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A Timeline of 175th Anniversary Celebratory Events *Once-in-a-lifetime Milestone Highlighted with Fun and Fundraising*

NEW ORLEANS (January 7, 2015) – Throughout 2015, Antoine's restaurant will commemorate its 175th anniversary as the oldest continually operating restaurant in the country with numerous events and activities. Unless noted otherwise, events will occur at the restaurant. A timeline follows:

- Official Press Conference and 175th Anniversary Announcement
January 7, 2015

To launch a year of anniversary event, leaders from the tourism, culinary, business, cultural and political communities will toast Antoine's during a special celebratory media event. The festivities will include classic traditional French Creole cuisine, champagne and spirits, and the unveiling of a special anniversary menu. The restaurant will host the event in the Large Annex dining room nearly 175 years after Antoine Alciatore, the father of Creole cooking, founded this renowned French Quarter landmark.

- Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Event for Re-enactors
January 11, 2015

As a major sponsor of the official Bicentennial gala, Antoine's will host a special reception for the re-enactors who will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the historic Battle of New Orleans. During this famous Battle in the War of 1812, General Andrew Jackson and his U.S. forces defeated the seemingly unstoppable British Army. Another noteworthy aspect of this moment in history is that the War had been ended when the Americans and British signed the Treaty of Ghent the prior month in 1814, but word had not made it to troops in New Orleans who engaged in battle.

- Southern Food and Beverage Museum (SoFAB) Unveils Antoine's Exhibition
January 16, 2015

SoFab will host a special event to unveil and commemorate its new exhibition on Antoine's, which will include objects and artifacts related to the restaurant's history and legacy.

- Carnival Season
Through February 17, 2015

Most of the major Mardi Gras krewes celebrate part of the Mardi Gras season with an event at Antoine's. The restaurant has many themed rooms, including the Rex Room, the Proteus Room, the Twelfth Night Revelers Room, and the Hermes Bar. No Mardi Gras season is complete without a celebratory meal at Antoine's with family and friends.

- Launch of New Historical Dinner and Restaurant Tour Package
March / May / July / September / November 2015

To give diners an exclusive insider's dining experience, the restaurant will begin to offer special private dinners with Antoine's family members. The dinners will include a special menu of culinary favorites old and new, candid and entertaining insight into the history and cuisine of the legendary establishment, a guided tour of its 14 dining rooms and kitchen, as well as personal interaction with the people who make it a true dining experience every day.

- Tennessee Williams Festival
March 25-29, 2015 (Specific Date and Location TBD)

During this popular annual New Orleans literary festival, members of Antoine's fourth and fifth family generations will participate in a panel recounting their interactions with Tennessee Williams at the historic New Orleans Athletic Club, where he (and many of its male members) strolled around and swam in the buff.

- Antoine's Cooks at Delmonico's Restaurant (New York, NY)
March 30, 2015-April 3, 2015

During the week preceding Easter, Chef Mike Regua and others from the Antoine's kitchen will cook alongside Chef Billy Oliva of Delmonico's restaurant in New York City, another classic, historic American restaurant that invented Eggs Benedict. Delmonico's will host Antoine's and offer a prix fixe menu of the New Orleans restaurant's classic dishes, in addition to hosting a special fund raising event and making media appearances in the nation's largest market and a top culinary capital. Antoine's will return the favor in October and host Chef Billy during the restaurant's local New Orleans anniversary celebrations.

- Antoine's 175th Anniversary Dinner at James Beard House (New York, NY)
April 2, 2015

Antoine's and Chef Mike Regua will host a special anniversary dinner at the heralded James Beard House, one of the most respected culinary institutions in the world and the preserver and fosterer of American gastronomic heritage. This special dinner will fall one day prior to the actual 175th anniversary of Antoine's founding on April 3, 1840.

- "Dinner at Antoine's" Novel Release Re-creation Fundraiser
Summer 2015 (Date TBD)

Dinner at Antoine's is the stuff of legend, so much so that author Francis Parkinson Keyes entitled her 1948 mystery novel after it. The original release party was held at the restaurant, and Antoine's will host a special gala event to recreate that evening to raise funds for the historic Beauregard-Keyes House museum in the French Quarter that was previously her home.

- Local New Orleans 175th Anniversary Celebrations
October 3, 2015-October 5, 2015

With the actual anniversary falling on the Good Friday holiday, and with too many opportunities to have fun and celebrate New Orleans history, culture and cuisine, Antoine's will commemorate its birthday in early October. The details will be released closer to the actual celebrations, but activities will feature public and private events, including a block party, a fundraising gala, an Alcimore family reunion, and other special events. Chef Billy Oliva of the famed historic Delmonico's restaurant in New York will be working aside Antoine's Chef Mike Regua to ensure some of the culinary offerings will have new inspired flair. Put these dates on your events calendar as they are certain to be memorable!

- Christmas New Orleans Style Reveillon Prix Fix Menus
December 1, 2015-December 31, 2015

What better way to end a year of anniversary celebrations than with holiday cheer in one of America's classic destinations? Christmas New Orleans Style has become a signature tourism promotion, and food is one of the key components. Antoine's, a participant since the early days of this New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corp.-sponsored event, will offer a special holiday Reveillon menu for locals and visitors alike to enjoy all month long.

Antoine's, a traditional French Creole fine dining establishment since 1840, is located at 713 St. Louis Street in the historic New Orleans French Quarter. For more information, visit our website at www.antoines.com, like us on Facebook [here](#), or make a reservation by calling 504-581-4422.

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