

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL 2026

APRIL 16-19



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LET'S FEST

French Quarter Festival 2026 marks a year of exciting growth and expansion, bringing more music, more flavor, and more ways to experience the festival than ever before. We celebrate with 20 stages spread throughout the French Quarter with the sounds of more than 1,700 local musicians representing every genre from traditional and contemporary jazz to R&B, New Orleans funk, brass bands, folk, gospel, Latin, Zydeco, classical, cabaret, and international.

This year, the festival expands along the Mississippi River with a new site at Goldring Woldenberg Riverfront Park at Governor Nicholls Wharf, and introduces an inaugural 5K Run on Saturday, April 18 – combining fitness, community, and celebration.

Food remains at the heart of the festival experience. With over 275 culinary experiences, attendees are guaranteed a diverse range of unforgettable bites.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [View FQF 2026 Final Details Press Release](#)
- [French Quarter Festival 2026 Music Schedule](#)
- [French Quarter Fest 2026 Culinary Menus](#)
- [Shop: FQF Merchandise Store](#)
- [View FQF News Center](#)
- [Request Media Credentials](#)
- [View the FQFI Annual Report](#)

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OUR PURPOSE

To uplift and sustain our local cultural economy and those who create it.

OUR MISSION

To promote the Vieux Carre and the city of New Orleans through French Quarter Festival and other high quality special events and activities that showcase the culture and heritage of this unique city, contribute to the economic well-being of the community, and instill increased pride in the people of New Orleans.

OUR VALUES

Cultural Integrity: We value the unique and creative traditions of our community and strive to celebrate a collection of musical, culinary, and artistic talent that both honors the rich cultural history of our region and welcomes ongoing innovation.

Authenticity: We hold steadfast in our position as an independent, home-grown organization in order to make mission-driven decisions.

Stewardship: We work to serve as good stewards of New Orleans's musical, culinary, and artistic traditions, as well as of our resources and our environment.

Diversity: We recognize and respect the rich diversity of our people, our history, our cultural traditions, and our lived experiences, which together make us stronger.

Inclusivity: We ensure that our events and programming are accessible to everyone because arts and culture bring us together and are paramount to our quality of life and cultural identity.

Community: We create high quality programming that belongs to the local community we serve.

WHAT'S NEW

5K RUN PRESENTED NBY LCMC HEALTH

Kick off festival weekend with the French Quarter Festival 5K Run presented by LCMC Health at 8 a.m. The race begins at Esplanade Avenue and Decatur Street and finishes at Governor Nicholls Wharf along the river. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. Register at frenchquarterfest.org.

JACK DANIEL'S STAGE NEW LOCATION: GOLDRING WOLDENBERG RIVERFRONT PARK

Lineup including Cupid & the Dance Party Express, Irma Thomas and Big Freedia.

LOUISIANA FISH FRY STAGE NEW LOCATION: GOLDRING WOLDENBERG RIVERFRONT PARK

Lineup includes DJ Poppa, Big 6 Brass Band, ANTWIGADEE!, and New Breed

MIKE'S AMAZING:

Social media influencer Lavelle Dunn of The Lavelle Show will host the Culinary Stage on Saturday, April 18. Mike's Amazing will also be on site with its Airstream café serving Creole-Cuban cuisine. Proceeds from food sales will benefit French Quarter Festivals, Inc.

PAN-AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE GROUP STAGE:

Pan-American Life Insurance Group Stage will return in 2026 at Governor Nicholls Park at the foot of Esplanade, and will feature four full days of programming.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ESPLANADE IN THE SHADE STAGE AT THE JAZZ MUSEUM:

Inside the gates on Esplanade Ave., the Loyola University Esplanade in the Shade Stage returns with performances from Loyola University Students, Astral Project, and Iceman Special.

HOUSE OF BLUES VODOO GARDEN STAGE:

Will further expand the music lineup with four full days of stage programming and a special Thursday night FQF After Dark show.

