



Krewe du Vieux Gets Souled Down the River

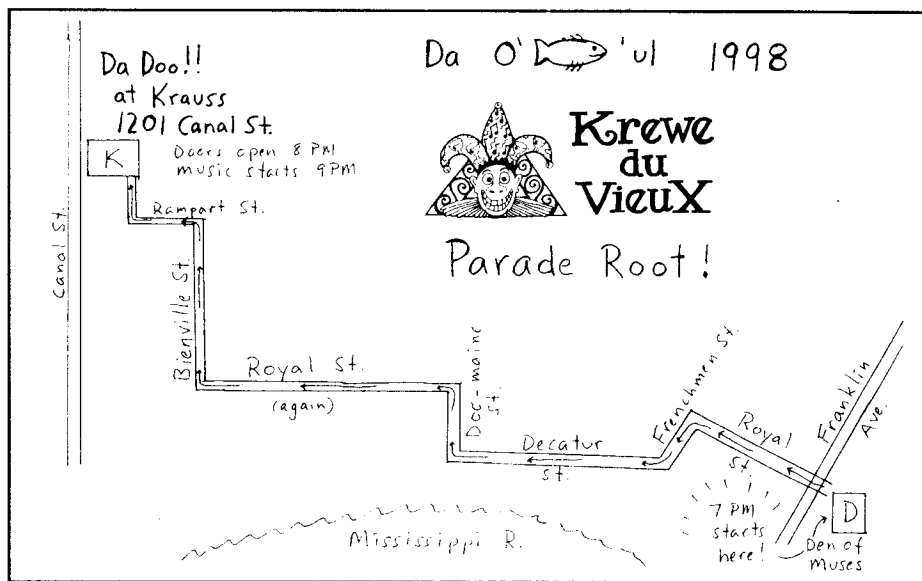
Irma Thomas Leads Second Lion to Krauss

NAWLINS -- It's a buyer's market these days, as more and more local institutions close down or get sold off. But on February 7, it's "buyer beware", as "Krewe du Vieux Gets Souled Down the River". All offers will be honored, and it will be honor and offer all night long as the Krewe straggles through its traditional French Quarter route to a new ball location, the now-closed Krauss Department store (see parade map for exact route).

The action auction will begin at 7:00 PM. Led by the Soul Queen herself, Irma Thomas, the Krewe will slam the fast buck politicians, corporations and entre-manures who are trying to scam away the city's heritage. Honorary New Orleanian Marcia Ball will be the Grand Duchess; both royal ladies will perform at the Krewe du Vieux Doo post parade.

The audience is urged to keep their wallets and pocketbooks safe as the prophets, profiteers, prostitutes and protestors, the salesmen, soldiers, soul queens, sold queens, old queens, prom queens, porn queens and vis-queens of the Krewe stumble along towards its souled-out celebration.

The Krewe du Vieux's fifteen sub-krewes will present their own free market, free association, free-wheeling, free-love, free-falling fantasias on the theme. Sub-krewes include the Krewe of the C.R.U.D.E., Krewe of Space Age Love, Krewe of Underwear, Seeds of Decline, Krewe of Mama Roux, Krewe of Drips and Discharges, Krewe of L.E.W.D., Krewe of K.A.O.S., Knights of Mon-



Parade route of the Krewe du Vieux, February 7, 1998 at 7:00 PM.

du, Krewe of T.O.K.I.N., Krewe Rue Bourbon, Krewe de C.R.A.P.S., Krewe of Pan, and Krewe du Jieuz.

Also marching will be many of the city's top young brass bands. Showcasing the local brass band talent is one of the few Krewe du Vieux traditions not currently being prostituted (unlike most Krewe members).

Following the parade will be the Krewe du Vieux Doo, the annual ball and *debauch extraordinaire*. The public is invited and forewarned. Acts and celebrations commence at 9:00 PM at a new location, the Krauss Department Store, at 1201 Canal St. Extensive parking and security will be provided. Music will start with selected brass bands, followed by a soul set from Queen Irma herself and two hot Texas trots from Grand Duchess Marcia Ball. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or \$15 in advance at Louisiana Music Factory, 210 Decatur St., or The Mushroom, 1037 Broadway.

The Krewe du Vieux is a non-profit organization dedicated to the histori-

cal and traditional concept of a Mardi Gras parade as a venue for individual creative expression and satirical comment. We believe in exposing the world to the true nature of Mardi Gras -- and in exposing ourselves to the world.

Krewe du Vieux Doo

Saturday, February 7

9:00 PM

Krauss Department Store

1201 Canal Street

Admission \$20 at the door

\$15 in advance from

LA Music Factory & Mushroom

Open to the Public

Featuring:

Brass Band Review

Irma Thomas

& the Professionals

Marcia Ball

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