TRIBUTE TO CAJUN MUSIC/HOMMAGE A LA MUSIQUE ACADIENNE VII

FACT SHEET

* Sponsored and organized annually by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

* This year's festival will be held under the oaks in Lafayette's Girard Park, Friday, May 23, from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 24, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 25, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

* The best Cajun and Creole musicians of South Louisiana will perform. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 23, 1980
Belton Richard
Zachary Richard
Sam Five

Saturday, May 24, 1980
Aldus Roger
Magnolia Sisters
Cypress Street Band
La Grande Rôue (Québec)
Tim Broussard & Cajun Playboys
Clinton Broussard
Nathan Manard
Walter Mouton & Scott Playboys
Dewey Balfa

Sunday, May 25, 1980
Kamou Cajun Band
Jambalaya
Preston Frank & Solleau Playboys
Maurice Barzas
Beausoleil
Sundown Playboys
Jardell Brothers
Ardoin Family Band

* This year's theme is "Allons Danser!" Dance is an important part of the Cajun and Creole music tradition and, this year, there will be a workshop on traditional dance. Other workshops will be offered as well; the schedule is as follows:

Saturday, May 24, 1980
10:30 AM Fiddle workshop with Dewey Balfa
2:30 PM Accordion workshop with Don Montoucet

Sunday, May 25, 1980
10:30 AM Ballad workshop with Barry Ancelet
11:30 AM Zydeco/LaLa workshop with Lawrence Ardoin & Nick Spitzer
2:30 PM Dance workshop with Jeanne Castille

* ADMISSION IS FREE TO ALL. Cajun foods and refreshments will be available on the grounds, as well as T-shirts and limited-edition commemorative posters.

* Cajun music has ancient roots but is still evolving. While some strains of medieval music can be readily apprehended, the 19th century addition of the accordion and the 20th century addition of the guitar give it a fresh sound that is unique in the world's folk music. Tunes brought from Europe to Canada and from Canada to Louisiana with the expulsion of the Acadians are played and danced to today with renewed fervor.

* The first Tribute to Cajun Music was presented on March 26, 1974 and was initially scheduled for the Municipal Auditorium. It was then moved to Blackham Coliseum because of the strong anticipated response. In 1974, and again in 1975, more than 12,000 people attended the festival. In 1976, it became an outdoor affair with over 35,000 people in attendance. Last year, it became a three-day celebration, giving an ever-increasing number of bands more time to express their individual styles of music. Again this year, due to last year's success, a Friday night concert is scheduled.

* Volunteer help is urgently needed for concession sales. To volunteer, or for more information, contact CODOFIL at (318) 233-1020, or write at P. O. Box 3936, Lafayette, LA 70502.

* EVERYONE IS INVITED! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
Lafayette, La.

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HOW TO GET THERE

Girard Park, the location of the Tribute to Cajun Music VII is easily accessible from all the major highways running through the Lafayette area - Interstate 10, U.S. Highway 90 and U.S. Highway 167, and is indicated with an asterisk on the above map.

Parking facilities will be available within the Oil Center, the Municipal Auditorium, and the U.S.L. Campus.

Many excellent hotels and motels are located in Lafayette and surrounding towns (for more information call the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission at (318) 232-3737), and there are four campgrounds for visitors: KOA-LaFayette (235-2739), Acadiana Park Campgrounds (234-3838), Maxie's Mobile Valley and Overnight Camping (637-6200), and Acadiana Campground (662-3018).