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Tickets Still Available for Whitney Zoo-To-Do and Zoo-To-Do For Kids Presented by Tulane Pediatrics at Audubon Zoo

(New Orleans, La.) – There's still time to get your tickets for New Orleans' most anticipated, fun-filled philanthropic events: Whitney Zoo-To-Do and Zoo-To-Do for Kids Presented by Tulane Pediatrics.

Tickets to both events - which are celebrating the return of lions to Audubon Zoo - are available for purchase by clicking [here](#) or by calling the ticket hotline at (504) 861-5107.

The new lion exhibit, made possible through a generous donation from Joy and Boysie Bollinger, will be the focus of the two Zoo-To-Do events, which generate more than \$1 million annually for world-class Audubon Zoo projects.

"While our Zoo-To-Do parties offer a wonderful opportunity to have a good time, it's important to remember that they have a purpose" said Audubon Nature Institute President and CEO Ron Forman.

"This year the spotlight is on our new lion exhibit which is the first step in transforming Audubon Zoo's African Savanna into a one-of-a-kind experience starring some of the most magnificent animals on the planet."

Whitney Zoo-To-Do, celebrating its 41st anniversary in 2018, is set for Friday, May 4. General admission begins at 8 p.m. and the party goes until midnight.

Whitney Bank is once again the Title Sponsor for the adults-only black-tie gala event that features an array of high-end cuisine and premium cocktails from local establishments.

"We are honored to partner with Audubon Nature Institute for the 2018 Whitney Zoo-To-Do, an event that will celebrate the return of lions to Audubon Zoo," said Whitney Bank President Joe Exnicios. "We look forward to joining thousands of guests under the majestic oaks as we celebrate the zoo's growth and expansion, and we invite you to join us for these festivities, which help preserve one of our community's most important attractions."

High-energy party band The Big Beyond will take the stage thanks to the generosity of the Headline Entertainment sponsor Chevron Gulf of Mexico Business Unit. Big Sam's Funky Nation will precede the headliner. Other performers include Bon Bon Vivant near Cooper Plaza and Bamboula 2000 at the gala entrance.

New this year, Audubon has teamed up with the New Orleans Pelicans for the Whitney Zoo-To-Do silent auction. Exclusive packages include a two-game road trip with the New Orleans Pelicans during the 2018-2019 season, a training session with Jrue Holiday, a behind-the-scenes Zoo tour with Anthony Davis and a road trip next season with the New Orleans Saints. The online auction is open to the public and closes Monday, May 7.

In addition to sports experiences and memorabilia, guests can bid on more than 100 packages, including jewelry, vacations and a commissioned piece by 2018 Whitney Zoo-To-Do Featured Artist Alex Beard.

Zoo-To-Do guests can take a chance on the [2018 Zoo-To-Do Luxury Vehicle Raffle](#) that features a 2018 Lexus NX300 worth \$37,913 generously donated by LEXUS of New Orleans. Tickets are \$100 each, and a limit of 1,000 will be sold. One lucky winner - who will be announced from the stage at the event - is guaranteed and the ticket-holder need not be present to win.

Courtesy of Lee Michaels Fine jewelry, guests also can take a chance on the 2018 Jewelry Raffle, to win two Roberto Coin handwoven 18k yellow and rose gold primavera bracelets featuring a pavé diamond station. Chances are \$50 each and only 500 chances will be sold.

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