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‘Mardi Gras in July’ Returns to Fullerton



Feathered masks, beads, wild hats, bright colors and dazzling silent auction items – all of that and more will brighten the night at the 2013 “WTLC Mardi Gras in July,” to be held 6 – 10 p.m., Saturday, July 13 at the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Avenue.

WTLC Chair Leah Song presents 2012 Mardi Gras King and Queen Roger Navarro of Yorba Linda and Marylou Perez of Fullerton.
Photo by Bob Rhein

The annual Mardi Gras in July event benefits WTLC, a registered, non-profit organization in Orange County dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation.

Lucky bidders in the silent auction will go home with a guitar signed by the Rolling Stones, a record album autographed by legendary musician B.B. King, or a trip for two to

the 2014 Kentucky Derby among other treasures such as “Snoopy as the Red Baron,” drawn and signed by Charles Schultz. Grand door prize is a 42” flat-screen plasma TV.

Of course, the evening will bring the spirit of Mardi Gras to downtown Fullerton where party-goers will stroll through “Jackson Square” where vendors display their wares in a festive, carnival atmosphere.

Guests will sip authentic New Orleans Hurricanes and sample fine food dishes including crawfish, creamed corn, sausages and tasty bread pudding from local eateries including Bourbon Street, Cajun Swamp the Cellar, The Olde Ship, and Big B’s Barbeque and JP23 BBQ among others

Colorfully garbed street performers from the Fullerton High School Circus Club will entertain and amaze with feats of acrobatic skill and dexterity, while lively music courtesy of Bonne Musique Zydeco with authentic Zydeco dancing lessons by “Zydeco Ted.”

The epic Pie Eating Contest is back again for its third year. Cheer on your favorite contestant in the pie-eating contest that pits men and women alike in a manic, messy race for well-deserved bragging rights!

“Mardi Gras in July is our major fundraiser for the year,” said Leah Song, president of the WTLC board of directors. “We are the only domestic shelter program in Orange County that provides a haven for women and their children, both female and male, who are victims of abuse, substance problems and human trafficking,” she added.

Admission is only \$25 per person that includes two drink tickets. The Fullerton Museum Center is located at 301 North Pomona Avenue, the site of the weekly Fullerton Marketplace.

WTLC has been serving Orange County for more than 35 years, providing transitional housing and shelter for victims of domestic violence. This organization aligns itself with community partners including the Anaheim and Fullerton Police Departments, the Fullerton Collaborative, the Anaheim Justice Center and the Richman Community Center. Volunteers believe in this organization and contributed nearly 8,000 hours of service last year. The organization has the only domestic violence shelter program in Orange County that accepts victims of domestic violence with substance abuse, mental illness issues, victims of human trafficking, boys, male victims and re-entry victims being released from the prison system.

All proceeds will benefit WTLC, a registered, non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation. We build self-esteem and provide tools and resources to empower people for independent living With Tender Loving Care.

For sponsorship or donor opportunities, please contact Chris Quintana at (714) 992-1939, ext 101. Visit the Mardi Gras in July website at: www.mardigrasinjuly.com.

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