Zachary Richard Stars in Lafayette Birthday

Tomorrow is Lafayette's 99th birthday and Zachary Richard will be the star performer at a special Downtown Alive! celebrating Lafayette Day 1983.

The bustling little Vermilion River settlement, known as Vermilionville, changed its name to Lafayette on May 5, 1884. On May 1 of this year, Lafayette began a year-long centennial celebration recognizing the renaming of the town.

Richard will begin his performance at 4:30 p.m. in LeParc de Lafayette. The concert will continue to 7 p.m. with an intermission from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Jefferson Street will be blocked from Vermilion to Congress Streets to accommodate the crowd.

Dignitaries from throughout Acadiana will be honored at a reception at City Hall at 4:30 p.m. and then transported to Downtown Alive! where they will be introduced during the intermission.

A four-day festival will also get underway at the Acadian Village tomorrow. Artists and craftsmen from throughout the state will be on hand as the Village becomes a "living museum." Exhibits, demonstrations, and live presentations are planned during the festival culminating in a fais-do-do Sunday afternoon.

All festival activities will be included in the regular Village admission fee. Village hours during the festival will be 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday.

The Acadiana Arts Council Ball is scheduled Friday at 8 p.m. at the Village. Admission to this is by advance ticket purchase only. Information may be obtained by contacting the Arts Council.

"Le Bal de Samedi" a catered dinner with entertainment will be held Saturday evening at the Village. Dances from Carol Delarue School of Dance and Moving South will perform. Advance tickets are required and may be purchased at the Arts Council tent at the festival.

Centennial events will continue through the year, culminating in a weeklong celebration in May 1984. In addition, a centennial cookbook, souvenirs, poster series and book of historical buildings are being prepared. An official song "Sweet Home Acadiana" has been written by Henderson Foote and will be performed at all special functions.

Information regarding any centennial event may be obtained by calling Glynn Abel, commission coordinator, at 261-8308.

CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
George Wimberley Five
5-8 p.m. — Acadiana Mall

THURSDAY, MAY 5,
Acadian Village Festival
10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Acadian Village
Downtown Alive
(Lafayette Day)
4:30 p.m. Zachary Richard — Le Parc de Lafayette

FRIDAY, MAY 6
Acadian Village Festival
10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Acadian Village
Acadiana Arts Council Ball
8 p.m. (Advance tickets required) — Acadian Village

SATURDAY, MAY 7
Acadian Village Festival
10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Acadian Village
Le Bal de Samedi
7 p.m. (Advance tickets required) — Acadian Village

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Acadian Village Festival
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fais-Do-Do from 2-5 p.m
Acadian Village