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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Les Fous du Carnaval: Cu\*ts & Cu\*ts, January 27, 2023, 8pm

NEW ORLEANS, January 19, 2023 - Friends, Lovers, Deities, Comrades, Followers, People We Used To Know or We've Met Maybe Once But "Accidentally" Look the Other Way When We See You Out Making Groceries and Loose Associates, Les Fous du Carnaval cordially commands invites one and all to our return to the Carnival scene! On Friday, January 27, 2023, at 8pm, we are back for another cycle to bring parade-goers a visual and auditory feast of mystery, artistry, and divine fun as we explore "Cu\*ts & Cu\*ts" in our walking procession parade through the Mariany and French Quarter.

Prepare to worship us be taken in by striking costumes, hand-crafted offerings and myriad rites scenes of wonderment in our annual ritual as we strut our stuff to the funky brass bands, Kings of Brass and New Groove, and kick off the three-week period of intense obsession revelry that is the lead-up to The End Mardi Gras Day! Let the season consume you. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Our Carnival stroll of adherence merriment and misrule starts at 8pm at the corner of Chartres Street & Frenchman Street, then we'll process through the Marigny / Quarter following this route:

Frenchman -> Royal

Royal -> St. Philip

St. Philip -> Decatur

Decatur -> Jackson Square

## Les Fous du Carnaval Parade 1/27/23 8pm



As always, the only way to find out is to come out! Leave all racism, misogyny, transphobia, or bigotry of any kind at home. And stay as safe from COVID as you can while out on the route~~remember Mardi Gras is for masking! Hope to see all of your beautiful faces there!! xoxo

The fantastical Les Fous du Carnaval is a creative collaborative of inner krewes: Krewe of Goddesses, Flora & Fauna, and Krewe of Hellarious Wingnuts. We first paraded as a krewe on this same route in 2022. We are not bound by a single captain—each inner krewe has equal input and a safe space to shape our future. We bow down to no ruler. We are Carnival of and for the masses.

#### ABOUT LES FOUS DU CARNAVAL

Les Fous du Carnaval is a community of like-minded krewes with shared ideals consisting of the krewes of Flora & Fauna, Hellarious Wingnuts, and Goddesses. We organized in 2021 and launched our first parade in 2022. We are not bound by a single captain—each inner krewe has equal input and a safe space to shape our future. We are iconoclastic and inclusive and strive to represent the true diversity of our city within our membership except for the local nobility who, in the true spirit of the origins of Mardi Gras, can all get bent and keep Carnival equitable, accessible, and affordable for all. We are lovers, not fighters. We bow down to no ruler. We are Carnival of and for the masses.

### **ABOUT KREWE OF HELLARIOUS WINGNUTS**

The Krewe of Hellarious Wingnuts celebrates all the wingnuts out there! From your baby cousin to the girl down the block, from yo' mama to your ownself.

### **ABOUT KREWE OF GODDESSES**

Krewe of Goddesses is a social aid & pleasure club that works towards the empowerment of the female identity, body positivity and sex positivity through outreach and activism in our community. Founded in 2011, the mission of the Krewe of Goddesses is to create a safe space where all members feel valued and have the support and encouragement to be their creative and authentic selves. We acknowledge that we have continual work to do in order to be strong allies as we strive to be truly anti-racist and anti-sexist and fight for a just society. Our roots lie in taking back our sexuality and bodies from a culture that is often more fearful of sexuality than violence. We work to change that perception and have a lot of fun along the way. Our krewe is woman-centric, but we have grown to include not only women but also men and trans persons from all class, religious and diverse backgrounds. We believe in the Universal Whole and respect those who are multi-sexual and all that are in touch with the Divine Feminine and Divine Masculine.

### **ABOUT FLORA & FAUNA**

Flora and Fauna brings a resplendent biome, honoring the beasts and beauty of nature through carnival magic. From the icy tundra to the steamy jungle, our krewe embraces individual expression of animal and

plant spirits, joining together to revel in the wild streets of New Orleans. Flora and Fauna was formed in 2018, evolving from the Krewe of Muumuu and Krewe du Krakatoa. After deep soul searching, a choice was made to abandon the colonizer glorification of polynesian culture and instead glorify the beauty of the natural world.

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