



Thelma Daigle Cajun Storyteller and Humorist

Thelma Daigle of Scott, Louisiana acquired her stories when she was a child listening to her father and friends. Thelma began her career as a joke and storyteller quite by accident. One day in 1989 she received a call from Teasie Cary of Church Point, asking her how she felt about participating in the International Joke Telling Contest which was to be held in Opelousas. Thelma, always modest about her talent and never having performed in public, said "Oh no! I could never do that!" Well, Teasie said, "You'd better get ready, because the Cajun Ladies have already paid your entry fee." So, Thelma went along with the joke. She notes that for her first appearance on stage she thought she had a drum roll, but it was only her knees knocking.

Mrs. Daigle has performed at the Oyster Festival in Foley, Alabama (1995); Cajun comic relief, Lafayette, (1996); the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival; and at the Festival of Life in Quebec, Canada (1999).

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