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SAVE THE DATE AND SAVE OUR FOOD TRADITIONS!

On FEB. 21st, Slow Food Dallas will be staging an event to benefit endangered Gulf Coast food producers. As you know, many small operations were dealt some severe financial setbacks by the recent hurricanes. And, if the indigenous foods of this region are allowed to disappear, we will have lost an extremely important part of our food history.

Please show your support by attending our **MARDI GRAS MAMBO.**

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 2006 from 7:00pm

WHERE: Art Institute of Dallas Two North Park East

[8080 Park Lane](#) (southeast of Central Expressway 75 and Park Lane)

Dallas, TX 75231-5993

MENU: Seafood Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Boudin Sausage, Savory Calas (Rice Fritters), Bread Pudding and King Cake

ENTERTAINMENT:

Music: [KalimBass](#), featuring the Delta swamp rhythms of Tom Spicer

Film: Showing of the 2006 documentary film, "King Cake" by [Scott Dixon McDowell](#), University of Southern Mississippi

COST: \$30 non-members / **\$25 Slow Food members.** *(all proceeds will go to the [Slow Food USA Terra Madre Katrina Relief Fund](#) benefiting endangered producers of the Gulf region)*

For information or reservations:

<http://www.slowfooddallas.com/events.html>

Fat Tuesday, February 28, 2006 -- Slow Food convivia around the country will celebrate Mardi Gras by fundraising for farmers, fishermen and food producers in the Gulf Coast region. Slow Food USA has identified ten food producers in the region who are integral to the area's gastronomic and agricultural landscape to receive monetary grants from the Terra Madre Katrina Relief Fund. Read about what a few local convivia have in the works for Mardi Gras 2006.

Slow Food New York City

Slow Food New York City and the Brooklyn Brewery present a Fat Tuesday Feast: a Mardi Gras Benefit for Gulf Coast Farmers, Fishermen and Food. Chefs from New York City will prepare boudin noir, pralines, wild Louisiana shrimp etouffee and grits, pulled pork, jambalaya and oysters on the half-shell, to be accompanied by hand-crafted beers of the Brooklyn Brewery and the tunes of the Dixie Bee-Liners. Also featuring a silent auction. The event costs \$55/person.

Slow Food Marin-Petaluma

Slow Food Marin-Petaluma and Fish restaurant are planning a Mardi Gras celebration on the water in Sausalito. The festive evening will feature live music by Gaucho Gypsy Jazz and a special New Orleans-style menu including Oysters Bienville and Rockefeller, a crawfish and shrimp boil, muffaletta sandwiches, beignets and more. Tickets are \$100.

Slow Food Atlanta

Slow Food Atlanta has arranged for four area restaurants to cook New Orleans style dinners and donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the Terra Madre Relief Fund. The restaurants include Season's Brewing, Woodfire Grill, and MIX Restaurant.

Slow Food Dallas

Slow Food Dallas is planning a Mardi Gras Mambo at the Art Institute of Dallas on February 21. The evening will feature the sounds of the KalimBass, the tastes of New Orleans including seafood gumbo, boudin sausage and bread pudding, and a showing of the 2006 documentary film "King Cake" by Scott Dixon McDowell. Tickets are \$30.

Slow Food Carmel

Slow Food Carmel got an early start on their Mardi Gras Mambo fundraiser at the end of January. On January 27, local convivium members gathered to enjoy a wine-and-gumbo benefit to raise money for the relief fund. The convivium, led by Gabriela Forte, has already helped raise funds to help the Brandhursts, a New Orleans shrimping family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To contact Slow Food Dallas, email info@slowfooddallas.org

To read about the Terra Madre Katrina Relief Fund to Benefit Gulf Region Food Producers, http://slowfoodusa.org/katrina_relief.html

To apply for press credentials to attend Terra Madre 2006 or any pre-events, or to receive future press releases via email, please contact Erika Lesser at:

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