This year promises to be the biggest yet; runs September 19 and 20

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"Festivals Acadiens Just Around the Corner"

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Lafayette—It's almost that time of year again. Time to kick off your shoes and dance to the beat of Cajun music. Time to taste the Saints of your taste buds. Time to enjoy the festivities of our ancestors through the sights and sounds of music, dance and much, much more. Time to begin the time for this year's Festivals Acadiens.

Festivals Acadiens, set for September 19th and 20th in its eleventh year, is the sweeping of a lot of Louisiana's most bountiful traditions into one event. A celebration of all things uniquely Cajun, original music, traditions, music, art and craft fairs, and the "feast of our forefathers" from which the Acadian people are huropean in our world.

Located at the site of the Cajun way of life. Discover what the Cajun people are all about. Experience this year's Festivals Acadiens—and you'll be in a treat that your senses will never forget!

Here's a preview of what's being offered.

The Acadian Fair and Trade Show signifies the beginning of the festivities. Mainly sponsored by the Lafayette Parishes, this year's grand opening ceremonies will feature the lighting of the Cajun Way of Life Flame at 7:00 PM. The state of Louisiana, approximately 25 exhibitors will have their products and services during September 17th at the Cajun Way of Life. Other features of the Fair and Trade Show will be a horse-drawn carriage ride, children's area, music tent, and a children's tent. The site of the State of Louisiana.

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The great crescendos and thrills of Cajun culture come together at Lafayette's Municipal Auditorium in the most unexpected way on this night of the most anticipated events of Festivals Acadiens—the Festival Mud Ball. You'll find such events as jambalaya and crawfish pie, custom and natural airs, and even varieties of both among Cajun claybells. Sponsored by the Lafayette Parishes, this event will truly immerse you in the Cajun culture with its unique flavors and music.

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