



Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest June 1-3 in Augusta, NJ Featuring Taj Mahal, Tab Benoit, Jon Cleary, Samantha Fish and more.

AUGUSTA, NJ, April 26, 2018 - Grammy winners, New Orleans music legends and authentic Louisiana home cooked cuisine await festival goers at Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest, June 1 - 3, 2018 at the Sussex County Fair Grounds in Augusta, NJ. Started in 1989 by Baton Rouge native Arnone as a Crawfish Boil with 300 pounds of Crawfish shipped up for 70 homesick Louisiana folks living in the northeast, the 29th annual festival now serves tons of crawfish to close to 20,000 people and features 23 artists on three stages playing 28 sets of music throughout the weekend.

Two-time Grammy winner **Taj Mahal** headlines the Main Stage on Sunday, while **George Porter Jr.**, a founding member of the seminal New Orleans funk group the Meters, the recipients of the Grammy lifetime achievement award in 2018, will headline the Bulleit Bourbon Pavilion stage with his **Runnin' Partners**. Saturday's Main Stage headliner is Louisiana Music Hall of Fame inductee **Tab Benoit**, and five-time Grammy nominee **Marcia Ball** graces the Bulleit Bourbon Pavilion Stage.

A favorite thing about the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is a day of music outdoors, backed up by a night of music in the clubs. Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest has similar special treats for fans that purchase camping tickets or King Crawfish Krewe tickets, by putting on three sets of music on Friday and Saturday nights exclusively for them. These sets are at the Bulleit Bourbon Pavilion Stage and in the Dance Hall, giving fest goers an intimate experience to complement their festival days. This year's sets include **Jon Cleary (Trio)**, **Big Sam's Funky Nation**, **Stanton Moore**, **Honey Island Swamp Band**, **Grammy-nominee Pine Leaf Boys** and **Katie Henry**.

Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest has always been known for a fantastic variety of Louisiana cuisine. Every dish is priced at \$12 or less, and bring to New Jersey the great food dishes that are hard to find elsewhere in the northeast. Michael's crew will be serving **Jambalaya**, **Boiled Crawfish**, **Po-Boys**, **Grilled Alligator Sausage**, **Southern Fried Chicken**, **Crawfish Etouffee**, **Boudin**, **Char-Grilled Oysters**, **Red Beans** and more. Soda, water and adult beverages will also be available for sale.

Breakfast for the campers begins at 7am that will include a Louisiana-sourced **Crab Cake Eggs Benedict, Beignets, fruit cups, fresh brewed chicory coffee** and more available for sale.

Michael's Jambalaya Mix, based on his made-from-scratch recipe, will be available for tasting and will be sold at the festival. It will soon be on store shelves in the northeast and is now available [online](#).

Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest does a great job of mixing up the lineup to include beloved fan favorites such as longtime venerated acts **Bonerama, Samantha Fish, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, Brother Joscephus and the Love Revolution** and the **Matt Angus Thing**, and Crawfish Fest newcomers **Mike Farris, Ryan Montbleau Band** and **Anthony Morgan and the Harlem Spirit of Gospel**, with a set that is guaranteed to take you to church. After his explosive set in the atrium last year, the young guitar phenom **Brandon "Taz" Niederauer** will get to rage on the Main Stage on Saturday.

The Dance Hall is in fantastic hands again this year with **Amanda Shaw and the Cute Guys, Pine Leaf Boys, Jeffery Broussard and the Creole Cowboys, Terry and the Zydeco Bad Boys**, the **Zydeco Revelators** and **Jenny and the Felines**.

Our special guest, Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and his wife Cher will visit our festival on June 2nd. Lt. Governor Nungesser serves as the second highest elected official in Louisiana and oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Tourism in Louisiana is the 4th largest employer in the state. Michael Arnone's 29th Annual Crawfish Fest has contributed to this impact by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on Louisiana seafood and Louisiana-based talent, and introducing our Louisiana culture to the NJ/NYC metro region for nearly 30 years.

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Tickets on sale now at Crawfishfest.com: single-day tickets \$40; two-day combo tickets \$70; camping tickets \$165; King Crawfish Krewe tickets \$375. Kids under 14 free with parent. Free parking. No Pets (other than service pets). No outside food or drinks of any kind. Free Cajun/Zydeco Dance lessons.

Contact [Natashia Kruse](#) to arrange artist interviews and Satellite Truck Access. Michael is available to cook on air. High-res artist and food images available in the [Press Box](#).