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KidsFest Offers Frog-tastic Fun for Children

Boys, girls and frogs of all ages will have the chance to become princes and princesses at the City of Slidell's *KidsFest*, an annual cultural celebration of visual arts, music and dance. It all takes place on Friday, June 4, in Heritage Park from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is free and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration for *KidsFest* and the *Princess or the Frog* art project begins at 3:30 at Scoggins

Station in Heritage Park. Kids will get a chance to create their own amphibian frog friends or to design a crown to become a prince or princess. Volunteers from Slidell Art League Teens and the Miss Slidell Scholarship Program will be on hand to assist the kids with their projects.



Paint Your Own Studio will also be onsite, offering an optional art project for the kids. For a nominal charge, children can choose from a selection of bisque ware that comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, paint their selections with metallic paints during *KidsFest*, and bring it home after the event is over. Please plan to arrive early for the best selections. Available while supplies last.

Besides the different art projects, *KidsFest* offers a non-stop entertainment lineup. At 4:30, Calliope Puppets will present three frog themed fun fairytales and fables in the gazebo, including *The Frog Prince* (the classic Brothers Grimm tale), *The Frog and the King* and *Frog Brings Rain*. Hand puppets, both large and small, will bring to life the amphibious star in a frog-tastic frolic for all ages. These interactive shows will also feature the frogs made during the *Princess or the Frog* art project.

Javier's Freestyle Dance Production will take the amphitheater stage from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with a dance exhibition and lessons for the kids.

Food and drink will be available during *KidsFest* for a nominal charge.

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