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Louisiana Folk

Official Newsletter of the Louisiana Folklife Center



The 39th Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival
July 20 - 21, 2018

The Festival will be held in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern State University campus in Natchitoches. The 2018 festival theme is "Celebrating Louisiana's Folk Roots."

The festival will include a wide variety of traditional crafts, folk foods, Kidfest, three stages with live music, narrative sessions, music informances, and a Cajun fiddle workshop, which will be free for Festival attendees. In addition, the annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held in Magale Recital Hall on the afternoon of July 21.

The 2018 festival will include classic country by Hugh Harris and the Drifting Cowboys with special guest Gina Forsyth, blues with Lil' Buck Sinegal and Hardrick Rivers and the Rivers Revue Band, zydeco by Joe Hall and the Cane Cutters, French Creole la la music by Goldman Thibodeaux and the Lawtell Playboys, Cajun music by Donny Broussard and the Louisiana Stars, Jo-El Sonnier, and the Jambalaya Cajun Band, traditional acoustic folk music by Smithfield Fair, swamp pop with Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs, rockabilly with Jim Oertling and Friends, and special performances by Estelle Brown (of the Sweet Inspirations) and guitar legend James Burton.

Join us at the 2018 Folk Festival for a true celebration of Louisiana's Folklife as we welcome many incredible crafts persons and musicians who find their inspiration in traditional roots and where the past meets the present!

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We're Going Paperless!

Beginning in 2019, the folk festival newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed out. A digital copy will be available on our website & we will also email it to anyone interested in receiving it.

If you would like to be on our email list, please send your name and email address to folklife@nsula.edu.

After submitting your email address, please keep us updated and let us know if it changes.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy the electronic version of our newsletter.

Hall of Master Folk Artists 2018 Inductees

James Burton, Honorary Chair
Estelle Brown, singer
Rodney Harrington, musician
Clementine Hunter, folk artist
Hilton Lytle, fiddle/violin maker
Jim Oertling, singer

Induction ceremony will be held on Saturday,
July 21st at 12:15 pm on the Main Stage
inside Prather Coliseum

2018 Festival T-shirt
features Clementine Hunter's
Painting, "Pecan Picking"



What To Know Before You Go

Location: The Festival will be held July 20th & 21st in comfortable, air-conditioned Prather Coliseum which is located at **220 South Jefferson Street**, on the campus of Northwestern State University in historic Natchitoches, LA. **Alcohol is not allowed or sold on the site. Ice chests, outside food & drinks are prohibited.**

Directions: To Reach the Coliseum, take **Exit 138** (the Natchitoches exit) from I-49. From Shreveport, turn left; from Alexandria, turn right onto Hwy. 6/University Pkwy. Continue driving for approximately 4 miles and turn right onto South Jefferson. Prather Coliseum is on the right, just past the President's house and the tennis courts.

***Pricing for Advance all-events passes:**

\$13.00 per person

FREE for children 12 and under

Price includes sales tax. *Prices are subject to change*

Advance all-events passes will not be available after July 13th 2018.

Advance passes may be purchased at the Louisiana Folklife Center located in Room 213 of Kyser Hall on the campus of NSU in Natchitoches, LA. during the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-5 pm; Friday 8 am-10 am. Tickets are also available for purchase by mail. Send a check or money order made payable to Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival to the following address:

Northwestern State University
LA Folklife Center
NSU Box 3663
Natchitoches, LA 71497

Ticket prices day of the festival:

July 20 & 21st: Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Booth, located at the front entrance of Prather Coliseum.

Ticket Booth will accept CASH ONLY.

*Admission Prices, including sales tax:

FREE for children 12 and under

Friday night only, \$6.00 per person

Saturday, all day, \$10.00 per person

Saturday, after 5 pm only, \$6.00 per person

Prices are subject to change

Ticket Booth will open at 4:30 pm on Friday, July 20th, 2018. Festival closes at 10:15 pm.

Ticket Booth will open at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 21st, 2018. Festival closes at 10:00 pm.

For more information about the Festival or the LA State Fiddle Championship, contact the Louisiana Folklife Center at (318) 357- 4332 or folklife@nsula.edu.

For more information about Natchitoches, contact the Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-259-1714.

Prather Coliseum and CAPA Annex/Magale Recital Hall are wheelchair accessible.



