French Market Restaurant

By Angela Ash

   The French Market restaurant is literally a jewel amongst the eateries that the Quarter has to offer. They've been serving delicious food and tempting drinks since 1803, so they must be doing something right! Located on bustling Decatur Street, just steps from the French Market (hence the name), you HAVE to stop in for a bite.
   Now, what is truly perfect about this restaurant is that you can stop in for a few oysters and a beer, or you can have a full, sit-down meal, complete with the warm, spirited ambiance that this establishment exudes. Your taste

buds are in for a party!

  What Chef David Picou has done with this menu is truly remarkable. Of course, the Marullo Family have always been masters at constructing dishes that please the palate, but the spin on traditional fare, as well as the addition of a few new options, have really added a sparkling touch to the offerings at the French Market Restaurant.

  Everyone should start off with the oysters. I admit, I have never been a lover of the oyster, but the French Market Restaurant changed my mind. With plenty of varieties to choose from, make sure that you try the Creole Char-grilled Oysters!

  Many boiled options are also available, including Jumbo Shrimp, Crawfish, Blue Crab, King Crab or Dungeness, and Corn Potatoes and Sausage.

  The Po Boys also deserve a mention. Served on delicious bread, the Popcorn Shrimp Po Boy must be eaten in its entirety... or at least a good effort must be made. Another tasty option from the Po Boys are the Muffalettas, served in Italian, Creole, or Seafood varieties.

  The entrees are superb,with mouth-watering meats and seafood coming from the grill, and Cajun and Creole Specialties including such favorites as BBQ Shrimp and Grits, Crawfish Etouffee, and Red Beans and Rice.

  Come to the French Market Restaurant hungry and leave not only fulfilled, but with a wonderful dining memory that will stay with you until your next visit.

  For more information, visit them **online** or call (504)525-7879.