**Program**

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**Greeting**

La Compagnie Louisianaise

**Performers**

Stephanie Abadie
Paul Baker
Lee Benoit
Patsy Bienvenu
Myer Bishop
Donna Brucker
Jerritt Burk
Kathy DeJean Burk
Tim Culotta
Antonio Cutrera
Molly Cutrera
Alysia Daspit
Dave Domingue
Frank Ducrest
Terry Lege
Darrel Leger
Charles Mayard
Karen B. Melancon
Pat Menard
Margaret Montz
Terri Murray
Yvonne Olivier
Lauren Rosen
Garrett Rosen
Artie Simon
Tony Trahan
Phoebe Trotter
Charlotte Vizena

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**Religious**

J'irai la Voir un Jour
Je Vous Salue Maria
Ave Maria

"Cajun Days of the Week"

A Dance Theatre piece featuring excerpts of the original choreography by Moving South Dance, Inc.

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**Creole**

Michie Banjo
Salangadou
Zizi
Gue Gue
Patate

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**France**

Fido
Il a Tout Dit
Cher Petit Papa
Il Etait une Bergere/
Mon Pere m'a Donne un Mari

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**Closing Medley**

Dr. Robert C. Gilmore, Founder/Ex Officio

Christine A. Duhon, Development Director
La Compagnie Louisianaise is a performing group of 30 singers, dancers and instrumentalists, whose performing repertoire provides a reflection of the culture and mores of French South Louisiana. The program of La Compagnie succeeds in melding the indigenous folk music of Acadiana into a concertized, exciting performance which effectively conveys the mood and mores of our area.

As an example, a typical number will open with a bonafide Cajun introduction. Out of this evolves a great choral sound, coupled with the drama of dance, all culminating in a dynamic, interpretive show of folk art.

The group was formed in the summer of 1989, under the direction of Dr. Robert C. Gilmore and Mr. Mike Landry. La Compagnie, after eight months of preparation, held its premiere performance at the Grand Opening of Vermilion Ville in April of 1990 and received an overwhelming response.

On July 1, 1990, La Compagnie took the show on the road and began its overseas tour in France. The group performed for many festivals during the 4-1/2 week tour. Over 22 performances in nearly as many cities, gave the members of the group a clear understanding of the strong cultural ties between Louisiana and France. La Compagnie was greeted warmly and received enthusiastically at every festival site. Each show brought the feel of Acadiana to thousands who attended the summer festivals in France.

La Compagnie Louisianaise performed alongside groups from Belgium, Bulgaria, Gabon, Holland, Japan, Hungary, Latvia, Peru, Portugal, Romania and Thailand. Perhaps one of the most exciting presentations of the tour was in Lafayette's sister city, Poitiers. A rousing performance of the show was heralded by local newspapers as an enormous success.

La Compagnie is now preparing for its Summer 1992 Tour of Belgium. The group will open the tour at the Foire de Libramont, where Louisiana has been selected as the Guest of Honor. La Compagnie was unanimously selected as the "official cultural liaison" by the Louisiane-Belgique Association. As such, the group will perform at the Louisiana Pavilion during the four day event.

We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our program and the many fine performers in La Compagnie. We invite you to support our efforts.

Artistic Director

Dr. Robert C. Gilmore serves as La Compagnie's Artistic Director. He has been a major force in music and music education in Louisiana for the past 55 years. He and his Lafayette born wife, Jeanne Marie LeBlanc Gilmore, (both University of Southwestern Louisiana retirees) have done extensive research, writing, publishing and teaching. They have also consulted on a local, national and international basis.

La Compagnie Louisianaise, Inc. has attained tax exempt recognition by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(a). Donations are fully deductible to the extent allowed.

I am interested in assisting the group and would like to volunteer to work with a committee on:

(Indicate area of interest - Costumes, publicity, etc.)

Name: ____________________________

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Thank you!