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The Burnside Flashers heat up Bayou Jam

**THE
BURNSIDE
FLASHERS**



Get ready to be fired up with more great music in Slidell's Heritage Park. The City of Slidell's popular *Bayou Jam* concert series continues with a performance by the Burnside Flashers on March 28 at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"You don't have to travel far for fun and excitement. Look no further than the City of Slidell for some of the best events around," said Mayor Ben Morris. "3,500 people attended our last *Bayou Jam* concert with the Topcats. Our citizens and many out-of-town guests are attending our many cultural events in increasing numbers. Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

The Burnside Flashers started out in 2005 when six co-workers from East Jefferson Hospital decided to play for a one-time charity event for the American Cancer Society. After playing to a standing-room only crowd and rave reviews, they received requests to play more gigs and have continued to perform classic hits from the past four decades. They have also been featured on the radio numerous times on The Bayou 95.7's "Under the Covers" segment, which features local artists in the New Orleans area.

Five years later, the band continues to perform to large crowds from as far south as Houma, to Slidell and everywhere in between. The Burnside Flashers are Duane Hunts (Lead Vocals), Julie Simpson (Lead Vocals), Lea Kotteman (Bass Guitar), Matt Wood (Lead Guitar), Matt Ohrberg (Rhythm Guitar) and Steve Tuleno (Drums/Vocals).

The *Bayou Jam* concerts continue on April 25 with a performance by Soul Vaxxination, May 2 with Redline and special guest Jenny Brooks (rescheduled from a previously rained out event last fall) and May 16 with Sgt. Pepper's Band.

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Bayou Jam is now entering its eighth year of free concerts. 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 Heritage Park on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the free 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.

This Louisiana Cultural District and Main Street event is brought to you by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the city's 2009 - 2010 cultural season sponsors, including *Living* magazine; *Louisiana Life* magazine; Northshore Broadcasting Lake 94.7; Ochsner Health Systems; 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 Gallery; HMS Architects, APC; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Krewe of Bilge; Ed & Chris Massett; Paint Your Own Studio; 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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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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