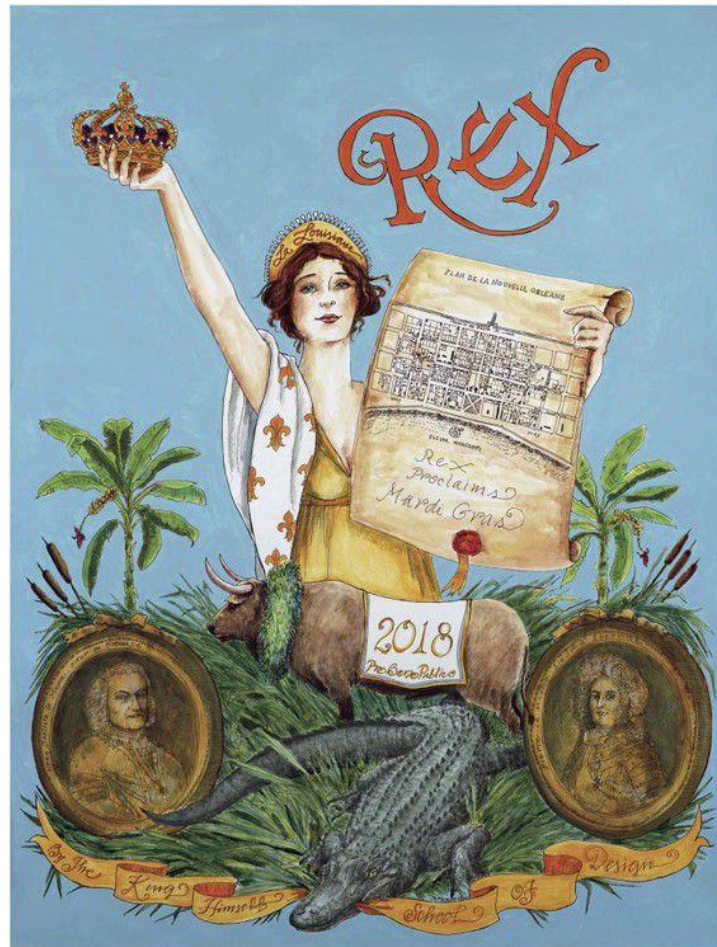


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Rex 2018 proclamation commemorates parade theme, L'Ancienne Nouvelle-Orleans

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Rex proclamation 2018 by Tim Trapolin. (Image provided by Rex organization)

Rex began his reign over New Orleans Mardi Gras in 1872, when proclamations were placed throughout the city commanding his subjects to

gather on this most festive of days.

After a break starting World War II, the Rex organization revived the tradition in 1980, with each year's proclamations created by a different artist.

The 2018 proclamation was revealed at the City of New Orleans Twelfth Night event (Jan. 6). Created by artist Tim Trapolin, the proclamation depicts the figure of La Louisiane holding Adrien de Pauger's plan of La Nouvelle-Orleans in 1721 and a crown. At the base of La Louisiane are images of the Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, founder of New Orleans, and his brother Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, founder of the French colony of La Louisiane of New France, an alligator, and Rex's Bouef Gras, an iconic Carnival symbol and Rex float.

"I am so fortunate to have worked with the Rex organization and am honored to design the 300th anniversary proclamation for Rex," said Trapolin.

This isn't Trapolin's first proclamation: he created the 2011 (which is available for sale online) and 2004 (sold out). Among the other

artists from the past 10 years include: **Cleland Powell** (2017), **Tucker Fitz-Hugh** (2016), **Auseklis Ozols** (2006, 2015), Layla Messkoub (2014), Shelley Hesse (2013), **Manuel Ponce** (2012), **Anne Scheurich** (2000, 2010), **Ed Dyer** (2009), **Patti Adams** (2008), and **J. Casselle** (2007).

Also making a Carnival statement is the Rex bulletin, depicting the parade's floats. Matt Hales, coincidentally the son of Dr. Stephen Hales, Rex 2017, created the graphics for the bulletins, as well as for the Rex invitations, ball programs, edits and bulletins.

The 2018 proclamations and bulletins are available after Fat Tuesday from Enoch Framing via the Rex web site. Select proclamations and bulletins from previous years are currently available via this site, as well.

If you want to see Rex floats in person, they appear on Mardi Gras morning, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

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