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City of Slidell finalizing plans for Some Enchanted Evening

Plans are being finalized for the City of Slidell's *Some Enchanted Evening* with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra to be held in Heritage Park on Saturday, April 10. The free event draws crowds of 5,000 to 10,000 music lovers every year.

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.

The LPO takes the stage at 6 p.m., but concert-goers will want to arrive much earlier to enjoy the pre-concert festivities. The *Enchanted Art Walk*, featuring a variety of talented artists, will begin at 4 p.m. It's a great opportunity to browse artwork, meet the artists and purchase original artwork and prints.

Each year, Slidell Mayor Ben Morris challenges the community to participate in the *Mayor's Picnic Contest*, where citizens can showcase their creativity in one of four categories: Perfect Interlude (most romantic setting), Chromatic Overtures (most creative picnic spread), Grand Staff (best presentation by an organization or office group) and Minor Scales (little folks with big ideas—ages 12 and under). Participants should register near the gazebo between 4 and 5 p.m. The winners are announced during intermission.

Bring your chairs and blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets or enjoy on-site selections from Baskin-Robbins, A Touch of Italy Café and Times Grill. Guests who arrive early may bring tents to provide shade during the daytime, but all tents must be taken down by 6 p.m. so that everyone can enjoy the view of the stage. Park regulations prohibit barbecue grills, pets, bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

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

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Some Enchanted Evening 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.

For more information, please call the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the city's website at www.slidell.la.us. For the latest city news updates and information about upcoming events, follow the City of Slidell on [Twitter](#) and become a fan on [Facebook](#).

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.

