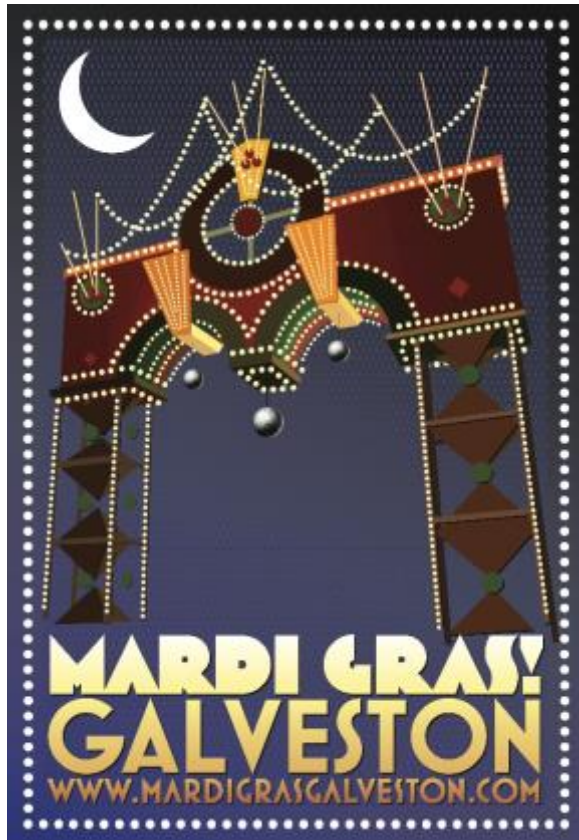


Mardi Gras! Galveston 2017

**Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade
Registration Packet**





Welcome to the Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade of Mardi Gras! Galveston 2017. We are pleased you will be joining us for our 7th annual celebrated event.

In this packet, you will find details pertaining to the parade and information about the Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade. Please turn in all necessary materials by February 8, 2017, including the Parade Release of Liability and a list of participants with each participants contact email.

If You Didn't Register? Don't Worry! Join us at the Electric Stage located at 21st and Mechanic to participate!

For questions concerning the Umbrella Brigade contact

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at

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On February 17th, 2017 we will restore the magical and imaginative experience of Mardi Gras in Galveston. We would like to invite you to come help us commence the celebrations by establishing a grand introduction to Mardi Gras! Galveston via a Second Line Umbrella Brigade. The 1st Annual brigade broke the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Umbrella Dance with 492 members and in 2012 the 2nd Annual Brigade beat its record with 1,516 participants dancing the Hokey Pokey in unison with decorated umbrellas. In 2013 we beat our previous record with 1,792 participants. In 2015 we beat our previous record with a grand total of 2,314 brigaders! And in 2016 we beat our previous year's record with an awesome 2,923 brigaders! A BIG Thank You to all 2,923 Funky Brigaders. This year we would like to you to gather all your friends, family, coworkers and loved ones to join us in our quest to break our previous record.

In case you are new to the Umbrella Brigade Celebration here is a little history lesson for you...The Jazz Funeral dates back to the early 1800's. It emerged as a collaborative effort to provide community members loved ones with a proper funeral procession. The families of the deceased were the "first line". The jazz band and the "Second Line" (non-family members) would come to pay their respect. Trumpets call would rally the crowd to celebrate life and help release his or her soul.

Over the course of time, the Second Line Umbrella has emerged as a dominant symbol of celebration. Today, the Second line Umbrella is used to celebrate just about anything – Mardi Gras, weddings, showers, graduations, milestone birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, sporting events, etc.

What was once just a regular necessity against the sun has become a highly decorated work of art. Second Line Umbrellas now reflect attitude and personal style as they twirl and spin as if to say "laissez les bon temps rouler"! Please join us in celebrating life; it's your chance to dance to the rhythm of the night!

Parade Overview & Details
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

On Friday, February 17, 2017 at 6:30pm, please meet the parade coordinators (Stephanie Flores) at the corner of 21st and Mechanic for a pre-party at the DJ Stage. The parade should take no longer than approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour of marching time.

Parade Date: Friday, February 17th, 2017

Parade Arrival: Every participant must enter through the designated umbrella gate at 21st and Mechanic. You will **NOT** be allowed free entry through any other gate. Arrive at 6:30pm parade **begins at 8:30pm**

Parade Participants: All costumed participants with a decorated umbrella will receive FREE entry into the Entertainment District **ONLY** through the designated gate at 21st and Mechanic. Beer booths and restrooms will be provided in Umbrella Parade Staging area.

Parade Group Captain: Assign one person from your team to be the designated person to hold a sign with the Team Number at the front the group during the parade. This person will be in front of group during the judging portion of parade. This select person must hold the Team Number Sign while holding their Umbrella.

Team Number: Group Captains will receive Team Number via email the Wednesday before the parade. Each Captain is responsible for notifying each of its members their team number. The team numbers are for the judges and do not need to be in chronological order for the parade.

Parade Competition: This portion of the parade is optional. Umbrella groups will have the opportunity to show off their groups' costumes and creativity while being judged as they march through the streets. Judges will recognize groups by number so participants must stay with their captain during parade.

Parade Judging: A select group of judges will be located on the balcony at 23rd and Strand above Gracies store. The designated judging area will begin at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and end at Yaga's Café. They are judging your group on overall theme and costume and also your dance moves!

Winners of Competition: The winning Umbrella group will be awarded 30 balcony party tickets for Friday, February 17, 2017 which is open until 1am. At the conclusion of the parade, the winning group will be escorted to the balcony party.

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Please fill out the following information below. When filling out this information we ask that you please print.

Name of Umbrella Group: _____

Approximant number of group members: _____

Participating in Judging (yes or no): _____

Participating in the 4th Annual Umbrella Decorating Contest (yes or no): _____

Captain of Umbrella Group: _____

Captain's Email: _____

Captain's Phone: _____

Release of Liability

Please sign and attach the release of Liability form(s) to your parade entry. A Release of Liability form must be signed and submitted for each parade participant.

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The undersigned is a participant in the 2017 Mardi Gras parades. In consideration of participating in such parade, the undersigned hereby agrees to assume all responsibility and liability for any and all damage, personal injury, or other loss of any nature and further releases and agrees to hold harmless Yaga's Entertainment and its agents from any and all liability, claims, damages, and causes of action of any nature related to said parade.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and certifies that he or she has read the Official Parade Rules and information Form, this Release of Liability, fully understand them, and by signing below agrees to all terms and conditions included therein.

Name of Umbrella Group: _____

Participant's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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