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## **Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival Returns to 5th Ward with Music, Culture and Headliner Cupid**

*Free Community Celebration Marks 160 years of 5th Ward with Four Stages  
of Music and Houston's Largest Urban Helicopter Egg Drop*

**HOUSTON — March 12, 2026 —** The [13th Annual Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival](#) will return to Houston's historic 5th Ward on **Saturday, March 28**, bringing thousands of residents and visitors together for a free, family-friendly celebration of culture, music and community.

Hosted by the [5th Ward Cultural Arts District](#) and [Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation](#) (Fifth Ward CRC), a NeighborWorks America affiliate, the festival will take place from **noon to 5 p.m. along the 3800–4000 blocks of Lyons Avenue**. This year's event marks a milestone as the 5th Ward neighborhood celebrates **160 years of history, culture and community**.

The festival will feature four stages of live music, local artists, food vendors, youth performances and community organizations. The day will also include Houston's **largest urban helicopter egg drop**, a signature moment that draws families from across the city.

Headlining the festival is **Cupid**, the national recording artist behind the global line dance anthem "**Cupid Shuffle**." Known for bringing crowds to their feet, Cupid's performance is expected to turn Lyons Avenue into Houston's biggest community dance floor.

"The Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival is a celebration of the soul of the 5th Ward," said Harrison Guy, director of arts and culture for the 5th Ward Cultural Arts District. "It honors the history that built this community, the culture that sustains it and the creativity that continues to move it forward."

The festival's music lineup highlights the rich musical traditions that shape Houston's cultural landscape. **Legendary blues artist and 5th Ward native Trudy Lynn** will deliver a powerful performance showcasing the voice that has made her a Houston icon. **Houston native and**

**international recording artist Desz**, known for her appearance on NBC's *The Voice*, will bring her dynamic blend of soul, pop and R&B. Caribbean band **Son d'Aché** will add vibrant global rhythms with their energetic mix of Haitian Kompa and Afro-Caribbean sounds.

Additional performances include **Houston R&B vocalist Brian Jack**, the high-energy **Bayou City Brass Band**, and an interactive community line dance experience hosted by **Pat Cel and the I Love Line Dancing Meetup**.

The festival will also spotlight the next generation of performers with a **Youth Stage featuring more than 25 performances** by young musicians, dancers and spoken-word artists from across Houston.

The **Gospel Stage**, presented by **KTSU 90.9 FM**, will feature performances by **Aaron Fuller and The New Movement**. KTSU also serves as the official media sponsor of the festival.

“The Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival continues to be one of the most anticipated community celebrations in Houston’s historic Fifth Ward, bringing together more than 6,000 residents and visitors each year,” said Kathy Flanagan Payton, president and CEO of Fifth Ward CRC. “For one afternoon, Lyons Avenue transforms into a vibrant destination filled with music, art, food and community pride.”

Major sponsors include H-E-B, Bank of Texas, Coats Rose, Habitat for Humanity, Hancock Whitney, Harris Health, Houston Arts Alliance, Houston Endowment, JPMorgan Chase, Legacy Community Health, Midway, PNC Bank, and Texas Commission on the Arts.

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