 (I-10 Exit 44), 5 miles north of Kinder, La.

FestForAll

FestForAll is Baton Rouge's premier arts festival and a Capital City tradition since 1973. Highlights of the weekend celebration include: five stages, more than 80 artists, performing arts, the Children's Village, street performers, art demos, and great food and drink. Free and open to everyone! May 2-3, 2009. Project of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

Festivals of Tangipahoa Parish

13143 Wardline Rd., Hammond, 1-800-917-7045, www.tangitourism.com. Antique Trade Days, March 7-9; Sicilian Heritage Festival, March 13-15; Oyster Festival, March 20-22; Smokin' Blues and BBQ, March 27-28; Strawberry Festival, April 3-5; Italian Festival, April 24-26; Strawberry Jam N Toast, May 8-9; Tangipahoa Parish Fair, Sept. 30-Oct. 4; Quilt Expo,

Oct. 10; Old Farmer's Day, Oct. 17-18; Sweet Home Folklife Days, Oct. 23-24; La. Renaissance Festival, every weekend of Nov. 7-Dec. 13. HC

Florida Parishes Arena

1301 NW Central Ave., Amite, (985) 748-5914, www.fparena.com. The Florida Parishes Arena is located approximately 45 minutes northeast of Baton Rouge in Amite. Events include, but are not limited to: arts & crafts festivals, monster truck shows, AWA Pro Wrestling, concerts, livestock shows and events, and Barrel Racing Series. Available for private rentals. HC

Greater Baton Rouge State Fair

P.O. Box 15010, Baton Rouge, (225) 755-3247, www.gbrsf.com. Mon.-Fri., opens 5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., opens 1 p.m. Thrills, chills and family entertainment—a huge carnival midway (40+ rides), great fair food, musical entertainment nightly (zydeco, gospel, rock, bluegrass, country, blues), plus strolling clowns and a magician, plus farm experience, where one can milk a cow and watch chickens hatch. Also junior beef, dairy and goat show. Admission charged. V, MC, AE, D, HC

Playmakers of Baton Rouge

P.O. Box 4286, Baton Rouge, (225) 389-7246 (office), (225) 344-0334 (tickets). Office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. www.playmakers.net. Playmakers of Baton Rouge is Louisiana's only professional theatre dedicated to bringing quality live theatre to young audiences. Founded in 1982, Playmakers provides educational and entertaining productions to thousands of children and adults. Season productions are held downtown in the Manship Theatre. Visit playmakers.net for information about current shows. V, MC, HC

River City Jazz Masters

River City Jazz Masters is a series of performances featuring world-class jazz musicians and vocalists. Performances take place in the acoustically stunning Manship Theatre at the Shaw Center for the Arts. River City Jazz Masters is a project of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge in collaboration with the River City Jazz Coalition.

Sunday in the Park

Sunday in the Park is a series of free outdoor concerts in Lafayette Park at the Shaw Center for the Arts from noon-3 p.m. every Sunday in April and October. Gather together with friends, family, and neighbors for excellent live music downtown. Project of the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

Sweet Kathleen & The Vieux Carré Band

(225) 664-3824, (504) 254-0333, www.sweetkathleen.com. New Orleans Dixieland and brass band jazz. Can be set up in one location or be mobile (walk through) as a "brass band." Upbeat and festive! (Also piano and vocal solo). ♣



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