

ACZA *Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association*

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January - February 2012 Newsletter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – LIL' MALCOLM AND THE HOUSE ROCKERS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324
6:30 – 7:15 FREE INTERMEDIATE DANCE WORKSHOP with Anthony Lewis;
7:15–8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' ZYDECO DANCE WORKSHOP with Christy Taylor;
8–11 PM DANCE; \$17/\$8 students/\$14 ACZA members

One of the most blues-based Zydeco bands performing today, this must be the band the author had in mind when describing Zydeco as "accordion-based blues." This is a family band, with Malcolm Walker on accordion, his father Percy on guitar, uncle Joe on bass, and brother Percy, Jr. on drums. For more information about this band, visit their website at

www.intrepidartists.com/lilmalcolm.html

Authentic Cajun food for sale from Fusions Catering & Cash Bar.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – DENNIS STROUGHMATT & CREOLE STOMP
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324
6:30–7:15 FREE INTERMEDIATE DANCE WORKSHOP w/ Jim Bird & Bonnie Lunceford;
7:15–8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' CAJUN DANCE WORKSHOP w/Don Baggett;
8–11 PM DANCE; \$17/\$8 students/\$14 ACZA members

This band, an Atlanta favorite, is hard to put into just one category. Creole music is bluesier than Cajun music, and more melody-driven than Zydeco. The music of Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp includes songs that are 300 years old, as well as some more modern music. Dennis learned to play fiddle from some of the great Creole fiddlers – Roy Boyer and Conray Fontenot. He's also studied with Cajun fiddler Hadley Castille, and Western Swing fiddler Wade Ray. While his fiddle playing is diverse and top notch, it is the strength and passion of his vocals that grabs your attention. Dennis performs with the words of Wade Ray whispering in his head, "Son, when you're on that stage, give them your whole heart, only then can you give all of your passion to the audience. Show the world that you love what you do."

For more information about this band, visit their website at www.creolestomp.com.

Authentic Cajun food for sale from Fusions Catering & Cash Bar.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – ACZA MARDI GRAS PARTY
GARDEN HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, 337 Pinetree Dr. NE Atlanta 30305
\$5; 7-10 PM

Spend Mardi Gras night dancing, visiting with friends, and enjoying the Cajun & Zydeco music that ACZA is famous for. Bring your dancing shoes and a friend. If you want to bring a snack, it will be welcome, but it's not necessary. We're more interested in seeing you!

****Directions to Knights of Columbus & Garden Hills Rec Center on back****

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. As a 501(C)(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. Consider making a donation to benefit the association that brings so much joy to your lives.

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UPCOMING ACZA EVENTS:

Saturday, March 3 – Lil' Wayne and Same Ole Two Step
Saturday, March 31 – Cedric Watson et Bijou Creole and Feufollet – partnership with the Rialto Theatre
Saturday, April 7 – ACZA 6th Anniversary with Cajun Band TBA
Saturday, May 12 – Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble
Saturday, June 9 – Cajun band TBA

UPCOMING LOCAL & REGIONAL EVENTS:

Thursday, January 5 – Athens, GA – Lil' Malcolm & the House Rockers
8–11 PM; \$10; The Melting Point. See www.meltingpointathens.com for details.

Friday, January 6 – Birmingham, AL – Lil' Malcolm & the House Rockers
8–11 PM; \$15; Concordia Club. See www.acmedance.org for details.

Friday, February 3 – Birmingham, AL – Dennis Strouhmatt & Creole Stomp
8–11 PM; \$15; Concordia Club. See www.acmedance.org for details.

Wednesday - Sunday, February 9-12 – Miami, FL – Virginia Key Grassroots Festival of Music & Dance. Bands include Donna the Buffalo, Keith Frank & the Soileau Zydeco Band, Beausoleil avec Michael Doucet, and many more. For more information about the festival and Special Offer tickets, call 786-332-4630, or see www.virginiakeygrassroots.org for details.

Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday – February 17, 18, 20, 21 – Alpharetta, GA Zydeco T @ Pappadeaux (for Mardi Gras). 6 - 10 PM indoors (times may vary); no cover charge. See <http://zydecot.homestead.com> for details.

Friday, March 2 – Birmingham, AL – Lil' Wayne and Same Ole Two Step
8–11 PM; \$15; Concordia Club. See www.acmedance.org for details.

Saturday, March 3 – Huntsville, AL – Zydeco T
8–11 PM; Flying Monkey. See www.czdance.com for details.

****Directions to Knights of Columbus & Garden Hills****

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 (south) 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)

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.)

**Listen to Zydeco on the radio every week:
Sundays 1-3 PM WRFG 89.3 FM "Zydeco Jo"**

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