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Unique Auction Items, Fun on Tap for ‘Mardi Gras in July’

Amazing auction items are in the offering for revelers to bid on during the 2012 “WTLC Mardi Gras in July,” to be held 6 – 10 p.m., Saturday, July 14 at the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Avenue.

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.

“We have a guitar autographed by Eric Clapton,” said Leah Song, WTLC board member. “This is a unique item that really rocks!”

“Where were you in ’62? It will all come back to you with a vintage “American Graffiti” poster signed by Ron Howard, Harrison Ford, Susanne Summers, McKenzie Phillips and Richard Dreyfuss,” she said.

“Any baseball fans out there?” Song asked. “How about an autographed photo of Nolan Ryan in an Angeles Uniform. The winning bidder takes it home!”

Catalina lovers will also be able to bid on a one-week stay for four at “Shelton’s on the Island “– a beautiful vacation resort in Avalon. In addition, the lucky bidder will receive a voucher for Parasailing with Island Water Charters for two, a ride on Avalon’s famous Zip Line for two, a Catalina Island Conservancy Jeep Eco-Tour for two, a voucher for dinner at Steve’s Steakhouse overlooking Avalon Harbor, and much more.

Of course, the evening will bring the spirit of Mardi Gras to downtown Fullerton where party-goers can stroll through “Jackson Square” where vendors display their wares in a festive, carnival atmosphere. Colorfully garbed street performers entertain and amaze with feats of acrobatic skill and dexterity.

Sip on an authentic Hurricanes and sample fine food in the “Taste of New Orleans” with delectable dishes from Bourbon Street, the Cellar, Cajun Swamp, The Olde Ship, Collette’s and Big B’s Barbeque among others.

Dance to lively, live zydeco music courtesy of Bonne Musique Zydeco. There will be dancers from Fullerton’s CF Dance Academy to put on a show to put you in the Mardi Gras mood.

The epic Pie Eating Contest is back again this 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 Minerva Hidrogo, WTLC Director. “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 \$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.

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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