



City of Slidell

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Arts Evening Call for Artists, Cover Competition

The City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs is preparing for *Arts Evening 2009*. This award-winning event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, in Olde Towne Slidell from 4 to 8:30 p.m., followed by the free *Arts Evening* finale concert featuring world-renowned pianist Ronnie Kole from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. This event offers ample opportunities for artists to display their works, so those interested in participating should make plans now.

Each year, over 100 participating artists display their works at various locations throughout Slidell's historic Olde Towne district for *Arts Evening*. This annual event is one of the community's largest cultural arts festivals, an entertaining evening filled with art, food, live music, dancing, fine dining, antique and boutique shopping.

Artists who wish to participate can go to the city's website to download the *Arts Evening* Artist Registration Form. The form must be returned no later than September 15.

There is no charge for artists who wish to be placed in participating Olde Towne businesses. A limited amount of display tables will also be available on a first-come first-served basis in the City Hall Community Room for a nominal charge of \$50.

Returning again this year is the popular *Arts Evening* Cover Artist Competition. Artists can vie for the opportunity to have their work featured on the cover of the *Arts Evening 2009* brochure, a \$200 prize and limited edition posters. The deadline for submitting is Aug. 12. More information can be found in the artist registration packet.

Arts Evening also offers cash prizes and special recognition from the Commission on the Arts for Best of Show, Second and Third Place entries.

The art displays, antique shopping and fine dining portion of *Arts Evening* will take place from 4 to 8:30 p.m. in Olde Towne Slidell. The festivities will conclude with the Ronnie Kole concert from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. In the event of rain, *Arts Evening* will be postponed to Sunday, November 8, 2009.

This year's event will be held in conjunction with the City of Slidell's Whistle Stop Weekend promotion from November 6 to 8, a marketing campaign inviting tourists along Amtrak's Crescent

Route, with emphasis on Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, to visit the city for a weekend full of free cultural events. The promotion will provide even greater exposure for participating artists by enticing visitors to the city.

Artists and Olde Towne businesses interested in participating in *Arts Evening* should contact the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375. Artist Registration Forms are available at www.slidell.la.us/artsevening.

