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February events for FHL

“Lagniappe Tours Mardi Gras Trip in New Orleans” on Feb. 17, 2015

A luxury motor coach will take attendees to New Orleans. We have reserved parade route seats and a buffet dinner at Le Pavillion Hotel will follow. The coach will meet in Baton Rouge at 6:45 a.m. at the Mall of Louisiana and return to Baton Rouge for 7 p.m. Tickets purchased before Jan. 31, 2015, are \$155 for FHL members and \$180 for nonmembers; tickets purchased after Jan. 31, 2015, are \$180 for members, \$205 for nonmembers. Call (225) 387-2464 for more information.

Professor of Folklore Barry Jean Ancelet to speak on history of Mardi Gras at Old Governor's Mansion event on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015

Barry Jean Ancelet (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) will speak on "THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEGGING: CARNIVALESQUE LAUGHTER IN THE SOUTH LOUISIANA MARDI GRAS." In this presentation, supported by slides and based on some theories on the nature of carnival laughter, including those of Mikael Bakhtine, Carl Lindahl, Daniel Fabre, and Nathalie Zémon Davis, Ancelet will explore the nature of the carnivalesque laughter that is at the heart of the South Louisiana Cajun country Mardi Gras. Ancelet is professor of Folklore at ULL's Department of English. The lecture event is sponsored by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana and held in the East Room of the Old Governor's Mansion, 501 North Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. on February 12, 2015. A reception hosted by Calandro's Fine Cellars begins at 6 p.m. It is free for FHL members and \$10 for guest. Call (225) 387-2464 for more information.

Friday, February 6, 2015-"Big Charity" Documentary at Manship Theatre

"Big Charity: The Death of America's Oldest Hospital", will be shown at the Manship Theatre in Baton Rouge, on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The film captured both the Jury Award and the Audience Award for Best Louisiana Feature at the 2014 New Orleans Film Festival. Ask any New Orleanian alive, and you will hear a powerful medical story or two and the impact of the New Orleans institution that was a steady and immense presence on Tulane Avenue. After many years of service, it was gone. It was Charity Hospital and after almost 300 years of caring, it was shuttered in the wake of 2005's Hurricane Katrina, never to open again. To this day, its Art Deco exterior is still a downtown landmark, albeit a depressing, empty one. In the hour long documentary "Big Charity" director and Tulane grad Alexander Glustrom tells the story of the rise and, as the title makes painfully clear, the demise of that once proud institution. Glustrom's film on Friday evening will be shown at the Manship Theatre in Baton Rouge. Tickets are available at manshiptheatre.org for \$8.50. Foundation for Historical Louisiana members get \$5

off when using the promo code “FHL.” A post-show question and answer with the filmmakers will follow the award-winning documentary on February 6th.

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