



Cajun Music Preservation Society

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April 24, 2014



May 14th
First Jam at the
Foundry on the Bayou







Why Establish the Cajun Music Preservation Society?



- Almost no traditional Cajun music played in our region.
- Very little opportunity for local new musicians to learn from the experienced.
- This is our culture and is a large part of what makes us recognized as unique in this world!

- **6 Cajun bands**
- **5 Zydeco bands**
- **2 Hybrid bands (LA mix)**
- **1 Swamp Pop**
- **March 20 – 22, 2015**



Bayous de Vilaine

As a young Cajun musician with roots along the Bayou Lafourche, I can recount story after story of myself and other local Cajun musicians asking local festivals to feature Cajun music only to be told, “sure, if you wanna play for free”.

The Swamp Stomp Festival gave Cajun music, and musicians, in the bayou area legitimacy and has recognized it for what the rest of the world already has, a beautiful, vibrant, and infectious music that makes people want to get up and dance.



-John Dowden



Cajun and Zydeco music are the two most traditional genres of Louisiana music. Without the traditional music, there would be none of the newer styles and genres that exist today in South Louisiana.

Swamp Stomp showcases the traditional Cajun music from areas as far as Lake Charles to New Orleans. It is one of the only traditional festivals remaining, while other festivals are branching out to newer styles and genres.

-Cameron Dupuy



Cameron at 16 yrs old, 2013



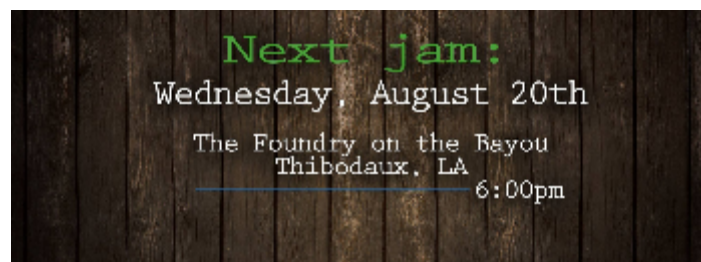
Music Genre at Other Local Festivals

Based on an unofficial survey in March 2014

Festival	Total	Cajun	Zydeco	Hybrid
Cypress Sawmill	7	0	1	0
Bateaux de Bois	2	0	0	0
Shrimp and Petroleum	15	0	1	0
French Food Fest	10	0	1	2
Louisiana Gumbo Fest	9	0	0	0
Boogie on the Bayou	3	0	0	0
Family Fun Fest	10	0	1	2
Lockport Food Fest	8	0	0	0
Thib. Firemans Fair	14	0	1	1
Gheens Bon Mange	6	0	0	0
Totals	84	0	5	5

A photograph of a community event, likely a fair or festival, taking place outdoors. In the foreground, several couples are dancing. A man in a light blue Hawaiian shirt and a straw hat is dancing with a woman in a blue shirt and white shorts. To their right, a man in a purple shirt and a woman in a teal shirt are dancing. In the background, a large blue tent with the "Capital One Bank" logo is visible. Other people are seen walking around and dancing under the tent. The text "We Need More of This!" is overlaid in large yellow letters across the center of the image.

**We Need More of
This!**



Our Mission

To promote, preserve, and enhance the awareness and appreciation of traditional Cajun music in Southeastern Louisiana.

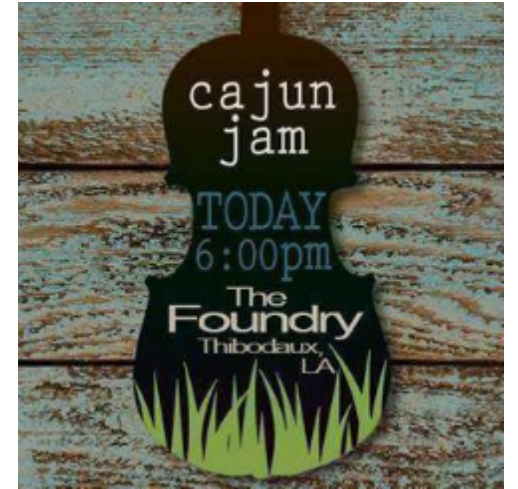


Our Goal

To increase the number of Cajun music public performances and thereby increasing public appreciation of traditional Cajun music throughout Southeastern Louisiana.



Our Objectives



Organize regular jam sessions to encourage and train new musicians in the traditional Cajun style.

Provide a centralized network of Cajun music enthusiasts so that notification of public performances can efficiently be disseminated.

Provide a mechanism for traditional Cajun musicians to publicly perform throughout the Lafourche-Terrebonne region of Louisiana.

Overall:

- We want to increase the exposure of Cajun music to our local community, especially the children, so that our region will continue in the tradition of loving and learning *our* music and culture!

....we want to preserve what we have!



Live Local Cajun Music!

- 17 Open Jams (15 at the Foundry, 2 at the Venetian) Since May 2014
- Monthly Happy Hour at Donner-Peltier Distillery Since June 2014
- Chauvin Sculpture Garden / Blessing of the Fleet
- LA AFS Annual Meeting
- Dansereau House Thursday Drinkery
- Private Party for out of state travelers
- Bayou Country Children's Museum
- Bar Roussell



Spreading the Music and Making Connections

- More than 55 individual musicians have played, including professional, amateur, and novices!
- Nonc Nu and da Wild Matous
- Expanding interest



Cajun Music Preservation Society
Posted by Misty Leigh McElroy [?] · January 25 at 11:16am · 🌐

Where would you like to see the Cajun Music Preservation Society have a jam? List any venues in the area you think would be a good place.

