

Exciting January events: World class Victory Media Network,

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Victory Media Network Unveiling: Friday night, January 19, benefiting Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$100 each.

According to the Victory Media Network website, "The Victory Media Network® will be the first large-scale, outdoor digital arts gallery in the world ... Incorporated within the striking architecture of Victory Plaza will be eleven large, high-resolution LED screens. Eight of these screens -- four on each side of the Plaza -- will move along horizontal tracks to allow for a myriad of configurations and motion possibilities. These screens can also be combined in sets of four to create 31' x 53' "super screens" with HD resolution. High fidelity sound and an extensive theatrical lighting system will heighten the experience to an immersive level." Here are some images from the website.

Last summer they ran a contest for artists to submit photos and other artworks to display on the giant screens. Some of the selections are displayed on the Victory website at the above link. Be sure to click on "Watch the VMN trailer" to get a better idea of what the area will look like.

The party will be tented and there is also outdoor access, DJs spinning tunes and so much more. Socialwhirl.com will be there with photographer taking party pics, along with most of the media in town.

Here's a link to the invitation and to buy tickets. There is sound on this page:
http://www.victorymedianetwork.com/event/victory_park.php

Dallas Mardi Gras benefiting the American Red Cross:

Saturday night, January 27. JB Hayes, Chairman. Betty and John Crawford, Jackson Walker, Honorary Chairs. Here's some info. from the website:

"Think masks, crowns, hats, boas and feathers," says JB Hayes, chairman. "The attire is Mardi Gras masquerade cocktail, so masks are a must!"

The party features the very cool D VIP Lounge for underwriters sponsored by D Home and D magazine. Surrounding the band's stage and huge dance floor will be tables with seating for guests, gambling, tarot card reader, bartenders pouring champagne, wines and everything else.

The Belo Mansion will rock away to the powerful blues tunes from Dallas' own Edwin Holt and his 12-piece Conspiracy Band.

The stage will be a very happening place. This is the perfect event for parents to enjoy with their adult children, friends and couples to make a fun night of complete partying: food, dancing, great silent auction items and the people watching is its own party. The food is served buffet-style at stations all over the Belo Mansion Pavilion, so there is no fancy sit-down dinner. So you and your friends party and dance until midnight!

Tickets for Mardi Gras begin at \$125 per person. Underwriting and sponsorships are available. For more information contact Audra Russell, Development Associate, Special Events at 214.678.4402 or email: arussell@redcrossdallas.org

And for the lunch bunch, Tom E. Garcia, Managing Director, The Adolphus presents Authors at The Adolphus, Thursday, January 25.

luncheon and book signing with Mireille Guiliano, author of "French Women Don't Get Fat" presenting "French Women for All Seasons ... A Year of Secrets, Recipes and Pleasure."

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Valet parking included. \$59 per person. Reservations required.

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