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LOUISIANA OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION TO HOST ROUX'S FIRST DAY AT THE MANSION

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Old Governor's Mansion will host a special literary event featuring Julie Gerdes Becnel, author of "Roux's First Day," from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. This free event, Roux's First Day at the Mansion, will feature a reading of "Roux's First Day" by Becnel. The Old Governor's Mansion will also host several events throughout the afternoon, including:

- a themed scavenger hunt around the mansion;
- a music class presented by the Children's Music Studio's Music Together Program;
- an artifact display and presentation of hatchling alligators by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and
- a drawing class held by Cullen Bernard, illustrator of "Roux's First Day."

Becnel has authored poetry, short fiction, and two children's plays, "Journey to the Emerald City," and "Into the Swamp," which toured with Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre's Ballet for Children program. She draws her inspiration from the myths, folktales, and natural beauty of Louisiana.

The Old Governor's Mansion, along with the Secretary of State's eight other museums, brings the stories of Louisiana and its people to life through exhibitions and educational programming. Admission to the museum is free, and the museum is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 12-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more information about the Old Governor's Mansion, visit www.laogm.org or call 225-342-9778.

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