

Times Picks — Oct. 27-Nov. 2  
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### **Red Baraat - Thursday, Oct. 27**

Listening to Red Baraat, you might think the nine-piece is from Lafayette because they are unafraid to mix traditional music with other genres' elements.

However, the band is from Brooklyn and specializes in mixing Indian music with brass-band style. They call it "Dhol 'n' Brass." Sunny Jain leads the band with his Dhol, a Punjabi drum used in the roots of Bhangra music.

The results are full of flavor and joy. It's no surprise the band was a hit at the last Festival International. If you missed them, you have no excuse this Thursday night as the band will perform at the Acadiana Center for the Arts. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The AcA is located at 101 W. Vermilion St. 233-7060

### **Voodoo Festival - Friday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 30**

Halloween weekend means scary costumes and bags of candy...for most teens and tweens.

In New Orleans, the weekend also means another great lineup of pop music superstars in the annual Voodoo Music Experience.

This year, the Crescent City's three-day event will host acts such as Soundgarden, Mastodon, Girl Talk, TV on the Radio, Cheap Trick, GIVERS and so much more. Check out The Times' full report in this issue.

The Voodoo Music Experience will take place in City Park. Three-day passes for the event are \$150. Individual day tickets are \$70 apiece.

### **Blackpot Festival - Friday, Oct. 28 through Saturday, Oct. 29**

The Acadian Village is alive with tunes and food this weekend, courtesy of the fifth annual Blackpot Festival.

This \$35 event features two days of everything from live music to accordion contests to jambalaya cook-offs.

Musical performers include Corey Ledet, The Pine Leaf Boys, The Red Stick Ramblers and more. While your ears are sweetened by the barrage of great local acts, check out the food contests, where area cooks and chefs will compete for the titles of best gravy, cracklins and jambalaya.

By Monday morning, all you will be able to say is "Mmmm, that Blackpot Festival sure was good. When's the next one?"