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### **SAVE THE DATE FOR GULF BREW 2008**

*Gulf Brew 2008, July 19 at Parc International in downtown Lafayette*

**Lafayette, La** – The Acadiana Arts Council is gearing up for the second annual **Gulf Brew**, a southern beer tasting festival held in downtown Lafayette.

The event will take place at Parc International on Saturday, July 19. VIP ticket holders will start sampling at 3 p.m. and general public tasting will begin at 4 p.m. The breweries will serve samples until 8 p.m., and draft beer will be served until 10 p.m.

Participating breweries to date include Mississippi's Lazy Magnolia Brewing Company, Louisiana's Zea Brewery, Heiner Brau Microbrewery, NOLA Brewing Company and Lafayette's very own Dead Yeast Society. Three Louisiana bands will perform throughout the festival to include a finale by the Lost Bayou Ramblers!

This year, along with the crafts of beer, food and music, there will be another creative element added to the mix...craft art! The Acadiana Arts Council has teamed up with the Louisiana Crafts Guild to bring festival-goers beautiful works by artists who call the swamps of Louisiana their home.

\$15 Taster Tickets will be good for fifteen beer samples, and Non-Taster Tickets will be \$10. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to enter the festival premises. AAC/ACA members will receive reserved and secure parking at the IBERIABANK parking lot on W. Congress Street.

**Gulf Brew 2008** is sponsored by Coushatta Casino and Resort, Moss BMW, Louisiana Office of Tourism, 94.5 KSMB, Blue-Stream Services, Party Central, Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, Lafayette Consolidate Government and the Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism. All proceeds from **Gulf Brew 2008** will benefit the Acadiana Arts Council.

For more information, call (337) 233-7060 or visit **GulfBrew.com**.

*Founded in 1975, the Acadiana Arts Council exists to create, facilitate, nurture and fund arts and cultural activities to enrich quality of life and place in Acadiana. Our award-winning regional programming and services include Arts in Education, which provides curriculum-based arts activities for schoolchildren, Louisiana Crossroads, which is a top-caliber concert series, and an exhibition series of meaningful collections from around the corner and across the globe. The Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette is managed by the Acadiana Arts Council and has been open to the public since 2004.*

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