



City of Slidell

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City of Slidell finalizing plans for Some Enchanted Evening

Plans are being finalized for the City of Slidell's *Some Enchanted Evening* with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra to be held in Heritage Park on Saturday, May 2. The free event draws crowds of 5,000 to 10,000 music lovers every year.

Leading the orchestra this year is the LPO's resident conductor, Rebecca Miller. The LPO will play a wide assortment of dance music - done philharmonic style - with "Dance" being the theme for this year's presentation.

The LPO takes the stage at 7 p.m., but concert-goers will want to arrive much earlier to enjoy the pre-concert festivities. The *Enchanted Art Walk*, featuring a variety of talented artists, will begin at 5 p.m. It's a great opportunity to browse the artwork, meet the artists and purchase original artwork and prints. Children will enjoy complimentary face painting provided by Slidell Art League Teens from 5 to 7 p.m.

The popular *Mayor's Picnic Contest* is back. Every year, Slidell Mayor Ben Morris challenges the community to become part of this event and showcase their creativity in one of four categories: Perfect Interlude (most romantic setting), Chromatic Overtures (most creative picnic spread), Grand Staff (best presentation by an organization or office group) and Minor Scales (little folks with big ideas—ages 12 and under). Participants should register near the gazebo between 5 and 6 p.m. The winners are announced during intermission, and will receive certificates and gift baskets for their efforts.

The City of Slidell presents

Some Enchanted Evening

SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

featuring the
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra

Saturday, May 2, 2009
in Slidell's Heritage Park
Concert begins at 7 p.m.
Art Walk, 5 - 7 p.m.
Picnic Contest, 6 - 7 p.m.
Rain date: May 3
Free Admission!

“This event brings our community together. I’m always pleased to see how creative our citizens are and to see how some friendly competition helps bring out the best in everyone,” says Mayor Morris. “People love being a part of this event. It’s great to walk through the park and see all the people eating, laughing and having fun.”

Bring your chairs and blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets or enjoy on-site selections from Baskin-Robbins, A Touch of Italy Café and Times Grill.

For guests who don’t want to bring their own tables, the park’s smaller pavilions may be rented by contacting the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375. Pavilion rental is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guests who arrive early may bring tents to provide shade during the daytime, but all tents must be taken down by 6:30 p.m. so that everyone may enjoy the view of the stage. Park regulations prohibit barbeque grills, pets, bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Admission to *Some Enchanted Evening* with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra is free. The event is brought to you by the City of Slidell, its Commission on the Arts, and the 2008 – 2009 Cultural Season sponsors, including Northshore Regional Medical Center; Whitney Bank; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Living Magazine; AT&T; CLECO Power, LLC; Louisiana Life Magazine; Mary & Dr. Dale MacCurdy; Sophisticated Woman Magazine; Baker Sales, Inc.; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn of Slidell; The Purple Armadillo; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Silver Slipper Casino; Sizeler Architects; Textron Marine & Land Systems; Walden Media Productions, LLC; Bargains Plus! / Postal Plus; Baskin-Robbins / Coy & Donna Faucheux; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; CC’s Community Coffee House; David Carollo, Attorney-at-Law; Cross Gates Family Fitness; Eric & Mary DuBuisson; Kathryn & Company’s A Touch of Italy Café; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Ed & Chris Massett; and Times Grill.

For more information, please visit the city’s website at www.slidell.la.us or call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375. In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 3. Weather cancellation updates will be posted on the city’s website or by calling the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs after 1 p.m. on the day of the event.