

New Orleans Airlift

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New Orleans Musicians, Artists and Performers Coming to Berlin for a Weekend of Events from June 12th to 14th, 2009

Almost 20 performers and artists from 10 different New Orleans groups are coming to Berlin for a series of shows at the 6th Annual Berlin Lacht! Mariannenplatz Festival from June 12th to 14th in the Kreuzberg neighborhood.

New Orleans artists whose talents range from one man bands to installation art to experimental performance and beyond will be appearing at the Mariannenplatz event continuously throughout the weekend, and can be seen at special appearances in nightclubs around town each night.

Among the artists attending will be performers who are returning to Berlin after several years of successful visits such as jazz singer Meschiya Lake who has performed frequently with Berlin's own Les Haferflocken Swingers, "New Orleans Music" DJ Rusty Lazer and German-born musician Martin Krusche with his project The Magnetic Ear, which is composed of some of the most forward thinking avant garde musicians from The Big Easy. Also returning to Berlin for this event will be multilingual rapper and dancer MC Subzero Permafrost and the One Man Electronic Symphony known as Ratty Scurvics' Singularity.

Internationally known experimental dancers Scotty Heron and Billy Schultz will be debuting new work. The Black Forest Fancies will perform a puppet musical about the uncertainties of gender and biology. Clown artist Cloris Flap brings her subversive wit and humor to a slapstick based comedy routine. And installation artist Delaney Martin, who has exhibited at multiple galleries throughout the U.S. and Europe, will create a stage specifically for this showcase of New Orleans creativity.

Other events include shows featuring all of these performers and more at these locations:

Bar 25 - Friday, June 12th, 10pm and Sunday, June 14th, 1pm (www.bar25.de)

Intersoup - Saturday, June 13th, 10pm (www.myspace.com/intersoup)

Monster Ronson's - Saturday, June 13th, 10pm with Cindy Wonderful of Scream Club (www.myspace.com/monsterronson)

White Trash - Sunday, June 14th, 8pm (www.whitetrashfastfood.com)

For more detailed information, visit the websites listed below.

All of these performers are coming with the assistance and encouragement of the New Orleans Airlift, which is an organization founded by artists Jay Pennington and Delaney Martin to encourage the import and export of artists to and from New Orleans. Their goal is to help emerging New Orleans performers gain access to new audiences and new ideas while remaining in a city that has yet to recover fully from the hardship of post-Katrina devastation. The Airlift has curated and facilitated performances and exhibitions from London to China and brought such international luminaries as Deitch Project's SWOON and taboo shattering performance artists Non Grata from Estonia to New Orleans for collaborations with local artists.

For information about all artists and appearances: www.neworleansairlift.org

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