Friday, July 20, 2018

Ticket Booth & Doors Open at 4:30pm

Music Schedule

| West Stage | Main Stage | East Stage |
|--|---|--|
| 4:30 Doors Open | 4:30 Doors Open | 4:30 Doors Open |
| 5:00-5:45 Joyful Sounds | 5:00-5:45 Cajun Dance Lessons | 5:30-7:00 Smithfield Fair |
| 6:15-7:15 Big Max & the Harmonics | 6:00-8:00 Donny Broussard & the LA Stars | 7:15-8:30 Hardrick Rivers and the Rivers Revue Band |
| 7:30-9:30 Open Jam with Max & Marcy | 8:15-10:15 Jambalaya Cajun Band | |

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<http://louisianafolklife.nsula.edu/>



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Saturday July 21, 2018 , 8am - 5pm Only

| <u>Exhibits & Demonstrations</u> | <u>KidFest</u> | <u>Outside Demonstrations</u> |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches Cammie G. Henry Research Center Cane River Creole Nat'l Historical Park Chipalottas, flintknapping Creole Heritage Center Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site Mansfield State Historic Site Dale Pierrottie, Bousillage U. S. Forest Service</p> | <p>Kidfest is an area dedicated to child-friendly activities and is a fun way for children to examine their own cultural and family traditions as well as those from around the state. Kidfest will be available on Saturday ONLY from 8:30am to 4:00pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Smokey Bear will make an appearance at the festival!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T.R.E.E. House Children's Museum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Danny's Magic</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Red River Smiths, Blacksmithing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jean Becnel, Timber/timber framing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Central LA Dutch Oven Cookers of the LA. Dutch Oven Society</p> |

Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will be held July 21st from 9 am-4 pm in Prather Coliseum. Items for the Auction will be donated by various craft people. Revenue from the Auction will be used to pay for some of the many festival expenses.

****Must be 18 years or older to bid and must be present to win****

Louisiana State Fiddle Championship

Saturday, July 21st, 2018, 1:00- 4:00 pm

The Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held in Magale Recital Hall which is housed in the CAPA Annex located at 140 Central Avenue. Fiddlers from around the state will compete for cash prizes and ribbons in two general divisions of play: Non-Championship Division and Championship Division. Participants may play in either the Non-Championship or Championship Division (**not both**). All Fiddlers may also enter the Twin Fiddles category. Those who enter the Championship Division will compete for the Grand Champion title. The two top fiddlers from each group in the Championship Division — ages 0-21, 22-59, 60 and above — will compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to be recognized as the state's best fiddler.



Joe Suchanek, 2017 LA State Fiddle Champion
Photo by Peter Jones

Fiddle Championship Schedule

- * 12:00-1:00 pm Magale Recital Hall, 1st floor, CAPA Annex
Late Registration
- * 12:10-1:00 John De Chiaro, Guitar Virtuoso
- * 1:00-4:00 pm LA. State Fiddle Championship,
Magale Recital Hall
- * 5:30 pm Grand Champion will perform on the Festival's main
stage in Prather Coliseum

For more information visit our website at
<http://louisianafolklife.nsula.edu>, or email us at: folklife@nsula.edu

YOU keep the Fiddle Championship alive!

The Fiddle Championship needs your support to remain an ongoing event!

- _____ \$50 Supporter, 2 passes (all events)
- _____ \$100 Friend, 4 passes (all events), 1 t-shirt
- _____ \$250 Patron, 8 passes (all events), 2 t-shirts & Stage Signage
- _____ Other Amount, \$ _____



In addition, you will receive recognition from the stage, listing in the Festival Program and on the website, and the opportunity to present a prize.

Make checks payable to: **NSU Foundation** and write "**Fiddle Championship**" on the memo line.

Mail to: Louisiana Folklife Center, NSU Box 3663 Natchitoches, LA 71497

The Louisiana Folklife Center is unable to officially endorse political candidates or parties

