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Amanda Shaw's Star Shines at Pennington Planetarium

BATON ROUGE, LA — The Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) presents *Fiddlin' on the River with Amanda Shaw* Thursday, October 23, at 6:30 PM. Shaw, the New Orleans-based Cajun fiddle prodigy, will be performing in the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium following a screening of the award-winning film *Hurricane on the Bayou*, which stars Shaw, Tab Benoit, Allen Toussaint, and other Louisiana musicians.

Following the film and concert, the night will be topped off with a reception overlooking the river and featuring Louisiana hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Admission is \$20 for LASM members and \$25 for nonmembers. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lasm.org or at the ticket desk at LASM, located downtown at 100 River Road S.

Shaw is part of a new breed of young, roots-based musicians who have embraced both traditional and pop sounds, creating music that is both authentic and bold. The young artist picked up the violin at the age of three after hearing an orchestra on television, and she soon became the youngest performer ever to solo with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, at the age of seven. Her latest album, *Pretty Runs Out*, is a solid 13-track set that shows off Shaw's winning way with country, pop, and roots rock material.

"Amanda Shaw on the Planetarium theater dome and in concert—this is a one time opportunity for Baton Rouge," said Planetarium Director Jon Elvert, "Amanda puts on a great concert anywhere, but with the acoustics provided by the Planetarium, this show will sound amazing."

Shaw is using her popularity to help spread awareness about the plight of Louisiana's wetlands. In *Hurricane on the Bayou*, the cameras follow Shaw and other musicians as they speed through the beautiful alligator-filled bayous on airboats, recount their personal stories of Katrina, and bring the focus to restoring the disappearing wetlands that are New Orleans' first line of defense against deadly storms.

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