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## **After a Two-Year Delay, The Largest Cultural Celebration of Houston's 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Returns in April**

***The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival Returns Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>***

(Houston, TX) After a two-year delay, due to COVID-19, the biggest cultural celebration of Houston's historic 5th Ward will return on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from noon to 5:00 p.m. between the 3800 – 4000 blocks of Lyons Avenue, Houston, TX 77020. [The 9th Annual Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival \(LARF\)](#), is hosted by the **5th Ward Cultural Arts District (5th Ward CAD)**, which is under the leadership of [Fifth Ward Redevelopment Corporation \(Fifth Ward CRC\)](#). This FREE, family-friendly event is home to the Urban Helicopter Egg Drop, where thousands of goodie-filled eggs are released for the children. Multiple stages of live music, local vendors, a kids' corner with art activities, and food trucks will round out the affair.

"The Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival was created to celebrate the rich history of the 5th ward," says Harrison Guy, the Director of Arts & Culture at the 5th Ward CAD. "Our cultural arts district celebrates the diverse people of this community and their contribution to the arts. This is why we not only acknowledge the history of 5th Ward, we also recognize the current musicians and various artists who continue to make this a great community," says Guy.

The outdoor festival will start with a parade from The DeLuxe Theater down to the main stage. Local and regional bands and artists will perform on various stages. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and goodie-filled eggs will be dropped from a helicopter for the children. The always popular, kids' corner will have fun art-based activities, local vendors will be selling everything from arts & crafts to paintings and jewelry, and some of Houston's most popular food trucks will be there to add cultural flair.

Festival organizers will follow COVID protocols by providing plenty of hand sanitizing stations and are encouraging attendees to wear masks.

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**About Fifth Ward CRC:** Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (Fifth Ward CRC) has served the historic 5th Ward community for more than 30 years. Our vision is to make 5th Ward a better and more beautiful place to live, work and play. We fulfill this vision in five ways; real-estate, homeownership, promotion and preservation, community outreach, economic opportunities, and arts and culture through the 5th Ward Cultural Arts District (5th Ward CAD)

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