Waylon Thibodeaux, left, plays the official song of the Congrès Mondial Acadien at the official unveiling of the song. With Thibodeaux is his father, Elgin Thibodeaux, who is playing the triangle.

**Congrès Mondial Acadien theme song launched**

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**LAFAYETTE — The Artohmxian plan will converge on Evangeline Downs and the Grandstand will push the Morgan City Auditorium. Donners will head up the Victoria. Montjoie will flock to Vermilionville and the Companions will arrive at ULX.**

Thousands of roses will be attending more than 50 family reunions across Acadia for Congrès Mondial Acadien July 31 to Aug. 12. And at every one of the reunions, say CMA organizers, Acadia reunion organizers from around the globe will hear and dance to the official theme song of Congrès, "So Leng Segpedi.""So Leng Segpedi" is written by the fiddling champion of Louisiana, Waylon Thibodeaux of Houma.

Thibodeaux, collaborated with Rened Marceau of New Brunswiek, the author of the first CMA theme song in 1994, "Musée de nos coins," and Cheryl Collins, who is also Thibodeaux's aunt.

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**Song**

The theme song was launched in Acadia Wednesday afternoon at the official release by CMA officials, with President's Reception in Lafayette as the setting.

According to Valerie Berc, the communications consultant for CMA, entries for the contest that chose the theme song included writers' names from France, Canada and across the United States. We received several great entries, but "So Leng Segpedi," hit a sensitive area. The text is touching and the music fitting (and it recalls the two Alexanders). It fulfilled one of CMA's objectives, namely to improve relations between Acadia and the diaspora.

And although the powerful lyrics gave many at Wednesday's event an emotional moment, a big heart, the melody is nothing short of haunting. "Songs are known for their energy, their raw power," Ray said, "and our song corresponds exactly with those charming, terriestris.

A second release is set for today in Acadia at the July fair.