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## It is Time to Unwind with Some Delicious Chocolate & More

Don't Miss the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Affair Fundraiser for the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation

**VICKSBURG, MS (April 10, 2015):** The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) is extremely proud to present the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Affair on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the historic SCH Auditorium. This elegant evening will include scrumptious chocolate desserts, drinks, and awesome entertainment by Hale Baskin & her Jazz Addiction. Hale Baskin & her Jazz Addiction are sponsored by the generosity of Lady Luck Casino. Tickets are available in advance only and are on sale now. Tickets are \$25 per person for SCHF members and \$30 for nonmembers. Tickets are available at the SCHF Business Office, Frederick's Boutique, Paper Plus, charge by phone at 601.631.2997, and online at [chocolate2015schf.eventbrite.com](http://chocolate2015schf.eventbrite.com). A group purchase of eight may reserve a table by calling 601.631.2997.

The Chocolate Affair adds such a sweet and unique twist to an enjoyable evening in Vicksburg. The many scrumptious chocolate desserts and beverages are kindly being sponsored by Ameristar Casino & Hotel, Cedar Grove Mansion Restaurant, Edible Arrangements, KJ's River town Grille, Main Street Market, Palmtree Catering, Roca, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Rouxsters Home of Faydra Cakes, and Wine House. The SCHF has partnered with local restaurants and if you present your Chocolate Affair ticket the night of the event at Cedar Grove Restaurant, Roca, Martin's at Midtown or Wine House, they will grant 10% off your dinner purchase. The auditorium will be transformed into a room of elegance and charm by the local talents of Tina's Flowers & Gifts.



San Francisco-born Hale Baskin & her Jazz Addiction live up to their name. They are addicted to exemplary musicianship, hip changes and deep grooves which enhance the vocal stylings of this talented young chanteuse.

Hale Baskin is endowed with a clear, beautiful voice, a sure sense of swing, and a seemingly innate sense of the nuances of Jazz phrasing. She moves effortlessly from channeling the songbirds of the 1940's Big Bands to Ella Fitzgerald-inspired Jazz favorites, all the way to Motown, soul, and down-home blues. Performing professionally for over 10 years, Hale has a bio which could be attributed to an entertainment veteran twice her age. By the time she had her nineteenth birthday, Hale had been awarded three Down Beat Magazine Awards for Student Jazz performances, she had recorded two full length CD's, performed with such notables as Arturo Sandoval, the Count Basie Orchestra, and the Mike Vax Big Band, and led her own ensemble-- booking venues in four western states.

Hale currently resides in Denton, TX, and travels nationally for performances when she's not studying to complete her Jazz Performance degree at the prestigious University of North Texas.

Space is limited and an advanced ticket purchase is required. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the SCHF office at 601-631-2997 or email [info@southernculture.org](mailto:info@southernculture.org).

The SCHF, a non-profit organization, maintains the Southern Cultural Heritage Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Center is a Mississippi Landmark property and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Foundation is committed to preserving the history and architecture of the Cultural Center, while offering cultural, artistic and educational programs for the community.