

30th Annual Fall Pilgrimage, September 29 – October 13, 2007, Historic Natchez on the Mississippi River

NATCHEZ, Miss. – May 16 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Natchez Pilgrimage Tours' 30th annual Natchez Fall Pilgrimage showcases eighteen of the most splendid historic houses to be found anywhere in America from September 29 through October 13, 2007. For thirty years, Natchez has opened its arms to lovers of history, architecture and decorative arts during Natchez Fall Pilgrimage.



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With more pre-1860 buildings than any other city of its size in the United States, Natchez offers living history as hostesses in hoopskirts escort guests on tours through 18th and 19th century country houses, suburban villas and grand mansions.

Most of these majestic and stately homes are privately owned and are only open to the public during the two week period of Natchez Fall Pilgrimage. In fact, several of the Fall Pilgrimage homes have been in the same families for over 150 years! Many of the homeowners delight in showing guests priceless family antiques and ephemera as well as sharing sometimes colorful stories about the family's past. Visitors are welcomed to stroll through enchanting old private gardens and courtyards.

Evening entertainment is offered nightly. The "Mississippi Medicine Show" is a theatrical recreation of old steamboat times when traveling shows pedaled their miracle cures up and down the Mississippi river, accompanied by the top performing talents of the day. Dr. Morphineus Codeine Shingles touts his "Magic Wonderous Healing Oil, the Elixir of Life!" and brings with him his hilarious sidekick "Miss Scarlett," Mark Twain and a group of performers singing popular music of the 1800's. Classics by Stephen Foster, Jerome Kern, Roger Miller and spirituals are performed in period costume and peppered with the wit and wisdom of Mark Twain.

"This original Natchez Little Theatre production, which has traveled from San Antonio to Philadelphia, has been entertaining audiences from around the world since 1976 and it continues to delight our Fall Pilgrimage visitors," says Dr. James Coy III, director of Natchez Pilgrimage Tours. Shows Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Tickets \$15.

Amos Polk's Voices of Hope Spiritual Singers entertain during a traditional Southern style dinner in the world famous Carriage House restaurant on the grounds of historic Stanton Hall Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during Fall Pilgrimage. Tickets \$31.

For reservations, tickets or more information, contact Natchez Pilgrimage Tours; 800-647-6742 or www.natchezpilgrimage.com.

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