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Dragon Training and Swedish Art top City of Slidell's 2010-2011 Cultural Season

A dazzling array of art exhibits and cultural events are in the works, courtesy of the City of Slidell, its Commission on the Arts and the city's 2010-2011 Cultural Season Sponsors. Among the highlights of



the cultural season are an international exhibit of contemporary ceramic works, coming to Slidell by way of Sweden, a spectacular exhibit of the art of Tiffany and DreamWorks Animation's Marty Sixkiller, a Slidell native, presenting a behind-the-scenes peek at "How to Train Your Dragon."

The city's offerings will also include a new twist on last year's immensely popular "Super Bowl Exhibit," featuring artwork created by elected officials, community business leaders and some of the area's finest artists.

These events join a line-up of annual favorites, including the popular Bayou Jam Spring and Fall Concert Series, "Some Enchanted Evening with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra," outdoor concert in Heritage Park, Kids Fest and Arts Evening

cultural celebrations, Christmas Under the Stars, and the annual Mixed Media and Salad Days Juried Student Art exhibits.

The Slidell Cultural Center's bonus summertime exhibit, "The Blue Dog Days of Summer: George Rodrigue from the New Orleans Museum of Art" proved to be one of the city's best attended exhibits ever, drawing young audiences and tourists in record numbers. With seven exhibits slated for the upcoming season, an equally busy year is anticipated.

Art Exhibits in the Slidell Cultural Center

The Slidell Cultural Center is located at 2055 Second Street, on the first floor of City Hall. Gallery

hours are Tuesday - Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All exhibits offer free admission.

Aug. 27 – Sept. 25, 2010

“Where Are They Now?” 2010 exhibit

This multifaceted showcase of the arts features the works of St. Tammany alumni enjoying successful careers in a variety of arts disciplines, including fine arts, animation, dance, theatre, literary work, culinary arts and furniture design. This year’s event adds a “Rising Star” wall, featuring gifted, up-and-coming high school and college talents. Opening reception Friday, August 27, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with live entertainment by some of the featured artists.



Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 2010

“So You Think You Can Paint?” Cultural Extravaganza exhibit

What do you get when you inspire elected officials and community business leaders to create? One extraordinary display of unanticipated artistic talent! You won’t want to miss this spectacular exhibit. The artwork will be auctioned Saturday, November 13, in conjunction with the city’s fourth annual Cultural Extravaganza, with proceeds dedicated to the City of Slidell’s Outdoor Mural Gallery. Opening reception Friday, Oct. 8, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 – Dec. 17, 2010

Voices: Contemporary Swedish Ceramics

The ten artists featured in *Voices* are the leading exponents of the dynamism and originality of contemporary ceramic art in Sweden. The artists were chosen by curator Inger Molin, a gallery owner in Stockholm, Sweden, and a major figure in the transformation of Swedish ceramics. The Slidell Cultural Center will be the last stop on this exhibit’s North American tour, following its tour throughout Europe and the North America, including its 2008 U.S. debut at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C. *Voices* was developed by the Swedish Institute and organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C. Opening reception Friday, Nov. 19, 7 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 14 to Feb. 11, 2011

Mixed Media Juried Art Exhibit

This juried exhibition of art is open to artists in ten southeastern states and features a variety of works with traditional media, such as paint, wood and glass, plus unexpected and untraditional media, resulting in truly unique creations. It’s one of our most eclectic exhibits every year. Opening reception Friday, Jan. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Feb. 25 to March 18, 2011

“The Talent Within: Creative Works from the Commission on the Arts”

The City of Slidell is pleased to present the artistic talent of its very own Arts Commissioners, whose varied works and unique styles are sure to delight gallery visitors. Opening reception Friday, Feb. 25, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Apr. 8 to June 10, 2011

Salad Days Juried Student Art Exhibition

A juried exhibit featuring St. Tammany’s most talented young artists, ranging in age from 5 to 19, with awards presented to students in four different age groups. This showcase remains one of our most popular annual exhibits. Opening reception Friday, Apr. 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 8 to July 30, 2011

The Art of Tiffany from the collection of Mary Ellen Whiddon

A kaleidoscope of color awaits guests who visit this Tiffany glass exhibit featuring works from the private collection of Tiffany expert Mary Ellen Whiddon. Opening reception Friday, July 8, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., with an informative opening night presentation by the collector.

