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Ronnie Kole and Charmaine Neville headline Arts Evening festivities

Food, fun, music and art are only a few of the things you can experience at the City of Slidell's sixteenth annual *Arts Evening*, which will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 4 to 10:30 p.m. in Olde Towne Slidell. This free event is one of the biggest cultural festivals on the north shore. Over 100 artists will display their works at 41 different locations throughout Olde Towne Slidell from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and the evening culminates with a performance by the Ronnie Kole Trio from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Besides the vast array of artwork that will be on display, there will also be antique and boutique shopping, casual and fine dining and a variety of delectable fare from participating *Arts Evening* restaurants: Ali Baba Café and Deli, Beignet Station, Jasmine Restaurant, Sunrise on Second, Tacos & Beer, Times Grill and the Victorian Tea Room. Each restaurant will be serving food and drinks from special *Arts Evening On the Go* menus, making it easy for art lovers to sample the restaurant's fare without missing a moment of the *Arts Evening* action.

If art browsing, shopping and eating aren't enough to whet your appetite, how about some great live entertainment? This year's event features 21 different entertainers performing at various locations in Olde Towne. There are rock 'n' roll bands, jazz bands, Cajun bands, a symphony trio, acoustic guitarists, folk music, bluegrass and even an electric violinist. And this year's *Arts Evening* features two special performers.

"We're pleased to announce that Ronnie Kole and Charmaine Neville, both Louisiana legends, will be performing at *Arts Evening*," said Kim Bergeron, director of the city's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs. "Both are amazing talents. Ronnie Kole is a world renowned pianist who tours Europe each year and has played for presidents and popes, and now he's performing here in his hometown. And you definitely won't want to miss Charmaine's performance of "Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans?"



Arts Evening 2009 brochure cover, featuring William Byron Gray's "The Jazz Band"

Both will be performing at the Slidell Municipal Auditorium with Charmaine Neville taking the stage from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the Ronnie Kole Trio performing from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Artists and entertainers will be featured from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at these participating Olde Towne locations:

- Abigail's of Slidell, featuring artists Fred Finch and Barbara Thibodeaux and live entertainment by Johnny Johnston Band from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Ali Baba Café and Deli featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu.
- All American Insurance Agency, featuring artist Rodney Lewis.
- Annette's House of Decor, Inc, featuring artists Adam Sambola and Barbara Shaw. Sambola's "RedBean's French Quarter" placed second in the *Arts Evening Best of Show* competition.
- Antiques & Art on First, featuring Saja's New Orleans Photography and artist Ticatoon.
- Arcade Theatre, featuring the "Bike Art" exhibit and live entertainment by Redline from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Barbara's Victorian Closet, featuring artists Jean Frondorf and Bruce Hume.
- Bargains Plus!/Postal Plus, featuring artists Lana Gramlich, Chuck Wright and STARC Art with live entertainment by Sara, Jim & Jeff from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Beignet Station, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artists Iris Campbell and Ruth Carr with live entertainment by the Northshore Ramblers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Carolynn's Wonderland, featuring artist Marty Swan.
- Community Christian Concern, featuring the Community Artist Showcase.
- City Hall Community Room, featuring artists Camille Barnes, William Byron Gray, Linda Marr, Emille Henriquez, Kelly Landrum Hammell, Michael Remy, Margaret Garland and Rembrandt Studios. William Byron Gray's "The Jazz Band" was selected for the cover of the *Arts Evening* brochure and his work "The Painter" placed third in the *Arts Evening Best of Show* competition. Michael Remy's "When Evening Shadows Fall" received an honorable mention in the *Arts Evening Best of Show* competition.
- Creative Picture Framing, Inc. & Art Gallery, featuring artists T. Fallon, Rye, Manfred Schexnayder and Bill Zeleny with live entertainment by Les Bon Temp Cajun Jammers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- The Dunaway Home, featuring artists Jay Dunaway and Richard Harrison.
- DuBuisson's Art Corner, featuring artists Diane St. Germain and Janet Bruno Small with live entertainment by TiJonne Reyes Jazz Duo with Buddy Dubourg from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity, featuring the "Home is Where the Art Is" auction preview.
- Edward Jones Investments, featuring artists Mickey Asche, Ron Picou and Milo Stephens. Milo's "Decoupage Fleur de Lis" was named best of show in the *Arts Evening Best of Show* competition and she also received an honorable mention for "Angelic Form."
- Gallery 2100, featuring artists Linda Bickel, Charlotte Collins and Nelle Landry with live entertainment by Robert Hetrick from 6 to 8 p.m.
- GOSH Museum, featuring artist Helio Zavalaza.
- Hair-Port, featuring artists Lesley Abney, Wendi Abney and Phil Galatas with live entertainment by Audio Beach from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Jasmine Restaurant, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artists Don Edwards and Wilva Edwards with live entertainment by Jeanne Louise Chauffe & All That Jazz from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Jill Jones Photography, featuring artists Jill Jones and Sherri Lenz.
- Cutting Quarters Hair Salon, featuring artists Cybil Sather, Cathy Wood and Slidell Art League Teens with live entertainment by Bayou Liberty Jazz Band from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien, featuring artist Caron Sharpe, OTAC's "Digital Portraits of Olde Towne" exhibit and the short film "Murder in the Marigny" which won Best Soundtrack in the 48 Hour Film Project 2009. Live entertainment by the Redfish Blues Band, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Mi Salon & Spa, featuring artist Maegen Cheramie with live entertainment by Ann Clark Taylor from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Naulty's Shoe Repair, featuring artist Terri Olson.
- Original Tire, featuring artist Luana "Kathy" Perez.
- Passionate Platter, featuring artists Kim Bergeron, Suzanne Vicknair, Amelia Mims, David Schmit and the Slidell Photography Club with live entertainment by John Perkins from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Slidell Art League Gallery, featuring artists Blake Kenworthy and the "Art on the Move" exhibit.
- Slidell Cultural Center, featuring the "Reinterpreting the Masters" exhibit.
- Slidell Municipal Auditorium, featuring live entertainment by Charmaine Neville and Amasa Miller from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Javier's Dance Exhibition from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and the Ronnie Kole Trio from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Slidell Museum, featuring the "Mardi Gras" exhibit and live entertainment by T Hot Sauce Cajun Band from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sunrise on Second, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artist Len C. Heatherly with live entertainment by Adam Bock from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Tacos & Beer, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artist Sarah Brown.
- Times Grill, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artist Sunday Alcorn with live entertainment by Sharon Bertucci from 4 to 6 p.m. and Verge of Truth from 7 to 8:15 p.m.
- Victorian Tea Room, featuring the *Arts Evening On the Go* menu and artists Darlene Langendonk and the St. Tammany Porcelain Arts Club with live entertainment by the Slidell Symphony Trio from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Whitney National Bank, featuring artists Vicki Carlson, Patty Hall and Joyce Haun.
- The Who Dat Shoppe, featuring artist Brittany Johnson.

