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**A Tribute to New Orleans Benefit at Riverspace
This Friday, December 15 at 8pm**

This unique tribute will benefit the Lusher School in New Orleans. The program includes:

Oscar-winning director Jonathan Demme will present clips from his documentary-in-progress on Katrina *Right To Return*.

Broadway actors Kathleen Chalfant (*Wit*), Michele Hurst (*The Story*) and others will read New Orleans stories, dramatic renderings of the "Big Easy" as seen through the eyes of its illustrious sons and daughters including Tennessee Williams, Louis Armstrong, Zora Neale Hurston, and William Faulkner.

A slide presentation of New Orleans after Katrina captured by photographers Arnold Roufa, Susanna Styron, Pasqual Perich, and Lilah Larson.

Music from the Crescent City, performed in the Riverspace Café after the show.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the arts-based education program of the Lusher Charter Schools in New Orleans, which are still struggling to recover from the devastation Katrina delivered a year ago. Kathy Riedlinger, principal of Lusher Schools, will be on hand to host the event.

To purchase tickets

Tickets \$20

All tickets available through Riverspace.org, in person at the Riverspace box office, or by calling 866-811-4111 (Theatermania.com)

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