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**The Third Annual Portland Mardi Gras Ball
Saturday, February 9, 2013, 7 p.m.
Bossanova Ballroom
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Mysti Krewe of Nimbus to announce Portland Mardi Gras Ball Theme this weekend!

It is time to put the Christmas ornaments away, and look forward to the party of the year!

Jan. 6 is the "Twelfth Night" of Christmas, and marks the Feast of the Epiphany in the Catholic calendar and the traditional start of Carnival season in the party calendar, which in New Orleans and elsewhere around the fun-loving world culminates in Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, the last chance to indulge in fine food, music, costumes and dancing before Lent.

Tradition also dictates that Jan. 6 is the day that krewes, the private clubs that march in parades and throw elaborate balls, announce the theme of their Mardi Gras ball.

And Mysti Krewe of Nimbus, Portland's own Mardi Gras krewe, lives for these traditions.

The Mysti Krewe will announce the theme for this years' ball on Jan. 6 at the Portland Mardi Gras site - www.portlandmardigras.com.

This year's costume ball will be the third presented by the Krewe. It's scheduled for Feb. 9, and will again be at the Bossanova Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 in advance, and are available now through the website, www.portlandmardigras.com.

As before, the ball will feature Louisiana music, including Atomic Gumbo with special guests including keyboard favorite DK Stewart, and the Too Loose Cajun Band. There will be food, dancing, costume contests, the crowning of the king and queen, and a whole lot of fun.

The Mysti Krewe of Nimbus is the brainchild of Jane-Claire Kerin and her musician husband, Steve Kerin, who moved to Portland from Louisiana nine years ago. Although they often traveled back to the bayou, they missed the traditions and happy spirit of Mardi Gras, so three years ago they brought together a bunch of other Louisiana ex-pats and like-minded Portlanders to launch the Mysti Krewe.