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# Louisiana Folk

Official Newsletter of the Louisiana Folklife Center

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival

July 22, 2023

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be held in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern State University campus in Natchitoches on Saturday, July 22. The 2023 festival theme is "Celebrating Louisiana's Cultural Gumbo!" The festival's curated showcase of Louisiana folk artists, food vendors, and crafts vendors will open at 9 am, with live entertainment scheduled for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cajun dance lessons will be offered from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the West Stage and from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Main Stage, and zydeco dance lessons will be held at 10 a.m. on the West Stage. Adult admission to the festival is \$10 per person, or \$6 per person after 5 p.m. Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger.

The 2023 festival will include three stages of live music featuring artists including Rusty Metoyer & the Zydeco Crush, Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, Hugh Harris & the Drifting Cowboys, Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue, and more, as well as performances by cultural groups including The Broussard Family Juré, Rising Sun Youth Dance Group, The Russell Welch Hot Quartet, and Los Rancheritos de la Sierra, among others. Live music and performances begin at 10 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. The Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held in the Magale Recital Hall, 1-4 p.m. The Louisiana State Fiddle Championship is accepting pre-registrations through July 11 and offers numerous cash prizes in the Championship Division.

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2022 Louisiana State Fiddle Championship Participants in a Fiddle Jam (from left to right): Joe Suchanek, Ray Brandin, Ben Robinson, Ken Lewis, Ron Pace, Mary Harris, Brazos Huval, Owen Meche, and Waylon Meche  
Photo by Peter Jones

This year also marks the long-awaited return of the Gumbo Cookoff, in which professionals and hobbyists alike can compete in one of multiple categories and demonstrate their cooking skills! Registration and the Cooks' Meeting will take place at 8:00 a.m. There is no entry fee. Tasting and judging will begin at 12:30p.m., and winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Gumbo must be cooked on-site outside of Prather Coliseum.

For complete festival details, please visit [www.nsula.edu/folklife](http://www.nsula.edu/folklife). Please RSVP to the Facebook event and invite friends by searching "Natchitoches NSU Folk Festival" on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter at @NSUfolklife. We hope to see you there!

This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out more about how National Endowment for the Arts grants impact individuals and communities, visit [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov).

# What To Know Before You Go

## Hall of Master Folk Artists 2023 Inductees

The Broussard Family Juré  
Hugh Harris, Country Musician  
Rhonda Gauthier, Traditional Craftswoman

Induction ceremony will be held at 11:15 a.m. on the Main Stage inside Prather Coliseum. All are welcome!

**Location:** The Festival will be held on Saturday, July 22 in comfortable, air-conditioned Prather Coliseum, located at **220 South Jefferson Street**, on the campus of Northwestern State University in historic Natchitoches, LA.

**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 along the road 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.

## ADMISSION

\$10.00 per person, *cash only* (price includes sales tax)

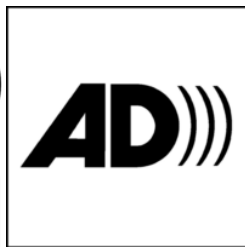
\$6.00 per person after 5 p.m.

FREE for children 12 and under

***Purchase your ticket at the Prather Coliseum Box Office  
Festival Box Office Opens at 9 a.m.***

***Download the Donation Form at [www.nsula.edu/folklife](http://www.nsula.edu/folklife)***

***To receive your tickets through the mail, please send donations by July 1.***



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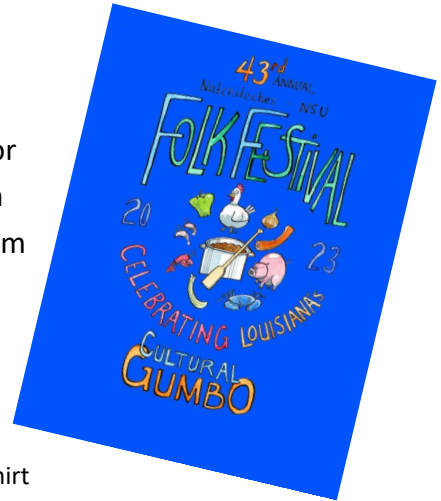
Prather Coliseum and the CAPA Annex/Magale Recital Hall are fully wheelchair accessible. ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices, and audio description will be made available upon prior request. The deadline to request ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices, and audio description services is July 1, 2023. Please contact [folklife@nsula.edu](mailto:folklife@nsula.edu) or call (318) 357-4332 for requests.

