

# Mardi Gras

# Flair



Artist Jim Wainwright paints the vivid soul of Mobile

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Behind the parades of Mardi Gras, behind the tableaux and floats and kings and queens is the one component without which no Fat Tuesday would see sunrise – the artist. And just as the Royal Courts always sparkle with generations of certain families, so do the palettes, paintbrushes, needles and thread that create the fabric of Carnival.