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## Bayou Jam Concerts Return For Spring 2009 Season

The City of Slidell's popular *Bayou Jam* concert series in Heritage Park returns for the 2009 spring season on March 15 with a performance by the Blue Meanies. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free.

The Blue Meanies got their start in 1997. Twelve years later, the group is still performing strong. The current line-up of Jimmy Triay (vocals, guitar), John Taylor (bass, vocals), Brent Graham (vocals, drums), Ralph Edwards (guitar, vocals) and Chazz Smith (keys, vocals). The group's fan base continues to grow, as word continues to spread. With a varied playlist including songs from Al Green to ZZ Top, with the Beatles, Elvis, Journey, and the Rolling Stones in between (to only name a few), The Blue Meanies have become the favorite purveyors of funk, rock and soul, on both sides of Lake Pontchartrain.



*Bayou Jam* is now entering its seventh year of free concerts in Heritage Park. The concert series has become a great way for family and friends to come together and celebrate their love of music and community spirit. Concerts are held in the park on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The concerts continue on March 22 with a performance by Witness, April 5 with the Top Cats and April 19 with Christian Serpas and Ghost Town.

Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and on-site catering will be available for a nominal charge. Please note that park regulations prohibit pets in the park as well as the use of skateboards, scooters, barbeque grills and glass items.

The *Bayou Jam* concert series is produced by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs with the assistance of the departments of Recreation and Public Operations and the Slidell Police Department.

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