**Note: Alcohol is not allowed or sold on the site. Ice chests, outside food and drinks are prohibited.**

# Event Overview



This year's T-Shirts will be available for pre-order\*, as well as at the event in our Country Store, alongside shirts from past years' festivals, CDs, and more!



\*For pre-order information, please email [folklife@nsula.edu](mailto:folklife@nsula.edu) with the subject line "T-Shirt Pre-Order"

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## Saturday July 22, 2023, 9am - 5pm

### Tentative Exhibits & Demonstrations

The Cane River National Heritage Center  
 Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library  
 Cane River National Historical Park  
 Fort St. Jean Baptiste Historic Site  
 NCPTT  
 Louisiana Czech Heritage Dancers  
 Mr. Danny's Magic  
 Natchitoches Area Convention and Visitors Bureau  
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### KidFest

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 during the festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in the main exhibit area.

Admission to KidFest is free for children attending the festival.

### Outside Demonstrations

West Baton Rouge Museum  
 Red River Smiths  
 LSUS Pioneer Heritage Center  
 Central Louisiana Dutch Oven Cookers

## Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will be held **from 9 am-3 pm** in Prather Coliseum. Items for the Auction will be donated by various craft vendors. 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

The Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held in Magale Recital Hall which is housed in the CAPA Annex located at 140 Central Avenue, 1-4 p.m, during the Folk Festival. 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. Pre-registration is open now through July 11 at [www.nsula.edu/folklife](http://www.nsula.edu/folklife).

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.



Clancey Stewart, 2018 LA State Fiddle Champion; photo by Chris Reich

## Fiddle Championship Schedule

- \* 12:00-1:00 pm Magale Recital Hall, 1st floor, CAPA Annex  
Late Registration
- \* 12:00-1:00 pm James Linden Hogg
- \* 1:00-4:00 pm LA. State Fiddle Championship,  
Magale Recital Hall

## Workshop

### Harmonica Basics with Ed Huey

Join Ed Huey, Northwestern State University alumnus and Louisiana Tradition Bearer, for a free harmonica workshop at 12:30 pm on the East Stage! The first fifty participants of this workshop will receive a free harmonica. Huey will be teaching two beginner-level songs. As a certified music teacher, Huey will give an overview of harmonica techniques and share his knowledge with any who would like to participate in this workshop.



**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 5688 Natchitoches, LA 71497

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# Gumbo Cook-Off

The long-awaited return of the Gumbo Cook-Off is here! This year's Gumbo Cook-Off will be held outside of Prather Coliseum between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during the folk festival. Professional and novice chefs are invited to participate in any of our three categories: seafood, poultry plus (chicken, duck, turkey, wild game, sausage, etc.), and people's choice. Participants may enter any or all of the three categories of the competition.

Gumbo must be cooked on-site. Only rice, stock, and meat/seafood may be prepared in advance. Entries must be cooked using propane gas or open cookfire outside of Prather Coliseum. Running water and assigned cooking spaces will be available for each participant.

Each Head Cook is responsible for preparing a minimum of 2 GALLONS of gumbo to be judged in a specific category and for preparing 16 ounces for judging from that same 2 gallons. Each entry requires a separate registration form. After one p.m., gumbo may be sold to festival patrons at "a buck a cup."

Entries will be judged on:

Appearance: looks like good gumbo—colors of roux and other food items in gumbo

Aroma: smells appetizing

Consistency: stirs like a good gumbo

Texture: a balance of quantity of ingredients

Flavor: tastes like a good gumbo



Elvin Shields, Alan Broussard, and Terry Heinsohn, winners of the 2012 Gumbo Cook-Off.

## Gumbo Cook-Off Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. registration and Cooks' meeting, N-Club Room, Prather
- 8:45 a.m. cooking officially begins
- 12:30 p.m. judging begins by contest judges
- 1:00 p.m. sales to public ("Buck-a-Cup") open
- 2:30 p.m. announcement of winners, Main Stage

