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## Rhapsody on the River

Featuring award-winning piano virtuoso and entertainer, Vladimir Zaitsev, in concert with the St. Joseph Orchestra

**VICKSBURG, MS (December 4, 2008):** The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation and the St. Joseph Orchestra proudly presents Rhapsody on the River with very special guest and ultimate entertainer, Vladimir Zaitsev, on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This romantic evening will include dinner and entertainment to share with that special someone. There will also be a cash bar available that night. Tickets are available in advance only and are \$25 per person for SCHF or St. Joseph Arts members and \$35 for nonmembers. Private/Corporate table reservations are available for \$250. Tickets go on sale Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and are available at the SCHF Business Office, Paper Plus and The Chamber of Commerce. Photographer, Gary Haygood, will be on site to take souvenir photos of your special night.

**Vladimir Zaitsev** is a recipient of a number of prestigious awards, including the Julius Katchen Memorial Award, First Prize in the Five Towns Music and Arts Foundation Piano Competition, and First Prize in the Liederkrantz Foundation Piano Competition. In 1984 as a finalist of Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition, he performed throughout Italy. During the same year he made his Carnegie Hall debut with the International Symphony as a soloist in Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto #1.

Over the years, Vladimir has developed a unique mix of light classical favorites and popular selections presented in an informal and lighthearted style which is rarely associated with a "formal" piano recital. In recent years, he has established himself as a sought after entertainer with various cruise lines. Vladimir has performed on Holland America, Norwegian, Princess, Crystal, Seabourn and Radisson Seven Seas in Scandinavia, Russia, Iceland, West Africa and Central America. He also makes a frequent appearance in a Borscht Belt Catskills resorts in up state New York.

*"Splendid pianist..."* New York Times

*"The Clown Prince of the piano..."* Tommy Usrey, NE Louisiana Arts Council

*"Fireworks display of piano brilliance with a touch of Victor Borge"* The Post Searchlight, Bainbridge, GA

*"His warm personality and piano genius charmed us all,...a complete sold out house, they have him a standing ovation..."* Emerald Coast Concert Association

Space is limited and reservations are required in advance. A cash bar will be available at the event. For more information or to register, please call the SCHF office at 601-631-2997 or email [info@southernculture.org](mailto:info@southernculture.org).

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