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Bayou Bon Vivant: Cajun Food & Music Festival to be Held May 19-21 in Downtown Norfolk

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023**Website:** bit.ly/Bayou2023**Tickets:** bit.ly/FesteventsTix

Norfolk, VA – The 33rd Annual Bayou Bon Vivant: Cajun Food & Music Festival, headlined by musical performances by Blues Traveler, Anders Osborne, North Mississippi Allstars, and many more, will be held Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, 2023, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

The Bayou Bon Vivant is a three-day celebration of the tastes, tunes, and traditions of the Crescent City. From juicy handfuls of crawfish to world-renowned N’awlins jazz musicians, the Bayou Bon Vivant captures the vibrant spirit of Louisiana and transforms it into a weekend-long party along the Elizabeth River. A wide-ranging and fun experience for the entire family, the Bayou Bon Vivant also features an Arts Market featuring 30+ New Orleans crafters, crocodile and reptile exhibits, mouth-watering Cajun dishes such as beignets, gumbo, etouffees, jambalaya, and much more.

The 2023 Bayou Bon Vivant official poster art (pictured above) was quilted by New Orleans artist, Annie Odell. A member of the Louisiana Crafts Guild, Odell has been creating art since she was a child, always moving from one project to the next. Her *Mighty, Mighty- Chief* piece captures the essence of the Mardi Gras Indians which dates back as far as the 1800s. The Mardi Gras Indians honor the friendship that was forged between Native Americans and African American runaway slaves in Louisiana. After being banned from traditional krewes (parades), groups of African Americans created their own. They named themselves The Mardi Gras Indians to pay respect to the support escaping slavery.



Odell will be on-site at the festival as part of the Arts Market, showcasing her fibers. Posters will be available for purchase on-site at the festival for \$15.

The complete music lineup, as well as specialty entertainment, food vendors, and retail vendors can be found below. Visit bit.ly/Bayou2023 for additional festival information.

Weekend passes and single-day tickets are on sale now at bit.ly/FesteventsTix.

Music Lineup

Main Stage – Friday, May 19

3:30pm – Amanda Shaw
6:00pm – Honey Island Swamp Band
8:30pm – Blues Traveler

Main Stage – Saturday, May 20

3:45pm – Bonerama
6:00pm – Big Sam’s Funky Nation
8:30pm – Anders Osborne

Main Stage – Sunday, May 21

12:30pm – Cha Wa
2:15pm – Kings of Brass
4:30pm – North Mississippi Allstars

Crescent City Stage – Friday, May 19

2:00pm – Hot Gumbo Brass Band
5:00pm – The Rumble ft. Big Chief Joseph Boudreaux Jr.
7:30pm – Big Sam’s Funky Nation

Crescent City Stage – Saturday, May 20

1:00pm – Erica Falls
2:30pm – Eric Johanson
5:00pm – Geno Delafosse
7:15pm – Cha Wa

Crescent City Stage – Sunday, May 21

1:30pm – Terrance Simien
3:30pm – Terrance Simien

Food Vendors:

Quality Food international (Paella, Seafood Medley, Calamari, Frog Legs, Frutti di Mare)
Cody’s Crawfish (Louisiana Crawfish)
Deep Fried (Funnel Cake, Roasted Corn, Lemonade)
Hammerheads (Beignets, Shrimp & Grits, Bourbon Chicken, Cajun Etouffee)
Veggie Soul Planet (Grilled Shrimp, Lobster, Chicken, Crabcakes, Vegetable Rice)
Real Cajun Cookin’ (Jambalaya, Gumbo)
The Pie Guru (Baked Pies)
Strawberry Street (Bourbon Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Tenders)
& More!



Specialty Entertainment:

- Booker T. High School Brass Band (Friday Morning)
- Norfolk Public Schools Chess Teams (The Bayou Chess Challenge)
- Jack’s Jungle (Reptile Exhibits)
- Rachel Marks Tarot Reader (Tarot Card Readings)
- Rad Hatter (Make-Your-Own Hats)
- Voodoo Magician (Interactive Magic Tricks)

Retail Vendors:

- Annie Odell (Fiber)
- A Rolling Stone (Jewelry)
- Brent Walden (Origami & Jewelry)
- Bryant Benoit (Painting)
- Forrest Bacigalupi (Jewelry)
- Frances Johanson (Multi)
- Catherine Myers (Painting & Ceramics)
- Claudia Gehrke (Painting)
- Lynn Jenkins (Prints)
- Tracy Thomson (Fiber)
- EPaul Julien (Multi)

2023 Ticket Pricing

	Advance	Day-Of
Single-Day Pass	\$10	\$15
Weekend Pass	\$25	\$30
Boater Package	\$90	

The 2023 Bayou Bon Vivant is sponsored by the City of Norfolk, Virginia Is For Lovers, Southern Auto Group, WAVY TV 10, 106.9 The Fox, 92.9 The Wave, 93.7 Bob FM, Miller Light, Pepsi, and Cativa CBD.

For more information on Norfolk Festvents’ 2023 Season of Events, visit Festevents.org.

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