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Bayou Jam Halloween Bash with Vince Vance and the Valiants

Vince Vance and the Valiants are returning to Slidell to entertain “ghouls and boys” of all ages at the City of Slidell’s *Bayou Jam* Halloween Bash on Sunday, Oct. 25, in Heritage Park. The concert begins at 5:30 and admission is free.

Vince Vance and the Valiants’ stage show is a visual voyage through five decades of music. Starring the maestro of ceremonies, Vince Vance, this wholesome, fun-loving, musical stage revue is filled with colorful costumes, choreography and hilarious bouts of audience participation that are sure to entertain kids of all ages.

Vance and the Valiants have recorded 22 singles and 11 albums, two of which are number one hits. The perennial Christmas favorite, *All I Want for Christmas is You*, is one of the most-requested holiday songs of all time and has the honor of being the number one country Christmas song. The song was named the Number 6 Merriest Video by Country Music Television in 2005.

Vance is backed by some of the finest performers around. The Valiantettes are Vance’s lady singers, who without exception, have always had names that begin with the letter “V.” Currently they are introduced as the Vivacious, Voluptuous Vixens of Rock n’ Roll, the Valuable yet Vulnerable Valiantettes, Vixie, Violet and Velicity.

Except for Vance, none of the boys in the Valiants has ever had a name that started with the letter “V.” Vance’s long standing band line-up includes Ed Doc Loftus (musical director on keys and vocals), Shane “Tall McCall” McCauley (the tallest drummer in the world), Tommy Tucker (who not only sings, but plays bass for his supper) and Mike Boyd (known as Country Music’s Golden Throat, playing on lead guitar). Vance also features the greatest living saxophonist, Jimmy Vee, who simultaneously plays alto and tenor saxes – one upside-down.

Vance travels with 50 complete costume changes, including a Christmas Tree costume that lights up, a case of hair spray and three hair dryers, 40 pairs of sunglasses, 15 bow ties, 12 cummerbunds, 10 scarves, eight feather boas, 20 gold chains and necklaces, 14 pairs of shoes and three pairs of boots.



Children are encouraged to attend the concert dressed in their Halloween costumes and are invited to stay after the concert for trick-or-treating, courtesy of business members from the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce.

Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to Heritage Park. Soft drinks, bottled water and on-site selections from Baskin-Robbins, Times Grill and A Touch of Italy Café will be available for a nominal charge. Please note that park regulations prohibit pets in the park as well as the use of bikes, skateboards, scooters, barbeque grills and glass items.

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