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**Krewe of Muses Announces  
2012 Honorary EveryMuse  
Patricia Clarkson**

*Clarkson to Lead February 16th Parade  
Riding in Iconic Red Shoe Float*

**New Orleans, LA - December 29, 2011** – Today, at a News Conference at the Windsor Court Hotel, the Krewe of Muses announced that actor and New Orleans native Patricia Clarkson will serve as the Krewe’s first Honorary EveryMuse. Patricia Clarkson will be the first-ever Honorary EveryMuse. Clarkson is a woman that demonstrates the attributes of all nine muse sisters and as a native New Orleanian she is an inspiration to all New Orleans girls and future Muses.



On February 16, 2012, Clarkson will lead the carnival organization's twelfth parade riding in the Krewe of Muses iconic shoe float, a 17-foot tall fiber optic encrusted red pump. In the spirit of the Carnival Season, the Muses chose Patricia Clarkson, a woman the Krewe deemed the embodiment of the spirit of the nine muses. Traditionally, the Krewe of Muses annually selects an honoree who exemplifies a single Muse from Greek mythology.

“We are honored to have Patricia Clarkson as our first-ever Honorary EveryMuse. She is most deserving of this selection. Her lyrical poetry skills are worthy of Erato and her place in history is set as an Emmy winner for Clio. Melpomene-pleasing in her tender portrayals of women facing tragedy like cancer victim Mia in ‘Five’, to her dance of love for Terpsichore in ‘Cairo Time’. Urania would certainly agree, as do we, she is the Muses true star,” said Krewe of Muses Captain Staci Rosenberg.

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Patricia is an Emmy Award winning and Academy Award nominated actress who has appeared and starred in countless film, television and theatre productions. A New Orleans native, Patricia is the daughter of Arthur Clarkson and Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson. After earning a Master of Fine Arts from the Yale School of Drama, Clarkson made her Hollywood debut in 1987 as Mrs. Eliot Ness in *“The Untouchables”*, acting opposite Kevin Costner. She has appeared in critically acclaimed films including, *“Cairo Time”*, *“The Green Mile”* and *“Shutter Island”*; television shows such as *“Six Feet Under”*; and theatre productions including, *“The Maiden’s Prayer”* and *“A Streetcar Named Desire”*.

Clarkson is highly acclaimed for her ability to play a wide variety of roles, including artistic and eccentric roles, such as her role in *“High Art”* in 1998. She is also talented in more mainstream and often comedic productions and has appeared on *“Saturday Night Live”*. A recipient of numerous awards, Patricia won two Emmy Awards in 2002 for *“Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series”* for the TV series *“Six Feet Under”*. In 2004, she received an Academy Award nomination for her role as a dying mother in *“Pieces of April”*. She also received the New York Film Critics Circle and the National Society of Film Critics in 2002 awards for her supporting work in *“Far from Heaven”*, costarring with Julianne Moore. A few of Patricia's more recent projects have been with the renowned Director Woody Allen, including an appearance in *“Vicky Cristina Barcelona”* in 2008, and her starring role in *“Whatever Works”* in 2009.

The Honorary Muse recognition project honors women who have proven themselves as role models to the women and girls of New Orleans.

**Krewe of Muses**

This year, the Krewe of Muses celebrates its 12th anniversary. In Greek mythology, the nine Muses were the daughters of Zeus. First parading in 2000, the Muses organization now has over 1,500 members. The Krewe of Muses’ vision recognizes and incorporates the local artistic and cultural resources of the community, creating Muses Mardi Gras traditions for parade goers and carnival season enthusiasts to enjoy. The 12th anniversary parade will roll on Thursday evening, February 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. This year’s parade will follow the extended route, beginning at the corner of Magazine St. and Jefferson Ave. and proceeding down Magazine to Napoleon Ave. where it resumes its traditional route.

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