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New Orleans Seafood Festival to Feature Top Local Bands, Chefs and Cuisine

NEW ORLEANS– Sep 10, 2009 –

The 3rd annual New Orleans Seafood Festival announces its 2009 schedule of events. Top local acts such as Amanda Shaw and Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk will perform throughout the weekend. The festival also features cooking demonstrations by some of the city's most prominent chefs, including John Besh and Susan Spicer. (A full schedule is attached).

Festival-goers can enjoy New Orleans cuisine from favorite local restaurants. Those scheduled to attend include ACME Oyster House, Arnaud's, Café Giovanni, Carnival Brands, Drago's Seafood Restaurant, El Gato Negro, Ernst Café, Galatoire's, Louisiana Fresh Foods, Mr. B's Bistro, King Creole, Original New Orleans Sno-balls, Pontchartrain Point Café, Red Fish Grill, Salt Water Grill, Serrano's, TJ Gourmet, Vidalia Grill and 7 on Fulton. All proceeds from the festival will benefit the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation (LHF).

The free three-day festival takes place on Friday, Sept. 25, through Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at Harrah's Fulton Square across from Harrah's Hotel & Casino in downtown New Orleans. For more information, visit www.neworleansseafoodfestival.com.

On the evening preceding the festival, Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, LHF and Galatoire's Restaurant will sponsor a fundraiser dinner at 7 p.m. in Harrah's Theatre. Proceeds from the dinner support seventh-generation Louisiana shrimper Ray Brandhurst who recently developed stage-three lung cancer. Galatoire's Executive Chef Brian Landry will serve wild-caught shrimp dishes such as shrimp and okra gumbo. Seats are \$125 and can be reserved by contacting Christi Gaudet, 504-525-2021.

Sponsors of the New Orleans Seafood Festival include: Harrah's, Miller Lite, Metairie Bank, Renaissance Publishing, Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board, the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Southern Comfort, Absolut Vodka, Jack Daniels and Malibu Rum.

The Louisiana Hospitality Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer greater access to culinary education and arts, while providing support for the health and social welfare of children across the state. The LHF executes this through community outreach, children's education, hospitality industry financial assistance and benevolence. For more information, visit www.louisianahospitalityfoundation.org.

New Orleans Seafood Festival

2009 Calendar of Events

Ray Brandhurst Benefit Dinner

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009

7 p.m. at Harrah's Theatre

\$125 per seat or \$1,250 per table (inclusive of tax and gratuity)

For reservations, contact Christi Gaudet at 504-525-2021.

Music Schedule

Friday, Sept. 25, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. The Wiseguys

7:15 p.m. - 9 p.m. Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & The Zydeco Twisters

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Country Fried

1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. The Revivalists

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. The Boogie Men

4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Los Po-Boy-Citos

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Christian Serpas & Ghost Town

7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Vivaz

8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Soul Rebels

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Amanda Shaw & The Cute Guys

1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Walter Wolfman Washington & The Roadmasters

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Big Sam's Funky Nation

4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk

Chef Cooking Demonstration Schedule

Friday, Sept. 25, 2009

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. John Besh – Besh Restaurant Group

6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Greg Collier – Redfish Grill

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Frank Brigtsen – Brigtsen's & Charles Seafood

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Diana Chauvin – La Thai

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Tenny Flynn – G.W. Fins

5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Susan Spicer – Bayona

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Duke Locicero – Café Giovanni

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Brian Landry – Galatoire's

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