# Festival Schedule

| West Stage  | Main Stage  | East Stage  |
|---|---|---|
| 10:00-11:00<br><b>Zydeco Dance Lessons</b>                                | 10:00-10:30<br><b>Louisiana Czech Heritage Dancers</b>                              | 10:15-11:00<br><b>The Broussard Family Juré</b>                                     |
|   | 10:45-11:15<br><b>TBA</b>   |   |
| 11:15-12:30<br><b>Rusty Metoyer &amp; the Zydeco Krush</b>                | 11:15-11:45<br><b>Welcome Ceremony</b>  | 11:15-12:15<br><b>Jimmy “Duck” Holmes</b>   |
| 12:45-1:30<br><b>Rising Sun Youth Choctaw-Apache of Ebarb Dance Group</b> | 12:00-1:15<br><b>Hugh Harris &amp; the Drifting Cowboys</b>                         | 12:30-1:15<br><b>Harmonica Workshop with Ed Huey</b>                                |
| 1:45-2:30<br><b>Cajun Dance Lessons</b>                                   | 1:30-2:30<br><b>The Russell Welch Hot Quartet with special guest Aurora Nealand</b> | 1:30-2:30<br><b>Los Rancheritos de la Sierra</b>                                    |
| 2:45-4:00<br><b>The Cajun Stompers</b>                                    | 2:45-4:00<br><b>Rusty Metoyer &amp; the Zydeco Krush</b>                            | 2:45-3:30<br><b>The Broussard Family Juré</b>                                       |
| 4:15-5:15<br><b>Delta Blues by Jimmy “Duck” Holmes!</b>                   | 4:15-5:00<br><b>Cajun Dance Lessons</b>   | 3:45-4:30<br><b>The Russell Welch Hot Quartet with special guest Aurora Nealand</b> |
| 5:30-6:00<br><b>Rising Sun Youth Choctaw-Apache of Ebarb Dance Group</b>  | 5:00-5:30<br><b>Louisiana State Fiddle Champion</b>                                 | 4:45-5:45<br><b>Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue</b>                            |
| 6:15-7:00<br><b>Los Rancheritos de la Sierra</b>                          | 5:45-7:15<br><b>Jambalaya Cajun Band</b>  | 6:00-7:00<br><b>Americana music by James Linden Hogg</b>                            |
| 7:15-8:30<br><b>Open Jam Session led by The Cajun Stompers!</b>           | 7:30-9:30<br><b>Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue</b>                            | 7:15-8:30<br><b>Home Grown Tomaters</b>   |

## **Invited Craftspeople — Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm ONLY!!**

**Judith Braggs**, folk art quilts  
**Christy Benoit Castille**, tating  
**Billy Carlton**, net making  
**Lora Ann Chaisson**, alligator jewelry & Houma baskets  
**John & Scarlett Darden**, Chitimacha basketry  
**Bill Fisher**, Jena Choctaw woodcarvings  
**Kenneth Kerry**, turkey calls, knives, peach baskets  
**Juanita Leonard**, paintings, sculptures, folk art items  
**Tammy Lloid**, spinning & weaving  
**Roy Parfait**, Houma wood carvings  
**Danny Petrella**, Mamou Choctaw, cowhide chairs  
**Frieda Tuma**, pysanky eggs  
**Alice Tyler**, Clifton-Choctaw beadwork  
**Myrna Wilson**, Koasati (Coushatta) pinestraw baskets  
**Stephanie Madere Escude**, Native American dolls & other items  
**Douglas Fazio**, Houma woodworking  
**Ann Luster**, Spanish moss dolls & other Houma crafts  
**Janie Luster**, Houma Native American baskets & crafts  
**Shelton Meacham**, handmade banjos  
**Doris Perkins**, lye soap, quilling, wood burning  
**Craig Vincent**, accordion maker  
**Roy Burst**, Choctaw silversmith  
**Barbara Franklin**, multicultural folk-art dolls  
**Waylon Jerome White Deer**, Native American art  
**Judy Allen**, jewelry  
**Adams Apiary & Farm**, honey, observation hive  
**Bearberry Farm**, jellies, jams, pickles, salsa  
**Bonnie Boudreaux**, chair caning  
**Edgar Bush & Alfreda Mathieu**, Native American crafts and hand-made jewelry  
**Campti Historic Museum Quilters**, interactive quilting  
**Janet Caudillo**, hand spinning  
**Rex Childress**, wooden toys/carvings  
**R.V. Couch**, handmade musical instruments  
**Penny Crawford**, LA. watercolor prints  
**Deborah Domengeaux**, chair caning  
**Bill Ellzey**, walking sticks  
**Tommy Gandy**, scrollwork & wooden toys for children  
**Kent Follette**, pottery  
**Cindy Fuqua**, pottery  
**Bridgette S. Guillory**, artisan soaps and candles  
**Melvin Harper**, carved walking canes  
**Cynthia Hernandez**, homemade lye soap, bath bombs, bath salts  
**Cliff & Marilyn Hernandez**, wood carvings  
**Susan Hill**, handmade sock dolls  
**Allen Holmes**, fishing nets  
**Sharon Dickerson Jackson**, handmade brooms  
**Burley Johnson**, fly ties  
**Cynthia Johnson**, jams & jellies  
**Jerry LaCaze**, wood carvings, wood crafts, pyrography  
**Kenneth Lindner**, wood turner

