

# **ACZA** *Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association*

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## **February - March 2012 Newsletter**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – DENNIS STROUGHMATT & CREOLE STOMP**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324**  
**6:30–7:15 FREE INTERMEDIATE DANCE WORKSHOP w/ Jim Bird & Bonnie Lunceford;**  
**7:15–8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' CAJUN DANCE WORKSHOP w/Don Baggett;**  
**8–11 PM DANCE; \$17/\$5 students/\$14 ACZA members**

This band, an Atlanta favorite, is hard to put into just one category. Creole music is bluesier than Cajun music, and more melody-driven than Zydeco. The music of Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp includes songs that are 300 years old, as well as some more modern music. Dennis learned to play fiddle from some of the great Creole fiddlers – Roy Boyer and Conray Fontenot. He's also studied with Cajun fiddler Hadley Castille, and Western Swing fiddler Wade Ray. While his fiddle playing is diverse and top notch, it is the strength and passion of his vocals that grabs your attention. For more information, visit [www.creolestomp.com](http://www.creolestomp.com).

**Authentic Cajun food for sale from Fusions Catering & Cash Bar.**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – ACZA MARDI GRAS PARTY**  
**GARDEN HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, 337 Pinetree Dr. NE Atlanta 30305**  
**\$5; 7-10 PM**

Spend Mardi Gras night dancing, visiting with friends, and enjoying the Cajun & Zydeco music that ACZA is famous for. Bring your dancing shoes and a friend. If you want to bring a snack, it will be welcome, but it's not necessary. We're more interested in seeing you!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 – LIL' WAYNE & SAME OL' TWO STEP**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324**  
**4-6 PM ADVANCED ZYDECO WORKSHOP; \$20/PERSON; SEE PAGE 2 OF FLYER FOR DETAILS**  
**7-8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' ZYDECO DANCE WORKSHOP with Christy Taylor;**  
**8–11 PM DANCE; \$17/\$5 students/\$14 ACZA members**

The band's name states their conviction to keep their music traditional – up tempo, authentic, but with a new twist. These musicians have years of experience with the best Zydeco bands that Louisiana has to offer (including Keith Frank, Chris Ardoin, T Broussard and Andre Thierry). This high energy band puts a new spin on songs you think you've heard before, and is in high demand at the dance halls and trail rides of Louisiana. For information, visit <http://web.lsu.edu/acadgate/music/sameol2step.htm>

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 – ZYDECO T**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST 660, 2620 Buford Highway NE. Atlanta 30324**  
**6:30 – 7:15 FREE INTERMEDIATE DANCE WORKSHOP with Cheri Mullinex;**  
**7:15–8 PM FREE BEGINNERS' ZYDECO DANCE WORKSHOP with Christy Taylor;**  
**8–11 PM DANCE; \$17/\$5 students/\$14 ACZA members**

Zydeco T is Atlanta's own hometown Zydeco band, playing at Louisiana themed restaurants, house parties, festivals, and may be the first Zydeco band that many ACZA dancers heard. Their music and energy is infectious. Favorite songs include "Popcorn" and "Cornbread." They're coming back to ACZA to play for the fans who love them the best. Come on out and show them your love!! For more information, see [www.zydecot.com](http://www.zydecot.com).

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**\*\*Directions to Knights of Columbus & Garden Hills Rec Center on back\*\***

**STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ON THE ACZA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE,  
STARTING AT OUR MARCH 3 DANCE. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT !!**

*Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association, PO Box 14376, Atlanta, GA 30324*

**UPCOMING ADVANCED ZYDECO DANCE WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, March 3 – Workshop with Houston dance instructor Arthur Corbin  
Knights of Columbus Hall (dance with Lil' Wayne & Same Ol' Two Step follows)  
4-6 PM; \$20 per person (for dance workshop)**

Workshop will focus on Houston's urban dance style. Footwork and freestyle moves will be emphasized. Arthur will also teach some couples moves. Participants must be comfortable dancing in both closed and open positions. Preregistration is not required.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Saturday, March 31 – Cedric Watson et Bijou Creole and Feufollet  
ACZA partnership with the Rialto Theatre  
80 Forsyth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303**

Show begins at 8 PM; preshow event at 7; ACZA members invited to VIP post-show reception immediately following the performance.

Cedric Watson, one of the brightest young talents to emerge in Cajun or Creole music in years, is a fiddler, vocalist, accordionist, and songwriter of seemingly unlimited potential. Feufollet breaks new ground featuring originals that draw on deep roots tempered by the cutting edge of contemporary life, capturing the spirit of Cajun tradition without mimicking it. Box office: 404-413-9849; call Mon-Fri between 10-4:30 and mention ACZA to get 15% discount. See [www.rialtocenter.org](http://www.rialtocenter.org) for more information.

**UPCOMING ACZA EVENTS:**

**Saturday, April 7 – ACZA 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Ryan Brunet et les Malfeteurs  
Saturday, May 12 – Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble  
Saturday, June 9 – Cajun band TBA**

**UPCOMING ZYDECO T PERFORMANCES:**

**Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday – February 17, 18, 20, 21 – Alpharetta, GA  
Zydeco T @ Pappadeaux (for Mardi Gras). 6 - 10 PM indoors (times may vary); no cover charge. See <http://zydecot.homestead.com> for details.**

**\*\*Directions to Knights of Columbus & Garden Hills\*\***

**Directions to Knights of Columbus:** Exit I-85 at North Druid Hills Rd. Go west on N. Druid Hills Rd. to Buford Highway, take left (south) on Buford Highway. Knights of Columbus is 7/10ths mile on right, on hill next to Green's, across from Pancho's. Parking: Knights of Columbus or across Buford Highway (not @ Animal Hospital or Green's)

**Directions to Garden Hills:** From Peachtree Rd. in Buckhead, go east on East Wesley Rd. Turn left onto Rumson Rd. (2<sup>nd</sup> light). Go one block to Pinetree Dr. Turn right. Entrance to the Community Center will be on your right, beside the pool. (See [www.aczadance.org](http://www.aczadance.org) for map.)

**\*\*\*\*\*BRING YOUR PARTY TO OUR PARTY!!!\*\*\*\*\***

**Ask about our Group Discounts. For details contact ACZA at 404-825-9768 or  
e-mail [info@aczadance.org](mailto:info@aczadance.org).**

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