



Mardi Gras in Portland

Mardi Gras Galaxy is Out of this World

The Portland Mardi Gras season is well under way with a theme that raises the bar for costumes and décor. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras Galaxy". It carries through special events throughout January, including window displays on Mississippi Avenue and a fabulous Masquerade Ball on February 10, 2024 where revelers show off outer space regalia with more than a little bling.

The Portland Mardi Gras Ball, is an evening of live music, dancing, galactic-costumes, pageantry, Mardi Gras royalty, and so much more at the Wonder Ballroom on Saturday, February 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. Guests dress up and dance to Too Loose Cajun Zydeco Band, Outer Orbit with special guest Arietta Ward, plus an All-Star Musical Revue with Kris Deelane. Authentic Cajun food from the Bayou Brothers is available for purchase. Mardi Gras in Portland is the most authentic



The Mardi Gras Ball. Photo Courtesy of The Portland Mardi Gras Team

Louisiana Mardi Gras celebration in the Pacific Northwest.

On Fat Tuesday following the Ball, join Portland's liveliest outdoor spectacle of the winter season at the Portland Mar-

di Gras Parade, February 13, on Mississippi Avenue. It's a free, family-friendly event with colorful parading, festive costuming, creative lighting, music, and revelry. Bring costumed kids to the annual

Costume Pageant, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Luke's Frame Shop.

Honorary Parade Marshal this year is acclaimed blues and gospel singer, LaRhonda Steele, known as "The First Lady of Portland Blues". Parade organizers, the Mysti Krewe of Nimbus, have lined up nine marching bands, plus entertaining groups such as Weird Portland United, White Lotus Dragon and Lion Dance Team, the Kangoo Club, and Jewels Belly Dancers in butterfly costumes. Join the parade by following the second line band, The Jesters, at the end of the parade. Boogie on down and enjoy it!

Shortly after the parade, live music can be enjoyed all over Mississippi Avenue including the Couch Brass Band at Mississippi Pizza Pub. Mississippi Studios hosts a Krewe After Party featuring music from Lucky Beaucoup and the Too Loose Cajun Band. Special thanks to Parade sponsors: Here is Oregon, The Rambler, Neil Kelly Company, Mississippi Pizza & Pub, Mississippi Studios, Miss Delta Restaurant & Bar, Historic Mississippi Business Association, Victoria Bar, Nectar Markets and Interurban Saloon.

The Krewe supports the Portland Public Schools Transition Team who participate with a litter pick up following the parade.

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