



# City of Slidell

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## PRESS RELEASE

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## Get your dose of Soul Vaxxination at Bayou Jam

Get ready for some great New Orleans soul music when Soul Vaxxination performs on Sunday, April 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the City of Slidell's *Bayou Jam* concert series in Heritage Park. Admission is free.

Concertgoers lucky enough to attend will be rewarded with a melodious mixture of musical gumbo. What's the recipe? Well, take an eight member band that features a full horn section, mix in some classic funk, old-school R&B, Motown, disco, rock and pop, add a little of that N'awlins seasoning – and voilà – you have Soul Vaxxination.



Soul Vaxxination is comprised of some of the most accomplished musicians in the New Orleans area. Bridgett Giles (lead vocals) has performed with several regional bands. Danny Infante (on bass and vocals) has worked with music giants Wayne Newton, Celine Dion, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Count Basie. David Mondebello (on keyboards and vocals) has performed with music legends Gladys Knight and Dionne Warwick.

Rounding out the band is: Dave Starns (on guitar and lead vocals). Geoff Kent (on the trumpet & flugelhorn), a native of England who has backed the O'Jays, the Four Tops, Phil Collins, Wham! and the Temptations. John Lyons (on saxophone) has played with Percy Sledge, Irma Thomas, Doug Kershaw and Vince Vance. Marcel Lanoux (on drums) was a member of the famed LSU "Golden Band From Tigerland" and has performed with Harry Connick, Jr., Branford Marsalis, Ellis Marsalis and Bill Conti.

The *Bayou Jam* concerts continue on May 2 with a performance by Redline and special guest Jenny Brooks (rescheduled from a previously rained out Bayou Jam last fall) and concludes on 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 Medical Center – North Shore; 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; Northshore Harbor Center; The Purple Armadillo; Silver Slipper Casino; *The Slidell Independent*; Bargains Plus!/Postal Plus; Baskin Robbins; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney at Law; DuBuisson 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; WGSO 990 AM.

This concert is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

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.

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](http://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.

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