

Press Release

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Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport

2014 Summer Morning Mix

"Cool Smooth Jazz with a Touch of Spice"

Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport (TPA) will present its grand finale performance for the culmination of its 22nd Annual Summer Morning Mix, a 6 weeks cultural arts program, on Friday, July 25, 2014, 7:00 pm, at The Riverview Theatre, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA, along with a visual art exhibit. Our 2014 Summer Morning Mix theme is "Cool Smooth Jazz with a Touch of Spice". Special guests are Michael Ward, jazz violinist from New Orleans, LA and local violinist Jeremy Brown a native of Shreveport, LA. Jeremy Brown is a 26 year old Photographer, Violinist, and DJ. Jeremy is a graduate of Huntington High School and Bossier Parish Community College where he majored in Photography. He was also a participant in the Huntington High School Orchestra and Shreveport Youth Symphony.

This show will represent the evidence of hard work by the Summer Morning Mix participants. Our students have again proven that they have a unique interest in music and specifically in the performance of jazz. We will perform some iconic tunes such as *Smooth Operator*, *Don't Worry Be Happy*, *The Girl from Ipanema*, *Cantaloupe Island*, *The Look of Love*, and *Round Midnight* just to name a few. *Round Midnight* will actually feature former Yazzy participant Trevarri Huff-Boone, saxophonist, and sophomore at Loyola State University. These tunes are guaranteed to keep the audience in a cool spirit. We applaud the effort of our students to take their summer to share with us the great gift of jazz at its best. This show will highlight our children in all divisions of the arts while displaying the smooth jazz style of music. A lot of hard work and sacrifice has gone into the production of the show and we hope that all who attend will enjoy the fruit of our labor. Our children need and deserve your support!

Tickets are \$10.00 for children/youth (17 & under); \$20.00 for adults (18 & up); and \$15.00 for adult groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre of the Performing Arts office, 4005 Lakeshore Drive, Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or at The Riverview Theatre on the day of the show from 12:00 noon till show time. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Theatre of the Performing Arts' office at 318-525-0740 or 318-621-8914.

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