540 people reached [Boost Post](#)

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👍 Gerard Lombardo, Joni Tuck, Philip Porche and 6 others like this. [Top Comments](#)

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Leith Adams Mudbug Brewery 😊
Unlike · Reply · 👍 8 · January 25 at 11:17am

Johnny Matherne By my pool.
Unlike · Reply · 👍 1 · January 25 at 7:46pm

Micah Raspberry In Ville Platte or Mamou!
Unlike · Reply · 👍 3 · January 25 at 2:32pm

Philip Porche Downtown Houma courthouse steps
Unlike · Reply · 👍 2 · January 25 at 12:50pm

Dale Lachney Walker How big of an area you talking about? I, myself, would love for it to be in the Marksville area but it may not be an area with enough Cajun Musicians.
Like · Reply · January 25 at 7:42pm

Larry Dominique The Lafourche Central Market pavilion would be a great location once the weather warms up.
Like · Reply · January 25 at 6:51pm

Tracy Krieger Walker The Beach House in Mandeville has live music some nights, that would draw a crowd.
Like · Reply · January 25 at 4:26pm

Melanie Lobell Cole Any place that's closer to me 😊 in Walker, la. Lol
Like · Reply · January 25 at 12:26pm



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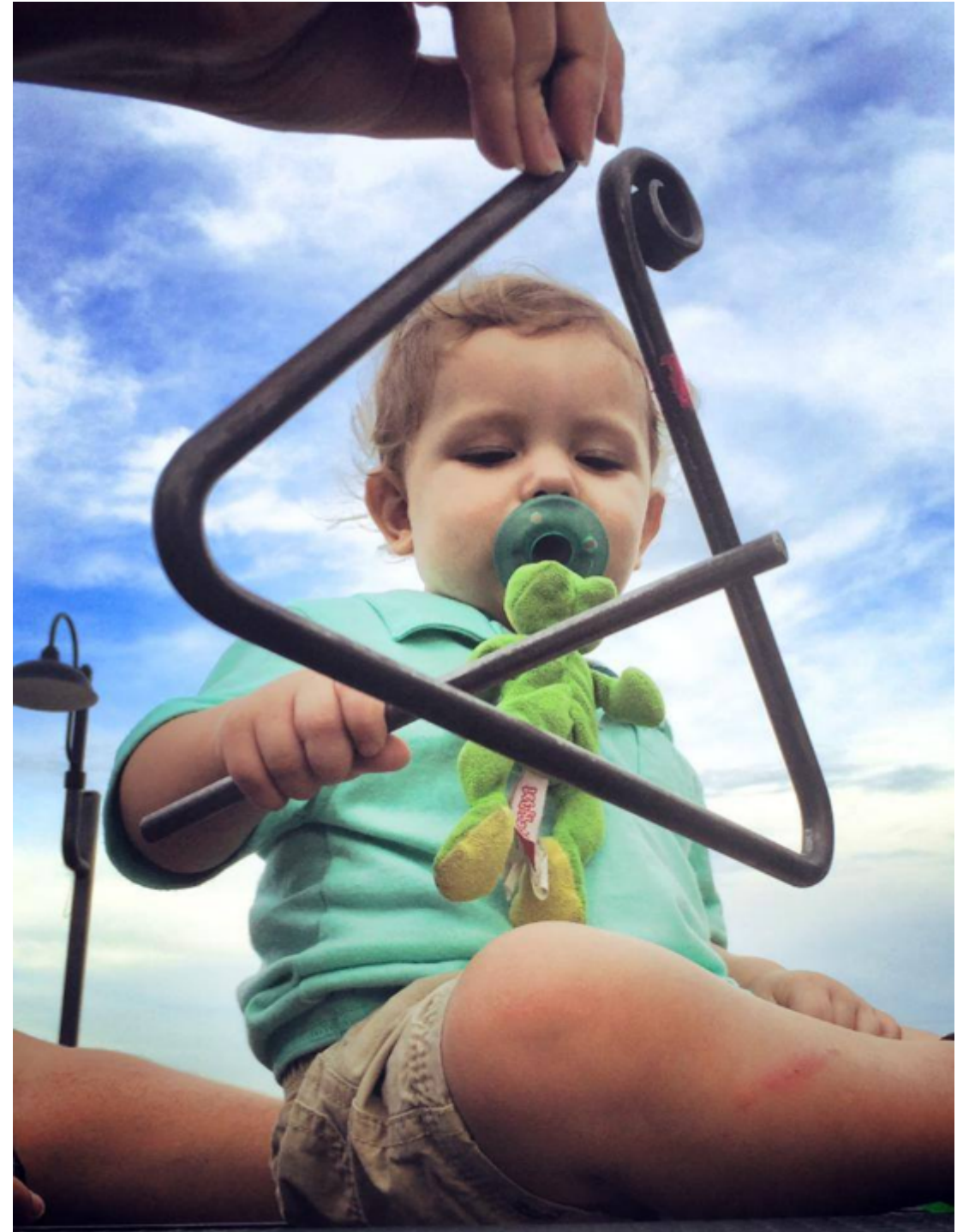
A winner will be drawn on December 23rd

Preserve our music.
Preserve our culture.
Join the movement.



Scholarship

- Starting the paperwork for 501(c)(3) status
- Goal to raise \$10,000 to endow a scholarship for a student in the Bayou Studies Program at Nicholls State University
- Expect to continue growing and expanding our mission





One of our most supportive
Cajun music friends
is in need of our help.

He has always been there for us.
Let's be there for him!



Forging Ahead!

- Benefit Jam for Chad Thibodaux
 - Wednesday Oct 11 at Mudbug Brewery from 6 - 9
- Continue our Regular Jams
- Wednesday 18 March 2014 – Pre-Swamp Stomp Jam at the Foundry on the Bayou
- Jams at new places (let us know where!)
- We can find a band for you!



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