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### What are you doing for New Year's?

By Daily Courier Staff  
Wednesday, December 23, 2009

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#### Opinion Poll

RCMP are planning to clamp down on noisy motorcycles, boats and loud car stereos. Your thoughts?

That's great. There's too much racket on our streets/lake

Loud pipes are a safety issue for motorcyclists

I should be able to play my stereo as loud as I like

The matter doesn't need any additional enforcement

Finally, some peace and quiet!

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Kelowna is one of the coolest places to be in Canada this New Year's Eve, the Toronto Star says. The newspaper's Lifestyle magazine has named the Midnight in New Orleans party, planned for the Kelowna Community Theatre, as one of 10 unique places to ring in 2010. The theatre will be transformed "into the French Quarter for the biggest New Year's Eve bash in the city," according to Eva Lam, a writer for the magazine.



"Keep an eye out for fire throwers, video presentations and even a 'red light district,'" Lam writes. "And what's New Orleans without music? Four of Kelowna's hottest music acts, including Emmy-nominated blues and soul performer John Lee Sanders, will keep the venue hopping." Organizers of the event say they're pleased to be included in a round-up of New Year's Eve bashes worthy of special mention in such a prestigious publication.

"We're lumped in with some pretty heavy company," said Randy Zahara, theatre manager. "Other events on the list include the Hip New Year's Eve party at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and an Opera Canada Symphony concert in Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall."

Kelowna Community Theatre is getting a New Orleans-style transformation for its New Year's Eve party, which drew the attention of the Toronto Star. The festivities include music by John Lee Sanders.

Midnight in New Orleans will take over the entire theatre, including the main room, the foyer and the Black Box theatre, with music in each room. Along with Sanders, performers include Danny McBride, Anna Jacyszyn, Cowboy Bob, Chris Thompson, Debbie Stone and Sazacha Red Sky. The event boasts the largest dance floor on New Year's Eve in Kelowna.

Members of The Alternator Centre for Contemporary Art will decorate the theatre. "We're dressing up the place and turning it into Bourbon Street," said the Alternator's executive director, Jennifer Pickering. "That means dancing and partying everywhere you go."

"We're even creating our own little 'red light district' - all innocent, mind you, but it'll be a lot of fun," Pickering said. Tickets are \$75, available through Ticketmaster (250-860-1470) or online at ticketmaster.ca. Cost includes a complimentary martini, appetizers, masks and party favors, and a midnight snack.

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