Cultural Events

Sept. 16, 2010 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Salmen High School Cafeteria

Behind the Scenes of “How to Train Your Dragon”

Featuring DreamWorks Animation’s Marty Sixkiller

This wonderfully entertaining program will bring the magic of DreamWorks to Slidell, with an inspiring and enlightening presentation by Salmen High School alumnus Marty Sixkiller, whose additional animated film credits include Shrek, Antz, Over the Hedge, Madagascar and The Bee Movie. Free admission. Limited seating available on a first come, first served basis.

Bayou Jam Fall Concert Series

Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular concert series. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.

Sept. 26, 2010 - Redline

Oct. 10, 2010 - Sgt. Peppers Band

Oct. 24, 2010 - Bayou Jam Halloween Bash featuring Vince Vance and the Valiants



Nov. 6, 2010

Arts Evening

This Louisiana Main to Main event is one of the largest cultural events in the area. Arts Evening features the work of over one hundred artists plus live entertainment at shops and restaurants throughout Olde Towne Slidell. 4:30 – 9 p.m. The party continues with “Arts Evening After Hours,” celebrations at your favorite restaurants throughout Olde Towne, 9 p.m. ’til. Free admission to all events. Rain date Nov. 7.

Dec. 10 – 11 and 17 – 18, 2010

Christmas Under the Stars

6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Heritage Park.

One of the city’s most magical celebrations, Christmas Under the Stars features live entertainment by local organizations, holiday decorations, storytelling and visits with Santa. Free admission.

Bayou Jam Spring Concert Series

Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular concert series. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.

March 13, 2011 - The Topcats

March 27, 2011 - Witness

April 10, 2011 - Group Therapy



April 30, 2011

Some Enchanted Evening with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra

6:00 p.m. Heritage Park

This national award-winning event brings back the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra for our annual twilight concert in the park. Don't miss the Enchanted Art Walk featuring local artists, 4 – 6 p.m., and the Mayor's Picnic Contest from 4 – 5 p.m. Free admission. Rain date April 11.

June 3, 2011

Kids Fest

3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Heritage Park

A celebration of song, dance and hands on art projects that's great fun for the whole family. Free admission.

Arts in Education

Sept. 16 – 17, 2010

Behind the Scenes of "How to Train Your Dragon"

Featuring DreamWorks Animation's Marty Sixkiller

This arts-in-education program will bring the magic of DreamWorks directly into local junior high and high schools, with an inspiring and enlightening presentation by Slidell native Marty Sixkiller, whose animated film credits include Shrek, Antz, Over the Hedge, Madagascar and The Bee Movie. It's a great way to inspire young audiences.

These events are held in conjunction with the Louisiana Cultural District and Main Street programs. All cultural events are made possible by the generosity of our 2010-2011 Cultural Season sponsors and are supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs. Event dates and times are subject to change.

Sponsorships for the upcoming season are still available. Sponsorship packages range in price from \$500 to \$5,000, with each sponsorship covering the entire cultural season of events. For information, contact the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.

Photos: 1. Eva Hilde, *Loop* from the Voices: Swedish Contemporary Exhibit, Photo courtesy of the Swedish Institute,

Photograph by Patrik Johansson; 2. Amy Guidry, *Everything's Coming Up Roses*, from "Where Are They Now?" 2010 Exhibit; 3. Audience participation is always a highlight of the Vince Vance & the Valiants concert; 4. Some Enchanted Evening with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra.

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