Saturday, July 21st, 2018

Ticket Booth & Doors Open at 8:00 am Music Schedule

| West Stage | Main Stage | East Stage |
|---|---|---|
| <p>8:00 Doors Open</p> <hr/> <p>9:00-9:45 Clayton Dyess</p> <hr/> <p>10:00-11:15 Lil' Buck Sinegal</p> <hr/> <p>11:30-12:00 Zydeco Dance Lessons</p> <hr/> <p>12:15-1:30 Joe Hall & the Cane Cutters</p> <hr/> <p>1:45-2:00 LA. Czech Heritage Dancers</p> <hr/> <p>2:15-3:30 Jim Oertling and Friends</p> <hr/> <p>3:45-5:00 Goldman Thibodeaux and the Lawtell Playboys</p> <hr/> <p>5:15-6:30 Sabra & the Get Rights</p> <hr/> <p>6:45-7:45 The Hoochie Digs</p> | <p>8:00 Doors Open</p> <hr/> <p>9:00-9:45 50 Man Machine</p> <hr/> <p>10:00-10:45 Huval-Fuselier Trio</p> <hr/> <p>11:00-12:00 Goldman Thibodeaux & the Lawtell Playboys</p> <hr/> <p>12:15-12:45 Welcome Ceremony Festival Honorary Chair: James Burton LA Folklife Hall of Master Folk Artists Inductees: Estelle Brown, James Burton, Rodney Harrington, Clementine Hunter, Hilton Lytle, Jim Oertling</p> <hr/> <p>12:55-1:15 LA Czech Heritage Dancers</p> <hr/> <p>1:30-2:15 Zydeco Dance Lessons</p> <hr/> <p>2:30-3:45 Joe Hall & the Cane Cutters</p> <hr/> <p>4:00-5:15 Choupique Cajun Band</p> <hr/> <p>5:15-5:30 Silent Auction Winners Announced</p> <hr/> <p>5:30-6:00 Louisiana State Fiddle Champion</p> <hr/> <p>6:15-7:45 Hugh Harris & the Drifting Cowboys with Gina Forsyth</p> <hr/> <p>8:00-10:00 Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs with special guests James Burton, Estelle Brown, and Jo-El Sonnier</p> | <p>8:00 Doors Open</p> <hr/> <p>9:00-9:45 Memories of Ol' Mossback: A Conversation with Jim Oertling</p> <hr/> <p>10:00-11:15 Jim Oertling and Friends</p> <hr/> <p>11:30-12:45 Choupique Cajun Band</p> <hr/> <p>1:00-2:15 Sabra & the Get Rights</p> <hr/> <p>2:30-3:15 Memories of the King with Estelle Brown & James Burton</p> <hr/> <p>3:30-4:45 Lil' Buck Sinegal</p> <hr/> <p>5:00-6:15 Cane Mutiny</p> <hr/> <p>6:30-7:15 Guitar Q & A with James Burton</p> <hr/> <p>7:30-9:30 Open Bluegrass and Country Jam with Max & Marcy</p> |

Invited Craftspeople — Saturday, July 21st, 8:00 am—5:00 pm ONLY!!

Judy Allen, jewelry
 Bearberry Farm, jellies, jams, pickles, salsa
 Bonnie Boudreaux, chair caning
 Judith Braggs, folk art quilts
 Edgar Bush, Canneci N'de Band of Lipan Apache Tribe items
 Christy Benoit Castille, tatting
 Lora Ann Chaisson, alligator jewelry & Houma baskets
 Rex Childress, wooden toys/carvings
 Chivalottas, flintknapping
 John Colson, filé maker
 R. V. Couch, handmade musical instruments
 Deborah Domengeaux, chair caning
 Bill Ellzey, walking sticks
 Stephanie Madere Escude, Native American dolls & other items
 Douglas Fazzio, Houma woodworking
 Kent Follette, pottery
 Cindy Fuqua, pottery
 Tommy Gandy, scrollwork & wooden toys for children
 Melvin Harper, carved walking canes
 Cynthia Hernandez, homemade lye soap, bath bombs, bath salts
 Susan Hill, handmade sock dolls
 Doug & Jene Jefferson, The Scottish Way crafts
 Burley Johnson, fly ties
 Kenneth Kerry, white oak baskets
 Lutrel Kraemer, handmade woodwork items
 Juanita Leonard, paintings, sculptures, folk art items
 Kenneth Lindner, wood turner
 Tammy Lloyd, spinning & weaving
 Louisiana Lagniappe Foods, jellies, jams, salsa, bread pudding
 Ann Luster, Spanish moss dolls & other Houma crafts
 Janie Luster, Houma Indian Baskets & crafts