NEW CULINARY VENDORS:

- Willies Mae's | Jackson Square
- Chicken's Kitchen | Gov. Nicholls Wharf
- Spicy Mango | Kohlmeyer Lawn
- Lillies Cajun Kitchen | New Orleans Jazz Museum
- Oceana Grill | | New Orleans Jazz Museum

DEBUT ARTISTS

WILLOW DISPENSARY STAGE

T'Monde
B. Cam & The Zydeco Young Bucks
Yvette Landry & the Jukes
Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. and The Legendary
Ils Sont Partis Band

NEWORLEANS.COM STAGE

Kyle Roussel's Church of New Orleans
Gregg Martinez & the Delta Kings

ABITA STAGE

Gregg Martinez & the Delta Kings
Dawn Richard

TROPICAL ISLE STAGE

Sir Chantz Powell & The Sound Of Funk
(S.O.F.)
Maji Melodies - Semaj & The Blues
Experiment
Ashton Hines and the Big Easy Brawlers
Victor Campbell & Timba Swamp
Professor Craig Adams & the Higher
Dimensions Band

JACK DANIEL'S STAGE

R & R Smokin' Foundation
Bobby Rush
LSD Clownsystem
Lily Unless and The If Onlys

PAN- AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE STAGE

Stanton Moore featuring Joe Ashlar and
Danny Abel
Leyla McCalla

FRENCH MARKET TRADITIONAL JAZZ STAGE

Alicia Renee aka Blue Eyes Sextet

FRENCH MARKET DUTCH ALLEY STAGE

Jade Perdue

LOUISIANA FISH FRY STAGE

504 Millz
Zeus
DJ Legatron Prime
Tidal Wave Brass Band
DJ ChiNola
DJ Spin
Smokin' on Some Brass

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ESPLANADE IN THE SHADE STAGE

Kirkland Green
Tuller, Not Related, Liam Escame, and Surco
The RiverBenders
New Orleans Legacy Coalition
Casme

ENTERGY SONGWRITER STAGE

Lisbon Girls
Kyle Alexander
Daphne Parker Powell
AdoSoul and the Tribe
Cristina Kaminis

HANCOCK WHITNEY STAGE

Caleb Tokarska
New Orleans High Society

OMNI ROYAL ORLEANS STAGE

Marlon Jordan and Quartet
The Crybabies
Sweetie Pies of New Orleans

KREWE EYEWARE STAGE

Capivaras Jazz Quartet

ERNIE'S SCHOOLHOUSE STAGE

Lycée Français Musicians
McMain Singing Mustangs
Chalmette High School Marching Band
Walter L. Cohen High School Marching Band

FESTIVAL MAP



FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL 2026



LEGEND

- Music or Performance Stages
- Special Events or Places
- Official Fest Merchandise
- Cash Exchange
- Fest Family
- Bike Self Park
- Accessible Viewing Area
- Fest Family Concierge
- Restrooms
- Entry Point /Bag Check
- Food & Beverage
- RTA Ferry Terminal
- Volunteer Check-In
- Festival Info
- Geauxing Green
- LCMC Health First Aid Station

MUSIC/PERFORMANCE STAGES

1. Louisiana Fish Fry Stage (Riverfront: Aquarium Plaza)
2. Mike's Amazing Culinary Stage (Riverfront: Kohlmeier Lawn)
3. Abita Beer Stage (Riverfront: Berger Lawn)
4. Tropical Isle Hand Grenade Stage (Riverfront: Palm Lawn)
5. Willow Dispensary Stage (Jax Brewery Lot)
6. NewOrleans.com Stage (Jackson Square)
7. Jack Daniel's Stage (Gov. Nicholls Park)
8. Pan-American Life Insurance Group Stage (Gov. Nicholls Park)
9. French Market Dutch Alley Stage (St. Phillip Floodwall)
10. French Market Traditional Jazz Stage (French Market)
11. Loyola University Esplanade in the Shade Stage (New Orleans Jazz Museum)
12. Entergy Songwriter Stage (3rd floor, New Orleans Jazz Museum)
13. Ernie's Schoolhouse Stage (Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans)
14. Hancock Whitney Stage (400 Block of Royal St.)
15. Omni Royal Orleans Stage (500 Block of Royal St.)
16. KREWE Eyewear Stage (600 Royal St.)
17. New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park Stage (NOJNH, 419 Decatur St.)
18. House of Blues Voodoo Garden Stage (225 Decatur St.)
19. Cafe Beignet Stage (311 Bourbon St.)
20. Jazz Playhouse at Royal Sonesta New Orleans (300 Block of Bourbon St.)

