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**“WHAT DO FATS DOMINO, CRISS ANGEL, ‘MAKE ME A SUPERMODEL’  
AND WRESTLING-STAR-TURNED-MOVIE-STAR JOHN CENA  
HAVE IN COMMON?”**

*New Orleans’ Very Own Hotel Monteleone!*

(New Orleans, March 18, 2008)—The phrase “lights, camera, action!” has become synonymous with the French Quarter landmark Hotel Monteleone for the last several weeks. A PBS documentary, two wildly popular reality series, and a big budget action movie have all included the beautiful Monteleone as their backdrop while filming in the Crescent City.

On February 26, the Carousel Bar was the setting for a PBS documentary featuring an interview with local music critic Keith Spera about New Orleans’ very own Fats Domino. This illustrious look at our local legend also features interviews with Alan Toussaint, as well as other celebrities across the country, and is set to air in December 2008.

Since the beginning of February and for most of March, the Monteleone is the official hotel for the upcoming movie, “12 Rounds.” The “*WWE*” film stars wrestler John Cena, from USA Network’s *WWE Raw* fame, as a New Orleans Police detective whose girlfriend has been kidnapped. The hotel marquee, lobby and many areas from the “back of the house” will be co-starring in the film set to debut later in the fall 2008.

Also this March, A&E’s resident Mindfreak, Criss Angel, checked in to the Monteleone much to the delight of staff and guests alike, especially when the magician with an edge made an impromptu appearance in the lobby on Monday (March 3). Criss spent most of his first day in New Orleans filming in his suite, and then scheduled appearances all over the historic French Quarter. New episodes of the program are set to begin airing this summer, with the episode filmed in New Orleans to be announced.

The sassy Bravo reality series “*Make Me a Supermodel*” filmed its March 13<sup>th</sup> episode at the Monteleone too! Details of their stay had to remain “hush-hush” until it aired as part of their contract, but the surprise was well worth the effort to keep a secret. The city and our beloved hotel were once again on display; the show was fantastic and their visit was memorable.

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the 122-year-old star in your living rooms and movies screens throughout 2008!

### **About the Hotel Monteleone**

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone ([www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com)) has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter’s largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located 11 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a three-time *AAA* Four Diamond award-winner, and has won *Successful Meetings Magazine’s* Pinnacle Award twenty times.

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