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**The Baton Rouge Symphony, LSU Museum of Art, and Tsunami announce
River Views and Vibes –
an exciting new collaboration of art, music and wine for Baton Rouge**

(June 30, 2005 Baton Rouge, LA) *River Views and Vibes* is an exciting new collaboration of the Baton Rouge Symphony, the LSU Museum of Art, and Tsunami, bringing together great art, music and wine on the first Thursday of each month. *River Views & Vibes* is generously sponsored by Merrill Lynch.

From 5-8pm, beginning July 7, Baton Rougeans can enjoy fine art exhibitions at the LSU Museum of Art while listening to the sounds of the Baton Rouge Symphony, and sipping sumptuous wine and sampling delicious Asian-fusion hors d'oeuvres, courtesy of Tsunami.

River Views and Vibes is a fun, business-casual event designed to bring art and music opportunities to residents of Baton Rouge. It offers great value for an entertaining and relaxing after-work event. Admission is only \$10 per person and may be paid at the door. LSU Museum of Art members pay only \$5.00. *River Views and Vibes* will be held monthly at the LSU Museum of Art on the Paula Garvey Manship Floor (fifth) at the new Shaw Center for the Arts.

Donna McAlear, Deputy Director, LSU Museum of Art says, "*River Views and Vibes* is a natural outcome of various arts organizations sharing space in the Shaw Center for the Arts. It is exactly the kind of partnership that the museum hoped to cultivate with our colleagues in this unique building. Working with J.L. Nave and the Baton Rouge Symphony, and Tsunami to offer this new art experience to Baton Rouge citizens is a pleasure."

The LSU Museum of Art is presenting *Currents of Change: Art and Life Along the Mississippi River, 1850–1861* until September 18, 2005. Organized by The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, *Currents of Change* explores life and culture along the Mississippi River through fine and decorative arts produced during the prosperous, pre-Civil War era. The exhibition includes seldom-seen objects from many private and public collections in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Also on view until December 2005 is the LSU Museum of Art's collection showcase, *Collecting Passions: Highlights from the LSU Museum of Art Collection*.

About the LSU Museum of Art, Shaw Center for the Arts

The new LSU Museum of Art (LSU MOA) in the Shaw Center for the Arts is Baton Rouge's premiere art museum. Located in downtown Baton Rouge overlooking the Mississippi River, it presents rotating, historical and contemporary exhibitions. Selections from the permanent collection are always on display. The 3500-work collection includes seventeenth–twentieth-century American and British portraiture, landscape painting, prints and decorative arts, pre-Civil War New Orleans silver, historical art from India, Japan and South America, and contemporary Inuit sculpture.

General Admission: Adults - \$8; Seniors (65+), students and LSU faculty/staff (with I.D.) - \$6; Children 5 to 17 - \$4. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Museum and Museum Store Hours: Sunday: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Closed Monday.

For additional information, call (225) 389-7200 or visit www.lsu.edu/lsumoa.org.