

History of Mardi Gras

Louisianians know how to throw a party! The state's largest celebration, Mardi Gras, has been called "the greatest free show on Earth." New Orleans Mardi Gras began in 1837, the year of the first street parade. Many other south Louisiana cities, including Lafayette, also celebrate Mardi Gras.

The first day of the January 6th (which is mas). Called the Twelfth ginning of the private until Mardi Gras Day. The sist of floats holding the throw doubloons, beads people lining the streets. Many "parade-goers" either wear a costume or purple, green and gold when attending the parades, and scream "Throw me somethin' Mister!" to the krewe members on the floats. Marching bands on floats are also parades. Mardi is always Fat last day of the Many of the larg-held on this day.



Carnival season is always twelve days after Christ-Night, this marks the be-masked balls that are held Mardi Gras parades con-krewe members, who and other items to the people lining the streets. Many "parade-goers" either wear a costume or purple, green and gold when attending the parades, and scream "Throw me somethin' Mister!" to the krewe members on the floats. and celebrities included in the Gras Day (which Tuesday), is the carnival season. est parades are

