

ACZA *Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association*

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June-July 2008 Newsletter

TUESDAY –JUNE 17 & JULY 15 - ACZA GARDEN HILLS CD PARTY
GARDEN HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, 337 Pinetree Dr. NE Atlanta 30305
\$5; 7–10 PM – Cajun and Zydeco dance music provided by DJ. Strut your stuff with a syncopated slide, two-step, jitterbug or waltz. Bring an appetizer and a friend!

ALL ACZA DANCES ARE HELD AT:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324
8-11 PM DANCE; 7-8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' DANCE WORKSHOP
\$15/\$8 students/\$13 ACZA members
Authentic Cajun food for sale & Cash Bar.

*******DIRECTIONS TO VENUES ON BACK*******

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 – ZYDECO T

Atlanta's own Zydeco T has been bringing the music of Southwest Louisiana to the Atlanta area for the past several years. We feel a kinship with them, and a sense of ownership as this is our own "family band." For many Atlanta area dancers, this is the first Zydeco band they heard. When not on stage, these musicians are on the dance floor, so they know what you need to hear to get your body moving.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 – LEE BENOIT & THE BAYOU STOMPERS

Lee Benoit swept the 2006 Cajun French Music Association Awards; Lee won for Male Vocalist; his wife Valerie was awarded the title of Female Vocalist, and the song Lee wrote as a tribute to Valerie, *La Petite Femme* was named Song of the Year. Their quiet dignity and traditionalism make this group one of the most respected in Cajun country.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 – SAVOIR FAIRE avec PAUL DAIGLE

We are honored that the members of this band, who travel only when they choose to, have chosen to celebrate their culture with us. They don't have a website or an agent. What they do have is an incredible talent, and a desire to preserve Cajun culture by performing traditional music. Paul Daigle's accordion, balanced by Dennis Boudreaux's fiddle, Walt Farr's guitar and Mark Edmonson's drums makes this quartet respected in Louisiana, and admired everywhere else. Come on out and revel in Cajun music performed with both technical artistry and an amazing heart.

Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association, Inc. (ACZA) is a 501(C)(3) volunteer-run non-profit Georgia corporation dedicated to preserving and promoting the music and culture of Southwest Louisiana. For more information visit our website at www.aczadance.org.

ACZA 2008 memberships are still available! We are also seeking tax-deductible donations. Stop by our table at the next dance, or contact us at info@aczadance.org or 404-825-9768.

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UPCOMING ACZA EVENTS:

Saturday, August 23 – Willis Prudhomme & Zydeco Express

Saturday, September 13 – Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble

OTHER LOCAL & REGIONAL EVENTS:

Friday – June 6 – Fletcher, NC – Atlanta Swamp Opera

8:30 –11:30 PM; \$8; Fletcher Feed & Seed. See www.feedandseednc.com for details.

Friday–Sunday, June 13-15 – Modus, CT – Sunrise Resort Cajun/Zydeco Festival

See www.sunrisecajunzydecofestival.com for details.

Friday–Sunday, June 13-15 – Birmingham, AL – City Stages

Bands include *L'Angelus, Rosie Ledet & the Zydeco Playboys, Chris Miller & Bayou Roots, Feufollet, Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie* and more!

See www.citystages.org for details.

Friday–Sunday, June 13-15 – New Orleans, LA – Louisiana Cajun-Zydeco Festival

Bands include *Waylon Thibodeaux, Keith Frank & the Soileau Zydeco Band, Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys, Terrance Simian & the Zydeco Experience* and more!

Free! See www.jazzandheritage.com for details.

Friday – June 27 – Birmingham, AL – Lee Benoit & the Bayou Stompers

8-11 PM; \$12; Concordia Club. See www.acmedance.org for details.

Saturday, July 5 – LeBeau, LA – LeBeau Zydeco Festival

Bands include *Leon Chavis & the Zydeco Flames, Lil Nathan & the Zydeco Big Timers, Roddy Romero & the Hub City All Stars, Keith Frank & the Soileau Zydeco Band, Step Rideau & the Zydeco Outlaws, and Brian Jack & the Zydeco Gamblers.*

11 AM-11 PM; \$10; \$5 children under 12. See www.zydecoonline.com for details.

Saturday–Sunday, July 5-6 – Portland, OR – Portland Waterfront Blues Festival

See www.waterfrontbluesfestival.com for details.

Friday – July 26 – Birmingham, AL – Savoir Faire avec Paul Daigle

8-11 PM; \$12; Concordia Club. See www.acmedance.org for details.

Listen to Zydeco music on the radio every week: Sundays 1-3 PM WFRG 89.3 FM "Zydeco Jo".

On Sunday, June 15, ACZA President Lisa Przepasniak will be Zydeco Jo's featured guest!

*******DIRECTIONS TO ACZA VENUES *******

Directions to Garden Hills: From Peachtree Rd. in Buckhead, go east on East Wesley Rd. Turn left onto Rumson Rd. (2nd light). Go one block to Pinetree Dr. Turn right. Entrance to the Community Center will be on your right, beside the pool. (See www.aczadance.org for map.)

Directions to Knights of Columbus: Exit I-85 at North Druid Hills Rd. Go west on N. Druid Hills Rd. to Buford Highway, take left on Buford Highway. Knights of Columbus is 7/10ths mile on right, on hill next to Green's, across from Pancho's. Parking: Knights of Columbus or across Buford Highway (not @ Animal Hospital or Green's)

*******BRING YOUR PARTY TO OUR PARTY!!!*******

Ask about our Group Discounts. For details contact ACZA at 404-825-9768 or e-mail info@aczadance.org.