Millard Mangrum, pottery & fleur-de-lis items
 Kirk Martin, master carpenter, cooper, craftsman
 Alfreda Mathieu, Canneci N'de Band of Lipan Apache Tribe items
 Shelton Meacham, handmade banjos
 Becky Meziere, Choctaw baskets
 Chris Moore, iron work, wreaths, birdhouses
 Roy Parfait, Houma wood carvings
 Doris Perkins, lye soap, quilling, wood burning
 William "Billy" Phillips, handmade wooden decoys & carvings
 Fred A. Pittman Jr., handcrafted knives
 Pleasant Acres Jams & Jellies
 Mike Potts, cypress knee tables
 Clifton Rambin, gourd art
 Red River Quilters, quilts, quilting techniques
 Riverside Pecan Co., pecans & pecan products
 Carlene Robinson, LA Attakapas Eagle Tribe, beadwork
 Stan Routh, architectural drawings
 Ken & Mary Royston, whittling, carvings, quilting
 Edward "Ned" Rutland, long bows/arrows, tanned hides, bowls
 Wayne Schultz, belt maker
 Barbara Seegraves, gourd art
 Rachel Shaddox, handmade soaps
 Stewart Builders, furniture
 Gene Tomko, Louisiana Music Map
 Frieda Tuma, pysanky eggs
 Alice Tyler, Clifton-Choctaw beadwork
 Charlie Viers, pine needle baskets
 Craig Vincent, accordion maker
 Lacey Walters, dreamcatchers
 Deborah West, Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas, dolls, moccasins, etc.
 Myrna Wilson, Koasati (Coushatta) pinestraw baskets

Narrative/ Informance Sessions, July 21, 2018 Prather Coliseum N-Club Room

Tentative Schedule

- 9:00-9:45 Family & Folk History: The Best Sources for Stories
 10:00-10:45 Bousillage and Coopering: Reviving Lost Traditional Arts
 11:00-11:55 Cajun Fiddle Workshop with Gina Forsyth, David Greely, Terry Huval
 12:05-12:50 Blues Music Informance with Lil' Buck Sinegal
 1:00-1:45 The Legacy of Folk Artist Clementine Hunter
 2:00-2:45 Songwriting: Using Traditions with Smithfield Fair. Attendees will receive a FREE CD packet from Smithfield Fair!
 3:00-3:45 The Folk Roots of Classical Guitar with John De Chiaro
 4:00-4:45 Zydeco Music with Joe Hall
 5:00-5:45 The Roots of Cajun Music with Jo-El Sonnier

**Book Signings, Saturday July 21,
 8 am till 5 pm**

**Tania Barnum
 Robert Bennett
 Gail Chisum
 Denise Harding
 Bertha Harris
 Harvis "Junior" Johnson**

**CAJUN Fiddle Workshop will be held
 July 21 from 11 am To 11:55 am**

This workshop will be led by Terry Huval, Gina Forsyth and David Greely and is FREE for festival attendees. Bring your fiddle and come out and learn to play! All skill levels are welcome. Space is limited. If you're interested in participating, register by sending an email to folklife@nsula.edu or call 318-357-4332.

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40th Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, **July 26-27, 2019**

Beginning in 2019 the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be moving to a new time. Rather than the third Friday and Saturday in July **beginning in 2019 the Festival will be held on the fourth Friday and Saturday in July.**

We invite you to join us next year as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary! Our 2019 theme "Vive la Louisiane!" will celebrate how Louisiana's folklife – its unique crafts, food, music, and culture – are alive and well!

Please join us as we look forward to another 40 years of fun, education, and entertainment.

The Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival is a tradition that is here to stay!

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Friend (\$25)

Receives: 1 pass (all events)

Patron (\$250)

Receives: 8 passes (all events)
and 2 T-shirts

Grand Benefactor (\$2500)

Receives: 30 Passes (all events)
and 5 T-shirts

Member (\$50)

Receives: 2 passes (all events)

Grand Patron (\$500)

Receives: 10 passes (all events)
and 3 T-Shirts

Sustainer (\$5000)

Receives: 60 Passes (all events)
and 10 T-shirts

Sponsor (\$100)

Receives: 4 passes (all events), 1 T-shirt

Benefactor (\$1000)

Receives: 20 passes (all events)
and 4 T-shirts

Folklife Visionary (\$10,000)

Receives: 100 Passes (all events)
and 20 T-shirts

All funds received before June 1st 2018 will receive listing in the Festival Program and on our website. In addition, Benefactors, Grand Benefactors, Sustainers, and Folklife Visionaries will have their logo displayed on the Main Stage, and mentioned in news releases/advertising/social media.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

T-shirt size(s) _____

Funds received after June 1, 2018 may not be listed in the Festival Program.

Fair market value of items received may not be deducted from your Federal Income Tax.

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Thanks for supporting the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival!!!