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Christian Serpas & Ghost Town rock out country music at Bayou Jam

"Country music on steroids" is the way Christian Serpas describes the sound of his band. You'll be able to experience this unique sound first hand on Sunday, April 19, when the City of Slidell's popular Bayou Jam concert series continues with a performance by Christian Serpas and Ghost Town, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Heritage Park.

Known as a high-energy, hard-rocking country music band, Ghost Town is famous for playing rocked out, revved up country music. "The first time we opened a show for a big name country act, their road manager said we sounded like Led Zeppelin playing Johnny Cash," says Serpas. "We kinda liked that description."



Hundreds of shows later, Ghost Town continues to reinforce the critical acclaim that's been heaped upon the band. Armed with their own catchy, memorable songs and their rip-roaring interpretations of the classics, Ghost Town is constantly winning new fans with their crowd-pleasing, high energy performances.

Band members include Christian Serpas (on vocals, acoustic guitar), Jeff Oteri (on drums, vocals), George Neyrey (on electric guitar, vocals) and Brent Roser (on bass guitar, vocals). They've shared stages with everyone who's anyone in country music (Merle Haggard, Dwight Yoakam, Montgomery Gentry and Kenny Chesney, to only name a few), hitting clubs and festivals throughout the Gulf South.

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 Blue Meanies, whose previous performance was cancelled due to inclement weather, will close out the spring season on May 31.

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.

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The Bayou Jam concerts are produced with the assistance of the departments of Recreation and Public Operations and the Slidell Police Department.

For more information, please visit www.slidell.la.us or call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375. If it looks like it might rain on the day of the concert, 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.

