

¡CARNAVAL SANTA FE!

¡CARNAVAL! MARDI GRAS COSTUME PARTY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2005 – OVER 21 EVENT JUDGE GUIDELINES

We Know You Recognize No Talent When You See It!

Congratulations! You've been selected as a judge for the 2005 **¡CARNAVAL SANTA FE!** Complete-Lack-Of-Talent Show and King, Queen and Court Costume Contest.

Judge and Party Agenda:

6:00 pm – Enjoy the party, show off your scepter; M.C. - door prizes throughout evening

8:00 pm – Complete Lack Of Talent Show begins in MOIFA auditorium (where stage is)

8:45 pm – Complete Lack Of Talent Show ends, Judges conclude all Talent voting;

Conga Line through Museum then exhibit; Judges immediately head to their table in the atrium, positioned facing the “flying walkway”

9:00 pm – Conga Line concludes in atrium, passing across “flying walkway,” Judges finalize all votes for costume contest

9:15 pm - Award Ceremony begins, led by the Master of Ceremonies, in order:

- Treasure Hunt Grand Prize Winners
- Complete Lack Of Talent Show Runners Up then Winners
- Silent Auction Winners (finding them for payment immediately)
- 2005 Carnival Court
- 2005 King and Queen

You will be judging two separate events, here is the information on each of them:

1) 2005 ¡CARNAVAL SANTA FE! King, Queen and Court Costume Contest

Prizes: Crowns for King and Queen; Sashes and/or Scepters for the Court

The costume contest participants are *everybody* that attends the party on Saturday, February 5th, 2005. We encourage you to take note of the costumes that you like (and why!) to recognize throughout the party, and to confer with your fellow judges.

Costume Contest judging is to be considered on an **individual** basis. This means that decisions for King and for Queen are to be held *irrespective* of whom the partner will be to any given costume. The award is for best *individual* costume, most representing the spirit of **¡CARNAVAL SANTA FE!** The Court will consist of 8 runner-ups to the King and Queen. Runners-up are all equally in second place, and have “titles” corresponding to the cities represented in the exhibit:

- Laza, Spain
- Venice, Italy
- Tlaxcala, Mexico
- Recife/Olinda, Brazil
- Basel, Switzerland
- Oruro, Bolivia
- New Orleans, USA
- Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

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The runners-up, with court names as above ARE NOT to be judged as whether or not the costumes bear any resemblance or relation to the traditional outfits of the city named. These are simply “titles” of their court appointment.

Your costume contest votes will be collected by the Judge Wrangler immediately following the conga line, which will end across the “flying walkway” in the MOIFA atrium at approximately 9:00 pm. Costume Contest winners will be announced shortly thereafter by the M.C.

2) 2005 ;CARNAVAL SANTA FE! Complete-Lack-Of-Talent Show

Prizes: “Cup” Trophies

Groups and/or Masquerade Brigades **all must be in costume** and get 3 minutes to:

- Sing or dance, just having a good time
- Do a skit, think along the lines of Keystone Cops or The Three Stooges
- Tell/Act out a joke or two, be funny, crazy or hilarious
- Or just stand there in their costumes and “be ‘foolishly’ presented”

Consider the following Lack of Talent awards:

- Most Outrageous
- Least Coordinated
- Worst use of costume material
- The Over-The-Top / Overkill award
- Judges Choice
- Funniest / Most Hilarious
- Least Talented Player
- Least Talented Group in Sow

You do NOT have to give all awards listed above, nor are you restricted to just the above. Be creative, but reach majority consensus with your fellow judges. Judges will receive a copy of each group’s basic information (name, presentation type, special lack of talent considerations for the judges to note, etc.). We suggest awarding a maximum of 20 points to each team (or costume in costume contest) for fun, talent (or costume) & originality.

Any team may enter, but **all Masquerade Brigades MUST enter**. All Masquerade Brigades will be presented during the show and will be competing, along with all other groups, for the **2005 ;CARNAVAL SANTA FE! CUP** and bragging rights ‘til next year.

The Complete Lack of Talent Show will be held in the MOIFA auditorium beginning at 7:30 pm, where *Pandemonium* will be playing. Immediately following the conclusion of the Lack of Talent Show, all groups and brigades will start a conga line to wind through the museum and through the **;CARNAVAL!** Exhibit, ending going across the “flying walkway” in the MOIFA atrium, where the judges will be positioned for any last minute viewing and judging of costumes (see #1, above). Briefly following this will be the presentation of awards for the Complete Lack of Talent Show, the awarding of the titles of 2005 King, Queen and Court of **;CARNAVAL SANTA FE!** and door prize announcements, all to be held in the atrium.

For questions, please contact the Judge Wrangler/Brigade Master, Sam Levy

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