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SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

SUBMIT TO

City of Vicksburg
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
P. O. Box 150
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0150

Or email:
dnickson@vicksburg.org

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE

Organization Name: Sojoz LLC

Physical Address of the Event: 717 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180

Mailing Address: 1121 Farmer Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

Telephone Number: 601-456-0855

Website Address: www.lovebeginswithyou.live

Primary Contact Name: Gabrielle Terrett

Title: Marketing Director Telephone No: 601-218-8350

Email Address: info@sojoz.com

Secondary Contact Name: Elysse Terrett

Title: Production Assistant Telephone No: 601-218-6884

Email Address: info@sojoz.com

If you are applying on behalf of another organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Organization: n/a

Contact Name: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email Address: _____

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: July 26, 2026
(Must be between October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026)

1. Is your request for:

(Check all that apply)

In-Kind Sponsorship (specify in question 6)

Cash Sponsorship Amount Requested: \$ 2,500

2. Briefly state your organization's mission and purpose.

Sojorz LLC promotes cultural wealth, empowerment, and enlightenment through entertainment and education by producing and sponsoring initiatives such as the annual Love Begins With YOU Experience, Summertime in the River City, Little Black Dress Social and other programming.

3. Describe the event in which funds are being requested to support.

Summertime in the River City is a celebration of diversity during the Golden Age of Theatre. The history made in opera, theatre and stage performances by Vicksburgers such as Lucia Hawkins Brown, Hank Jones, and Evelyn Preer is highlighted and current talent is showcased. This year we have added an internationally acclaimed performer to the line-up - Babatunde Hip-Hopera performs a unique blend of opera and hip-hop that makes classical music accessible to everyone.

4. Explain how your organization and/or event further a charitable cause, economic or community growth, or serve a public interest?

This event serves the public interest by providing a unique entertainment outlet to the citizens of Vicksburg. Babatunde HipHopera mainly performs in larger cities. By bringing him to Vicksburg, we are giving our citizens the opportunity to enjoy quality entertainment in their own community. This helps promote Vicksburg as a premier destination for well-known performers.

5. Provide detail on how the requested funds will be used support the event partially or in full.

The requested funds will be used to offset the expenses of producing the event which includes the performer's fee and travel costs. The support from the City of Vicksburg will allow us to keep admission prices at a reasonable level making this program more accessible and affordable for Vicksburg citizens and tourists.

6. Select all in-kind services the organization is requesting for the event:

- a) Park and facilities fees
- b) Park Personnel (maintenance and building attendants)
- c) Police Personnel
- d) Fire Personnel
- e) Other services not listed (please specify) _____
- f) Not requesting in-kind services

7. Identify and provide all other funding requests for this event. Provide attachments if needed.

| Source | Pending | Approved | Dollar Amount |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
| Sojoz LLC | | 5000 | \$ 5000.00 |
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8. Anticipated Attendance: 105 (seating capacity of The Strand Theatre)

9. Explain in detail how the event, program, or exhibition marketing plan will promote the City of Vicksburg. please see attached.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The information provided in this application is for the purpose of obtaining sponsorship funding from the City of Vicksburg on behalf of the undersigned. Each undersigned representative warrants the information provided within this application and its attachments are true and complete until a written notice of change is provided to the City of Vicksburg. The City of Vicksburg is authorized to make all inquiries necessary to verify the accuracy of the provided information.

/s/Gabrielle Terrett
Requestor

04/13/2026
Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above Gabrielle Terrett



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April 6, 2026

Mayor Willis Thompson
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Subject: Sponsorship Opportunity: Summertime in the River City, July 2026

Dear Mayor Thompson:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Sojoz LLC to invite the City of Vicksburg to be a key partner for Summertime in the River City set for July 26, 2026 at the historic Strand Theatre.

This will be the third production of this phenomenal event which celebrates Black musicals during the Golden Age of Theatre. This era was revolutionary as Black creatives and performers who were long overlooked gained valuable Broadway exposure.

Each year's production of Summertime has been uniquely its own, and this year is no different. **We are ecstatically pleased to announce that Babatunde Hip Hopera will be joining us as part of his 2026 tour.** This inclusion has put Vicksburg on the map with larger cities such as Philadelphia, Boston and New York. How exciting is that!

By partnering with Sojoz LLC, you are affirming Vicksburg's commitment to supporting the performing arts and culture. We are humbled that this internationally known performer has agreed to come to our beautiful city.

We are seeking financial sponsorship to help make this event a success. Available sponsorship options are

Maestro/Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500 (includes six complimentary tickets)
Rhapsody Sponsor: \$1,000 (includes four complimentary tickets)
Beatbox Sponsor: \$500 (includes two complimentary tickets)

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal. If you do decide to partner with us, you can remit a check to the address above, or send us an email request for a payment link. Upon receipt, we will confirm your logo and other pertinent information you would like us to share with our audience and viewers.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Gabrielle Ferrett, Marketing Manager

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

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| Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2. | Name (as shown on your income tax return) Sojoo LLC | | |
| | Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above | | |
| | Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ S <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ | Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ | |
| | Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 109 Lefleurs Drive | Requester's name and address (optional) | |
| | City, state, and ZIP code Vicksburg, MS 39180 | | |
| List account number(s) here (optional) | | | |

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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| Social security number | |
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| Employer identification number | |
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

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| Sign Here | Signature of U.S. person ▶ | Date ▶ 4/13/2025 |
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.