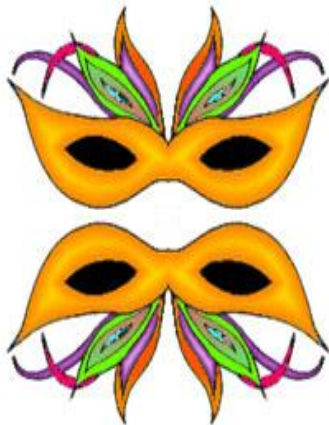


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Petit Fete: **Mardi Gras Celebration**



Welcome to Discovery Theater's Mardi Gras Celebration: Petit Fete! We are excited to introduce you to **Mardi Gras**. Come enjoy the sounds of Dixieland Jazz by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and even participate in a festive Carnival parade. Appropriate for all ages.

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About Mardi Gras



Mardi Gras season begins on January 6th, the twelfth day after Christmas, known as "Twelfth Night" or "Kings Day." Mardi Gras ends on Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. On the Christian calendar, this is the day that the gift-bearing Magi visited the baby Jesus. The New Orleans tradition began in the 1870s. It is traditional to bake an oval cake in honor of the three kings - the King Cake. Each cake is decorated in the traditional Mardi Gras colors: purple represents justice, green represents faith and gold represents power. A small baby doll, symbolizing the baby Jesus, is baked into each cake. The person who finds the doll becomes king.

Mini King Cake

- 1 (16 oz) can of biscuits (regular, not the layered kind).
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- A few spoonfuls of canned cream cheese frosting
- Yellow, Purple, and Green Sprinkles



Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Line a cookie sheet with Release foil. Open the biscuits and lay them flat on the foil. Press them into a large *circle* (about 12 inches) or giant *rectangle*. Paint the dough with butter, then mix sugar and cinnamon together and sprinkle evenly over dough. Lay babies somewhere on the dough. Roll the dough up into a cylinder and pinch as tightly as possible to seal. Shape the cylinder into a round. Bake for 35 minutes. Let cool slightly, then spoon icing over top and let it fall down sides. Sprinkle sugar on top. Ready to eat! It tastes best shortly after being made, but also tastes good the next day.

About Discovery Theater

Discovery Theater, the Smithsonian Institution's theater for children, has been dedicated to offering the best in live performing arts for young people since 1979. Each year, more than 50,000 Washington-area children and their adults visit DT (now located in the Smithsonian's S. Dillon Ripley Center on the National Mall in Washington, DC) to explore American history and cultures, folk tales from around the world, and exciting, accessible science and math programs in the company of puppeteers, storytellers, dancers, actors, musicians and mimes. For details, call (202) 633-8700 or visit www.DiscoveryTheater.org.