

### Lamarissimo Jazz Bands

Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St., Beaumont  
Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

The concert is one in a series highlighting Lamar University students and faculty. 880-8144

### "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Lutcher Theater, 707 Main St., Orange  
Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

Meet Brick and Maggie Pollitt, the beautiful yet tragic couple at the center of Tennessee Williams' enduring tale of family and forgiveness, love and loss. (800) 828-5535. www.lutcher.org

### National Soul Food Cook-Off Competition

Beaumont Civic Center, 701 W. Main St., Beaumont  
Friday and Saturday, March 7-8

The event will reach out to showcase "unknown cooks."

### First Friday in Groves

Lincoln Avenue  
Friday, March 7, 6-9 p.m.

Dog trainer Terry Pfeffer and her dogs will demonstrate effective dog training techniques. Street fair with vendors and free entertainment. 962-3631 or 963-2924

### "Cinderella"

Lamar University Studio Theatre, off Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Beaumont.  
Saturday, March 8, 2 and 6 p.m.

Adonia Placette will direct

school and public performances. 880-8164

### Nederland Heritage Festival Country Music Show

Central Middle School Auditorium, downtown Nederland

Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Pate Tatum and Texas Revolution will perform

### Nederland Heritage Festival

Boston Avenue, downtown Nederland  
March 10-16

The GoldStar Amusement Carnival arrives the week of Spring Break with rides divided into three categories: kiddie, intermediate, thrill. Look for nightly entertainment, food and more.

### "Our Country's Good"

Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel St., Beaumont  
March 14, 15, 21-22, 28, 29.

Set in Australia in 1788-1789, the story is about convicts offered humanity by participating in a play. 833-4664

### "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"

Lutcher Theater, 707 Main St., Orange  
Friday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Based on the popular 1988 film, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" centers on two con men living on the French Riviera. (800) 828-5535. www.lutcher.org

### Nederland Chili Cook-off

Nederland Heritage Festival grounds, downtown Port Arthur

Saturday, March 15, judging begins at 1 p.m.

Cooking begins at 8 a.m. at the Bank of America Motor Bank parking lot on Boston Avenue. Trophies are awarded for Best Chili and Showmanship. Art and photography show begins at noon. A motorcycle and car show takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The craft and collectable market is open until sundown.

### Nederland Heritage Festival Parade

Nederland and Boston avenues, downtown Nederland

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m.

Annual parade celebrates the history of Nederland. 724-2269

### Port Neches Trade Days on The Avenue

Port Neches Avenue, downtown Port Neches  
Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16

Local merchants celebrate downtown businesses with the monthly Trade Days on The Avenue.

### Destination Anywhere: How We Travel

Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St. in Port Arthur  
March 16-June 8

An exhibition comprised of museum collections and loans from the community. 982-7000

### "World Premier"

Lamar University Studio Theatre, off Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Beaumont.  
March 17-22

World premiere of original play by Gary Garrison, Lamar Theature alumnus. 880-8164

### "Last Days of Christ" Easter Passion Drama

Cathedral Christian High School field, 8200 FM 105, Beaumont

Thursday through Saturday, March 20-22, 6 to 10 p.m.

More than 500 actors from various churches recreate scenes of the passion.

### Easter Sunrise Service

Port Neches Park, Neches River area  
Sunday, March 23, sunrise

### "Blast!"

Lutcher Theater, 707 Main St., Orange  
Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

Production is comprised of 35 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique explosion of music and theatre. Listen for classical, blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll and techno-pop music. (800) 828-5535. www.lutcher.org

### Dogwood Festival

Heritage Village, Texas 190 West, Woodville  
Final two weekends in March

A quilt show, rodeo and parade are part of activities. 800-323-0389