



SOKO MUSIC



STORIES & SONGS

by

Yvette Landry & Jourdan Thibodeaux

MEET THE HOSTS



Yvette Landry

Louisiana Music Hall of Famer/Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist/interpreter/author/cultural ambassador...that a lot of different hats for one person to wear; yet Yvette seems to be making it work. Yvette Landry has her own style.

Landry fronts *The Yvette Landry Band* and *Yvette Landry & the Jukes*. Her debut award-winning album titled "Should Have Known" was released in 2010. (The album was named Offbeat Magazine's "Best Country/Folk Album" and Landry "Best Country/Folk Artist"). Landry has traveled the world even touring Russia serving as a Cultural Ambassador on behalf of the Library of Congress. She has graced the stage at both the Library of Congress and John F. Kennedy Center of Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

By day, Landry is an educator, teaching American Sign Language, song writing, bass, guitar, and accordion. By night, Yvette is a musician/singer/songwriter/author who continues to tour worldwide, gracing the stage with greats such as Vince Gill & The Time Jumpers, Darrell Scott, Rhonda Vincent, and many more. As a dance instructor, Yvette has taught dance at numerous camps and even the band U2!

Since her debut album in 2010, Landry has released four more CDs, and recorded on more than thirty records. Her first children's book, "The Ghost Tree," was nominated for "Louisiana's Young Reader's Choice Award." And more recently, her second book, "Madame Grand Doigt," along with "The Ghost Tree," were formally accepted into the Library of Congress Collection for Children's Literature.

Her latest project, "Taking the World, by Storm," is two-fold. The book, "A Conversation with the Godfather of Swamp Pop," covers the lifespan of this living legend Warren Storm, and the companion album, produced by Yvette and titled, "A Regional Roots Journey with The Godfather of Swamp Pop," includes guest John Fogerty, and more.



Jourdan Thibodeaux

Jourdan Thibodeaux is the guy you picture when someone says the word "authentic." Straight from the blackjack boggy woods of Cypress Island, Louisiana, Jourdan is one of only a small number of young people speaking Cajun French today, and his soulful singing and fiddling are the perfect medium for his ever-growing repertoire of original Louisiana French songs. His musical ability and his crafty songwriting which is at once classic and progressive has afforded him a band comprised of some of the finest artists in Acadiana today. Jourdan Thibodeaux always delivers la verité with a

sound that will leave you feeling like you just ran hoop nets in July!

THE VENUE

Cypress Cove Landing



Nestled on the banks of the Atchafalaya Basin, lovingly referred to as the Henderson Swamp, visitors will get a first-hand look at what this ecosystem has to offer. Snacks, food, drinks, and souvenirs are available to purchase.

WHAT TO EXPECT

These presentations are your gateway to Cajun music and history in the famed area of Louisiana where the French-speaking Acadians settled, in the mid-1700's, after being exiled by the British from what is now Canada. As descendants of Cajuns, we passionately champion our culture—effectively a country within this country—with our unique language, food, music, and use of swamplands that forged who we are today.

Selections are as follows:

EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC – SOUNDS OF LOUISIANA

This hour long presentation will encompass the musical “Joie de Vivre” of Louisiana.

GUESTS WILL:

- Listen to our ancestral Cajun and Creole music and stories (English/French)
- Learn the dances of the Fais do do and Mardi Gras on the banks of the largest North American Swamp
- Learn the history, tradition, and roots of Louisiana French music by those who know it best
- Play Cajun percussion instruments, like the T-Fer, or even accordion as part of the band!

RATES:

Duration: 1hr - 1hr 20min

Pricing: \$20 (adult), \$15 (12 years and under)

Discounts available for groups of 40+ (\$18/adult)

Available in English and French

(Food/Drinks available for purchase separately on site)

Minimum: 15 people

Bus drivers and tour guides are always free!



MUSIC AND A MEAL

This package begins with the **MUSIC EXPERIENCE**. After, indulge yourself with some of the best Cajun and Creole cuisine you can find. Enjoy an authentic Cajun meal while looking out over the beautiful Atchafalaya Basin. The Chef's rotating menu includes dishes like gumbo, étouffée, and red beans and rice. A true taste of Louisiana!

GUESTS WILL:

- Listen to our ancestral Cajun and Creole music and stories (English/French)
- Learn the history, tradition, and roots of Louisiana French music by those who know it best
- Enjoy an authentic Cajun meal. (Note: We offer spicy or "you must be from the north" seasoning on our dishes)
- A private dance lesson with Yvette Landry on the banks of the largest North American Swamp (Note: Yvette is the girl who showed U2 how to cut a Cajun rug).
- Lessons on how to play Cajun percussion instruments, like the T-Fer, or even accordion as part of the band!
- Note: Chef's meal choices are based on seasonal availability

RATES:

Duration: 1 hr. 30 min – 2 hrs.

Pricing: \$40 (adult), \$30 (12 years and under)

Discounts available for groups of 40+ (\$37/adult)

Available in English and French

Minimum: 15 people



SWAMP & MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Settle in and have a drink while listening to award-winning musicians perform some of our local favorite tunes while explaining the language and culture. Then, head out for an unforgettable look at the 1,000,000 acre swamp we call home; the Atchafalaya Basin.

GUESTS WILL:

- Listen to our ancestral Cajun and Creole music and stories (English/French)
- Learn the dances of the Fais do do and Mardi Gras on the banks of the largest North American Swamp
- Learn the history, tradition, and roots of Louisiana French music by those who know it best
- Choice of (one) local beer or non-alcohol beverage
- Play Cajun percussion instruments like the T-Fer or even accordion as part of the band!
- Guided swamp tour of the Atchafalaya Basin

Duration: 2hr+

Pricing: \$50 (adult), \$40 (12 years and under) Available in

English and French

Extra Food/Drinks available for purchase separately on site

Group limits may apply.



Logistics

- Hours for tours are flexible seven days per week
- Cypress Cove Landing is located at **1399 Henderson Levee Rd., Breaux Bridge, LA 70517**
- Buses remain on site with ample area for parking and turning
- Designated area for presentation will be marked
- Total time on site: Varies depending on package
- **Final count (after booking) to be submitted 48 hours prior to arrival**
- *Please note that our hosts are touring musicians. Guest musicians will be utilized when necessary.*

A LITTLE LAGNIAPPE: CAJUN & ZYDECO MUSIC

Cajun music originates with the Acadians, who brought their traditions of storytelling, singing and dancing with them in exile. These Acadian folk music traditions are still true to their origins and very much alive in what is known as Cajun music today.

Zydeco music, on the other hand, is popularly believed to be Cajun in origin, but it's the music of South Louisiana's Creoles. This misconception is often made because Zydeco borrows many of its defining elements from Cajun music. And vice versa. Creoles and Cajuns have lived and worked beside each other for generations.

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