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Some Enchanted Evening is Fun for Kids Too

There's truly something magical about watching children experience symphony music, seeing them dance and play while listening to the orchestra. Children of all ages will get that opportunity at the City of Slidell's *Some Enchanted Evening* when the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra performs in Heritage Park on Saturday, April 10. The concert begins at 6 p.m. but pre-concert festivities begin at 4 p.m.

Starting at 4 p.m., kids can enjoy the Enchanted Art Walk, featuring a variety of local artists who will have their works on display. There will also be complimentary face painting for the kids, courtesy of Slidell Art League Teens.



Included in the Mayor's Picnic Contest is a category just for kids 12 and under. Each year, Slidell Mayor Ben Morris challenges the community to become part of this event and showcase their creativity by decorating their picnic areas. Additional categories include: Perfect Interlude (most romantic setting), Chromatic Overtures (most creative picnic spread) and Grand Staff (best presentation by an organization or office group). Participants should register near the gazebo between 4 and 5 p.m. The winners are announced during intermission, and will receive certificates and gift baskets for their efforts.

"Kids enjoy getting creative with this picnic contest," says Morris. "I'm always amazed to see the different themes and how they decorate their picnic areas. They really have a lot of fun."

Bring your chairs or picnic blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets or enjoy on-site catering with scrumptious selections from Baskin-Robbins, Times Grill and A Touch of Italy Café, available for a nominal charge.

Everyone who attends will also have an opportunity to enter a drawing to win a gift basket containing prizes and a gift certificate to the Silver Slipper's Blue Bayou Bar and Grill, valued at \$100. Entry forms

will be available at the registration area near the park's gazebo. The winner will be selected in a random drawing immediately following the concert.

And of course there's the concert. Leading the orchestra this year is the LPO's Music Director and Principal Conductor, Carlos Miguel Prieto. Considered one of the most dynamic young conductors in the music world, Prieto currently holds a total of four music directorships in both in his native country of Mexico and in the United States. He is a champion of contemporary music, and has conducted over 50 world premieres of works by Mexican and American composers. Exemplifying his commitment to education, Prieto has conducted the Youth Orchestra of the Americas since 2002.

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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In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 11. 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.

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