

Carnival compass: Your ultimate Mardi Gras parade guide

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CARNIVAL 2016 PARADE GUIDE

KREWE	FOUNDED	ROLLING	THEME	SIGNATURE THROWS	ROYALTY	RIDERS	NUMBER OF FLOATS
MYSTIC KREWE OF NYX	2011	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, AT 6:45 P.M.	REVEALED ON PARADE DAY	 HAND-DECORATED PURSES	GODDESS NYX LORI RODRIGUE SEUZENEAU	2,232 WOMEN	39
KREWE OF MUSES	2001	THURSDAY, FEB. 4, AT 6:30 P.M.	REVEALED ON PARADE DAY	 HAND-DECORATED SHOES	HONORARY MUSE SOLANGE KNOWLES	1,030 WOMEN	29
LE KREWE D'ETAT	1996	FRIDAY, FEB. 5, AT 6:30 P.M.	REVEALED ON PARADE DAY	 GLOWING SKULL EMBLEM BEADS	ANONYMOUS DICTATOR	535 MEN	24
KREWE OF MORPHEUS	2000	FRIDAY, FEB. 5, AT 7 P.M.	"MORPHEUS TAKES A STAYCATION"	 PLUSH SHEEP	KING PHILIP H. HULL-McCLUNG, QUEEN SABRINA LYN HIBBEN	550 MEMBERS	21
KREWE OF TUCKS	1969	SATURDAY, FEB. 6, AT 12 P.M.	"TUCKS VISITS THE HOOD"	 TOILET PAPER	KING MARC FRISCHERTZ, QUEEN ANNE ECKERT	1,300 MEMBERS	41
KREWE OF ENDYMION	1967	SATURDAY, FEB. 6, AT 4:15 P.M.	"ENDYMION THROUGH THE YEARS"	 CUPS DEPICTING SIGNATURE FLOATS	QUEEN JAMIE ELIZABETH HANZO	3,100 MEN	36
KREWE OF THOTH	1947	SUNDAY, FEB. 7, AT 12 P.M.	"THINGS WITH WINGS"	 THOTH FEDORA HAT	KING DAVID MERCER, QUEEN SHANIE OLIVIA FITZPATRICK	1,650 MEN	37
KREWE OF BACCHUS	1968	SUNDAY, FEB. 7, AT 5:15 P.M.	"FLIGHTS OF DELIGHT"	 "SUPER BACCHUS SUNDAY" FOOTBALLS	KING ANTHONY MACKIE	1,400 MEN	31
KREWE OF ORPHEUS	1993	MONDAY, FEB. 8, AT 6 P.M.	"THE WIZARD'S BESTIARY"	 ORPHEUS CARNIVAL MASKS	KING NATHAN FILLION	1,300 MEMBERS	38
ZULU SOCIAL AID & PLEASURE CLUB	1916	TUESDAY, FEB. 9, AT 8 A.M.	"ZULU: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF INCORPORATION"	 HAND-DECORATED COCONUTS	KING JAY H. BANKS	1,400 MEMBERS	29
REX	1872	TUESDAY, FEB. 9, AT 10 A.M.	"ROYAL GARDENS"	 GOLD DOUBLOONS	KING REVEALED ON LUNDI GRAS	455 MEN	26

The pulse-pounding beats of marching bands echoing across the city signal that Carnival season is in full swing. As the final stretch of celebration rapidly approaches, local bakeries continuously sprinkle purple, green and gold sugar stripes on their king cake creations, and New Orleanians meticulously work on their wonderfully wild costumes to debut on Fat Tuesday.

Before you get your own krewe together to scout out a perfect spot on the route for a [Bacchus Super Sunday](#) bash or plot this year's game plan to finally catch a shimmering [Muses shoe](#), check out this infographic designed by Tracey Bellina Milazzo for a preview of some of our favorite upcoming parades.

Click to browse each krewe's website, then print and plan your own personal Mardi Gras itinerary. (All information was compiled from the featured krewes and from Arthur Hardy's 2016 *Mardi Gras Guide*.)