



OUR TOP PICKS OF THE MONTH'S EVENTS

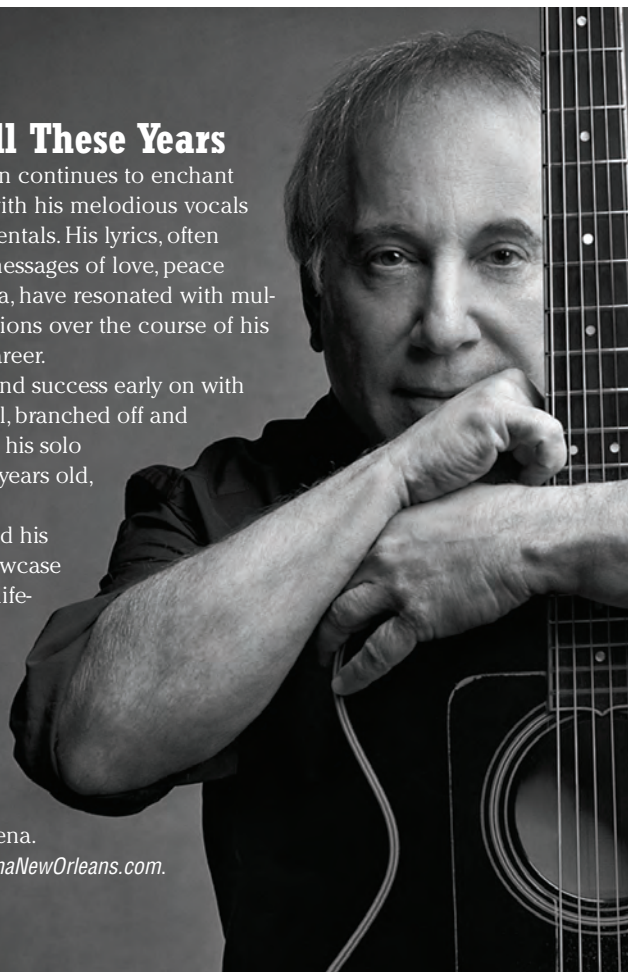
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After All These Years

Paul Simon continues to enchant audiences with his melodious vocals and instrumentals. His lyrics, often conveying messages of love, peace and nostalgia, have resonated with multiple generations over the course of his illustrious career.

Simon found success early on with Art Garfunkel, branched off and flourished in his solo career. At 70 years old, he's won 13 Grammys, and his concerts showcase his genuine, life-long talent.

He will perform on Nov. 4 at the University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena. LakeFront.ArenaNewOrleans.com.



AN "ENCHANTED" MUSICAL

Taking place during World War II, *South Pacific* tells the love stories of two couples and how the war affects their daily lives. The musical, written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, has been successful since its inception and features classic songs such as "Some

Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" and "Younger Than Springtime." Presented by NETWORKS Presentations, performances take place at the Mahalia Jackson Theater from Nov. 29-Dec. 4.

Information, BroadwayInNewOrleans.com



THROUGH JAN. 3. "Dureau"; Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Information, OgdenMuseum.org.



"Dureau," through Jan. 3

NOV. 1-6. *Rock of Ages*; Mahalia Jackson Theater for the Performing Arts. Information, MahaliaJacksonTheater.com.



Boris, Nov. 4

NOV. 2-10. *Red*; Southern Rep Theater. Information, SouthernRep.com.

NOV. 2 & 9. *Opera on Tap*; The Inn on Bourbon and the Rusty Nail, respectively. Information, NewOrleansOpera.org.

NOV. 4. Boris with Asobi Seksu and True Widow; One Eyed Jacks. Information, OneEyedJacks.net.



Jacoby & Pronk, Nov. 11-12

NOV. 6. Mirliton Festival; Markey Park. Information, BywaterMirlitonFestival.com.

NOV. 6. New Orleans Saints vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Louisiana Superdome. Information, NewOrleansSaints.com.

NOV. 11-12. New Orleans Ballet Association presents Jacoby & Pronk Contemporary Dance



A Masked Mystery

Performances of Giuseppe Verdi's *A Masked Ball* will take place Nov. 18 and 20 at the Mahalia Jackson Theater, presented by the New Orleans Opera Association. Featuring Louisiana native Paul Groves as the main character, Riccardo, the opera tells the story of a leader whose position is falling into jeopardy; it also weaves elaborate disguises, forbidden love and a dramatic twist ending, set in a grand ballroom.

Information, NewOrleansOpera.org.



Artists; Freda Lupin Memorial Hall, NOCCA. Information, NobaDance.com.

NOV. 19. Loyola Ballet Fall Concert; Roussel Hall, Loyola University. Information, montage.loyno.edu.

NOV. 20. Po-Boy Preservation Festival; Oak Street. Information,



Po-Boy Preservation Festival, Oct. 2

PoBoyFest.com.

NOV. 21. Lykke Li and First Aid Kit; Tipitina's Uptown. Information, Tipitinas.com.



SPOTLIGHT

Dork Power

The New Orleans Fringe Festival is a five-day theater event showcasing imaginative, experimental performances in Marigny, Bywater and other parts of town. One of the highlights is a one-man show, "Feel the Power of the Dork Side" with comedian and professor, Dr. Pete Ludovice.

What does your show entail? It is a mixture of the stand-up comedy I do in the evenings with the statistics and other technical stuff I

teach during the day in the School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering at Georgia Tech. It is just one guy trying to prove that nerds can be funny and not just funny-looking. We will attempt a statistical analysis of the audience that should be fun.

What is the biggest misconception about dorks? Doing stand-up comedy has taught me that most dorks, geeks and nerds are funnier than people think, and that comedians are

smarter than people think. Actually there are a lot of dorks that do stand-up.

You perform all over the place. How does the "dork scene" in New Orleans compare? Given what I know about my faculty colleagues at Tulane, New Orleans has plenty of dorks. I am excited about performing in New Orleans because it's more accepting of experimental theater, and this show is a truly new experiment. Half of our shows are presented at the KIPP Renaissance High School – maybe this charter school is pursuing a bold new approach to education, or at least one that's funnier.

For more information on Dr. Pete and other Fringe Festival performances, visit NOFringe.org.

NOV. 24. Opening Day (horse racing); New Orleans Fair Grounds. Information, FairGroundsRaceCourse.com.



New Orleans Fairgrounds Opening Day, Nov. 24



New Orleans Saints, Nov. 28

Nov. 28. New Orleans Saints vs. New York Giants; Louisiana Superdome. Information, NewOrleansSaints.com.

DEC. 3. Watch the Throne Tour: Jay-Z & Kanye West; New Orleans Arena. Information, OrleansArena.org.

