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Krewe of Muses

The Krewe of Muses is distinguished as the first all-female Mardi Gras krewe to parade at night uptown New Orleans. In Greek mythology, the Muses are the nine daughters of Zeus. No festivity in Olympus was considered complete without their joy-inspiring presence, and on earth no fine art, scientific, or intellectual endeavor was undertaken without humbly seeking their inspiration.

Centuries later, the Krewe of Muses continues celebrating the wildness and virtues of these goddesses, as well as their place in the mystique of New Orleans. Since 2001, our organization has grown to include over 1,500 members. Our vision is to celebrate the artistic and cultural resources of our community and incorporate them into our Mardi Gras tradition, making the entire community a part of the Krewe of Muses parade.

We are known for our year-long commitment to philanthropic works, infamously satirical floats, and, of course, fabulously glittered shoe-themed throws. Though our organization is young relative to long tradition of Carnival in New Orleans, we have transformed local traditions, namely popularizing all-female parades and signature throws. Plus, we throw a great party.

Happy are they whom the Muses love!



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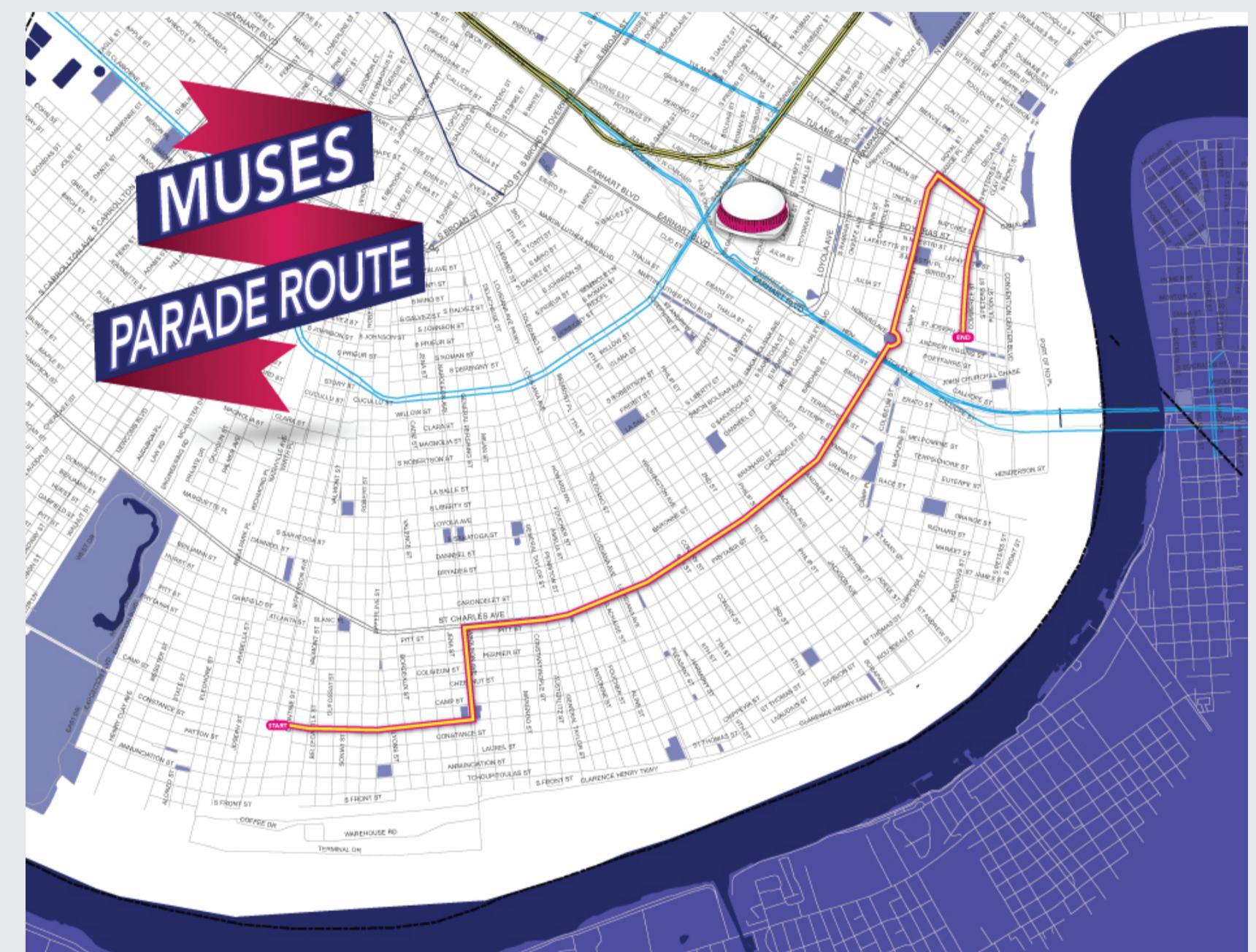
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The Krewe of Muses is an organization of women committed to improving our community through effective action. Together, we have helped reconstruct homes after tragedy, worked with community partners to create spectacular decorations for our parade, and raised thousands for causes we care about deeply. Our projects change year-to-year, though our focus is always on our community, particularly organizations that provide services to women and children.

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MUSES ADVICE OF THE DAY

Do something kind today for someone else.



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Muses Shoes

Throw me something sister!

For the debut parade in 2001, Muses charter member Nicola Wolf came up with the idea of decorating a few shoes as mementos to give to her friends. Embellishments were modest, and she made only eight or so shoes. The following year, inspired by Wolf's creation, a number of Krewe members adopted the practice, and the enthusiasm for the custom-made throw grew in popularity among members and parade goers alike until, in 2005, nearly the entire Krewe of more than six hundred women crafted and distributed glitter-covered shoes of astonishing inventiveness and variety.

Check out our gallery for some shoe-spiration. Don't forget to share photos of the shoes you crafted or caught on our facebook and social media pages!



The Krewe of Muses is no longer accepting applications for membership. We've had a tremendous interest in the Krewe over the last ten years and consequently our non-riding membership continued to grow faster than riding spots became available.

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