SPECIAL EVENTS/PLACES

22. Mike's Amazing Airstream Cafe (Jax Brewery Lot)
23. Mike's Amazing Cafe (Kohlmeier Lawn)
24. Delta Utilities Cafe (Oscar Dunn Park)
25. Jack Daniel's 360 Photo Booth (Gov. Nicholls Park)
26. Jack Daniel's Airstream (Gov. Nicholls Park)
27. Jack Daniel's FXT (Gov. Nicholls Park)
28. Dance Lessons sponsored by French Market Corporation (Willow Dispensary Stage)
29. Dance Lessons sponsored by French Market Corporation (French Market Trad Jazz Stage)
30. Omni Royal Orleans, Official Hotel of FOF (621 St. Louis St.)
31. Benny's Sensory Activation Vehicle powered by Beignet Festival Foundation (Aquarium Plaza)
32. House of Blues Fest Family
33. NOLA.COM Fest Family

JAX BREWERY LOT



DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL MAP

POSTER & MERCH



French Quarter Festivals, Inc. is proud to have Anne Lipscomb as the official 2026 French Quarter Fest poster artist. A multidisciplinary artist working in digital illustration, watercolor, and pencil, Lipscomb's work lives at the intersection of storytelling, place, and contemporary design.

The 2026 commemorative poster is best described as New Orleans Modern Art Nouveau, drawing inspiration from classic art nouveau forms and movement, filtered through a distinctly local lens. Bold, rhythmic, and celebratory, the design reflects the energy, diversity, and spirit of the festival and the city it calls home.

MERCHANDISE CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT SHOP.FQFI.ORG

ARTIST LINEUP POSTER

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL



PJ MORTON
IRMA THOMAS SOUL QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS
CYRIL NEVILLE
BIG FREEDIA **CUPID & THE DANCE PARTY EXPRESS BAND**
DAWN RICHARD **HASIZZLE WITH TBC BRASS BAND**
KERMIT RUFFINS & THE BARBECUE SWINGERS **CHARMAINE NEVILLE**
FLAGBOY GIZ AND THE WILD TCHOUPITOULAS **LOST BAYOU RAMBLERS**
SWEETCRUDE **BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO JR. & THE LEGENDARY ILS SONS** **PARTIS BAND DEEZLE**
AMANDA SHAW **PRESERVATION BRASS** **KYLE ROUSSEL'S CHURCH OF NEW ORLEANS**
WENDELL BRUNIOUS **JAMES ANDREWS** **ERICA FALLS & VINTAGE SOUL** **THE SOUL REBELS** **JELLY JOSEPH**
JON CLEARY & THE ABSOLUTE MONSTER GENTLEMEN **GEORGE PORTER JR. & RUNNIN' PARTNERS**
BIG CHIEF MONK BOUDREAUX & THE GOLDEN EAGLES **YUSA & MAHMOUD CHOUKI** **REBIRTH BRASS BAND**
BOBBY RUSH **THE DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND** **WANDA ROUZAN & A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS** **DJ RQ AWAY**
 ...AND MANY MORE!



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SPECIAL EVENTS

DAILY | APRIL 16-19

VARIOUS TIMES & STAGES

FREE DANCE LESSONS PRESENTED BY FRENCH MARKET CORPORATION

THURSDAY | APRIL 16

10 AM

FQF OPENING DAY PARADE

DEPARTS FROM THE 200 BLOCK OF BOURBON STREET AND PROCEEDS THROUGH THE FRENCH QUARTER TO JACKSON SQUARE, WHERE THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE.

2-3:30 PM

EXHIBIT OPENING: THE FIRST PIANO PROFESSORS AND THE LOST OF MUSIC OF

EARLY NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM

2 PM - 3:30 PM

TIERRA SAGRADA FILM SCREENING AND Q&A

WILLIAMS RESEARCH CENTER, 410 CHARTRES ST.

SATURDAY | APRIL 18

8AM

FQF 5K RUN/WALK

KICK OFF FESTIVAL WEEKEND WITH THE FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL 5K RUN PRESENTED BY LCMC HEALTH. THE SCENIC ROUTE OFFERS PARTICIPANTS A UNIQUE WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS OPEN.

REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL RACE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT [RUNSIGNUP.COM/FQF5K](https://runsignup.com/FQF5K).

COSIMO AT 100: THE SOUND THAT SHAPED NEW ORLEANS

PANEL: 1-2:30 PM WILLIAMS RESEARCH CENTER, 410 CHARTRES ST.

PARTY: 2:30-4PM HELIS HALL, 520 ROYAL ST.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

SUNDAY | APRIL 19

2PM

ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

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