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## Twelfth Night brings the end of registration for the Krewe of House Floats & we reveal our 2022 Grand Marshal, local author Maurice Carlos Ruffin

Krewe of House Floats Registration Ends TODAY; The 2022 Grand Marshal: Maurice Carlos Ruffin

**NEW ORLEANS (January 6, 2022)** — The Krewe of House Floats organization would like to send an official reminder that the deadline to have a resident's house float listed on the official Krewe of House Floats map is tonight at midnight. Currently, over 950 homes have been registered to participate with the Krewe this year, confirming that House Floats truly are New Orleans' newest Mardi Gras tradition.

"We are working hard to create a map that addresses previous issues and gives users an improved experience when planning their 2022 House Float viewing! We've set January 6<sup>th</sup> at midnight as our deadline for registration to make sure we have ample time be sure our new map works smoothly, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation."

Continuing their Twelfth Night tradition, the Krewe of House Floats is thrilled to reveal their 2022 Grand Marshal, local author Maurice Ruffin.

Maurice Carlos Ruffin is the author of *The Ones Who Don't Say They Love You*, which was published by One World Random House in August 2021. It is a New York Times Editor's Choice and a finalist for the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. His first book, *We Cast a Shadow*, was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and the PEN America Open Book Prize. It was longlisted for the 2021 DUBLIN Literary Award, the Center for Fiction Prize and the Aspen Words Literary Prize. The novel was also a New York Times Editor's Choice. Ruffin is the winner of several literary prizes, including the Iowa Review Award in fiction and the William Faulkner—William Wisdom Creative Writing Competition Award for Novel-in-Progress. His work has appeared in the New York Times, the LA Times, the Oxford American, Garden & Gun, Kenyon Review, and Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America. A New Orleans native, Ruffin is a professor of Creative Writing at Louisiana State University, and the 2020-2021 John and Renee Grisham Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi.

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