And be sure not to miss Olde Towne's newest additions! Artists will be painting their murals during *Arts Evening* as part of the city's ongoing Olde Towne Mural Project. Stop by each location to see the artist at work. Lori Gomez will be painting at 220 Front Street; Carol Hallock at 126 Fremaux Ave. and Barbara Shaw at the corner of First and Front streets. The mural project is funded in part by the City of Slidell's 2009-2010 Cultural Season Sponsors and is supported by and administered in part by funds from the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs/Department of Cultural and Governmental Affairs, St. Tammany Parish.

The St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs is also pleased to present a Purchase Award at *Arts Evening*. The selected artwork will be installed in a government building as part of the St. Tammany Parish Public Art Collection.

And that's not all! Prepare for a fun-filled weekend that includes *Olde Towne Alive*, featuring the Bayou Liberty Jazz Band, on Friday, Nov. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. and a special *Arts Evening* edition of our *Bayou Jam* concert series, featuring Swingaroux, on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park. Admission to all events is free. These events are also part of the city's *Whistle Stop Weekend!* For which visitors along Amtrak's crescent route were invited to ride the train and celebrate a fun-filled weekend in Slidell.

Arts Evening is brought to you by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs and the 2009 - 2010 Cultural Season Sponsors, including Living Magazine; Louisiana Life Magazine; Northshore Broadcasting Lake 94.7; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Whitney National Bank; AT&T; CLECO; Northshore Conifer; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Comfort Inn & Suites; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn; Inside Northside Magazine; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; The Purple Armadillo; Silver Slipper Casino; Slidell Independent; Bargains Plus!/Postal Plus; Baskin Robbins; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney at Law; DuBuisson's Art Corner; HMS Architects, APC; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Krewe of Bilge; Ed & Chris Massett; Northshore Regional Medical Center; Textron Marine and Land Systems; Slidell Symphony Society; Times Grill; Travel Leaders of Slidell; Dr. Russell & Nancy Westfall and WGSO 990 AM.

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For more information, please call the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the city's website at www.slidell.la.us/artsevening. For the latest city news updates and information about upcoming events, follow the City of Slidell on [Twitter](#) and become a fan on [Facebook](#).

Arts Evening brochures are available on the website or at any of the participating locations. In the case of inclement weather, please check the news alert on the website or call for a recorded message with the latest information. Cancellation decisions will be made by 1 p.m. on the day of the event.