

## NEW ORLEANS NOSTALGIA

*Remembering New Orleans History, Culture and Traditions*

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### **A New Orleans Alphabet**

**A** is for "axe" like "They All Axed For You".

**B** is for beignets, please have one or two?

**C** is for crawfish, we must have our fill.

**D** is for Domino, where "I Found My Thrill".

**E** is for Emeril and, yes, Esplanade.

**F** is for flambeaux along the parade.

**G** is for Galatoire's, grillades and grits.

**H** is for horn and Al Hirt's many hits.

**I** is for Indians in feathered array.

**J** is for Jazz bands on Mardi Gras Day.

**K** is for K-Doe, in truth he sang "T'aint".

**L** is for *lagniappe* and Louis, our Saint.

**M** is for maskers in Mardi Gras krewes.

**N** is for nectar, on sno-balls we use.

**O** is for oysters, either raw or deep-fried.

**P** is for Pontchartrain, our lake oh-so wide.

**Q** is for Quintron, Miss Pussycat's squeeze.

**R** is for red beans and rice, if you please.

**S** is for Sazeracs, streetcars and Saints.

**T** is for tunes, they're all Allen Toussaint's.

**U** is for Uglesich's, "A'int Dere No More"

**V** is for Valiants, Vince Vance Pompadour.

**W** is for West Bank, I'm lost I confess.

**X** is for Xavier, a collegiate success.

**Y** is for "yat", where y'at, who dat who?

**Z** is for Zulu and Zatarain's, too.

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