

Riley, Steve



Steve Riley

Steve Riley, of Mamou, Louisiana, is a widely acknowledged master of the Cajun accordion and its singularly powerful sound. His playing is a standard by which timing, phrasing, and ingenuity are measured on the royal instrument of South Louisiana. His band, Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, are four time Grammy Award finalists and four time winners of the Cajun Music French Association Band of the Year. The band has performed throughout the world from Cajun dancehalls to the XXI Olympic winter Games in Vancouver, the American Folklife Festival, and the Newport Folk Festival, as well as on shows such as Prairie Home Companion and NPR's Tiny Desk Concert series. Mr. Riley was awarded a Grammy for Best Regional Roots Music Album for "Steve Riley with The Band Courtbouillon," and in 2011 was named Best Accordionist by OffBeat Magazine