**Lisa Johnston (Louisiana Lagniappe Foods)**, gourmet pepper, fruit, and wine jellies  
**Thelma Litteken**, Natchitoches Tribe, painted decorative items  
**Mandie Lucas**, Bayou Souls dolls  
**Millard Mangrum**, pottery & fleur-de-lis items  
**Juan Martinez/Indio Art**, Texas Lipan Apache  
**Janette Melton**, Natchitoches Tribe, cornshuck dolls  
**Gladys Miller**, dulcimers  
**Chris Moore**, iron work, wreaths, birdhouses  
**John Perry/Chipalottas**, flintknapping  
**Fred A. Pittman Jr.**, handcrafted knives  
**Stan Routh**, architectural drawings  
**Wayne Schultz**, belt maker  
**Barbara Seegraves**, gourd art  
**Rachel Shaddox**, handmade soaps  
**Ruth Stevenson**, knitting & crochet  
**Deborah West**, Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas, dolls, moccasins, etc.  
**Kelsey Martin**, handmade fur and leather goods  
**Gene Tomko**, Louisiana Music Map  
**Olivia Gates**, handmade hunting horns  
**Brad Smith**, handmade woodworks  
**Brandon Cagle**, handmade pottery  
**Elvin Shields**, twisted wire toys  
**Mike Potts**, cypress knee tables  
**Vernon Johnson**, handcrafted wood bandsaw, jewelry boxes  
**Rick Kom**, wildlife and pet portraits  
**Catherine Rouchon**, polished stones & crafted sterling silver jewelry  
**Sharon Rouchon**, basket weaving  
**Laura Glen Carlson**, jewelry with Louisiana Opal  
**James Eubanks**, woodturning  
**Kirk E. Dupre**, cigar box guitars  
**Jeff & Gloria Causey**, garfish scale designs, alligator buttons  
**Neal Ainsworth**, handmade wooden toys, swings, & bird feeders  
**Riverside Pecan Co.**, pecans & pecan products  
**Steve Seneca**, oil paintings  
**Katherine Prejean**, handmade jewelry  
**Timothy & Felica O'Bryan**, stones, minerals, crystals, wire wrap jewelry  
**Sarah Bearden**, canned jams and jellies  
**Barbara Barham Crawford (KIOWA)**, handmade beadwork  
**Edward "Ned" Ruthand**, handmade long bows and arrows, tanned hides  
**Annette Scarborough (Twisted Pines Quail Farm, LLC)**, pickled quail's eggs  
**Jerry Masters**, woodworking items  
**Justin French**, Colonial crafts  
**Janet Miller**, hand spinning  
**Carrie Miller**, hand spinning  
**Rhonda Stevenson**, paper-mâché and paper-clay items

### **Narrative/ Informance Sessions, July 22, 2023 Prather Coliseum N-Club Room**

#### **Tentative Schedule**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 10:00-10:45 | Traditional Blacksmithing with Marty Young of the Red River Smiths             |
| 11:00-11:45 | Cane River Creoles: Coffee, Tea Cakes, & Quilting                              |
| 12:00-12:45 | The Cajun Dance Tradition with the Cajun French Music Association Dance Troupe |
| 1:00-1:45   | Juke Joints and Dance Halls  |
| 2:00-2:45   | Blues Music Informance with Jimmy "Duck" Holmes                                |
| 3:00-3:45   | The Choctaw-Apache Rising Sun Youth Dance Group                                |
| 4:00-4:45   | Folk Foods and Cookery in Louisiana  |

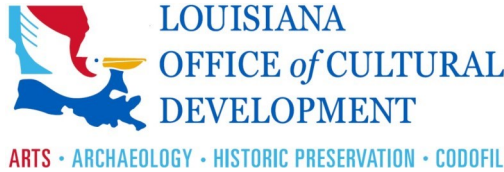


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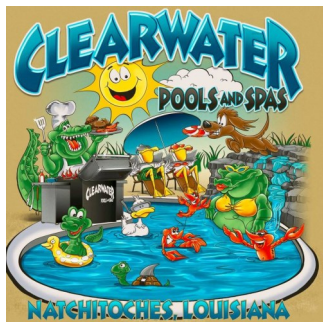
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| <u>    </u> <b>Friend</b> (\$25)<br>Receives: 1 pass (all events)                                  | <u>    </u> <b>Member</b> (\$50)<br>Receives: 2 passes (all events)                           | <u>    </u> <b>Sponsor</b> (\$100)<br>Receives: 4 passes (all events), 1 T-shirt                         |
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All funds received before July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 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.

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