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Save More Dates for Festivals Acadiens et Créoles in 2016
And get a preview of the music during Festival International in April.

Lafayette, LA, March 31, 2016 - Much like our Cajun and Creole culture has evolved since our ancestors arrived in Louisiana, so has Festivals Acadiens et Créoles (FAetC) in its 42 years of existence. From one humble music stage surrounded by draft beer trucks to multiple stages, expanded fine arts and crafts and the best of Cajun cuisine, Festivals Acadiens et Créoles comes together during the second full weekend in October each year.

This year, Festivals goers can find 11 venues spread across Girard Park, programming of more than 60 bands, over 20 food vendors and 70 artists displaying their crafts Oct. 14-16, in addition to several days of special events leading up to the weekend.

As the result of a partnership with Festival International de Louisiane, FAetC will be presenting three bands at Scène Chevron Héritage in April. Fans can see Bonsoir, Catin on Saturday, April 23, and Savoy Family Band and Cedryl Ballou & the Zydeco Trendsetters on Sunday, April 24.

Official FAetC 2016 events will get started in September with a photo exhibit depicting Cajun dancehalls. On display for several weeks leading up to the festival, the exhibit will be housed at the A. Hays Town Home at the Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum across the street from Girard Park.

Details are still being finalized for an Oct. 12 film event, but the Festivals Symposium — now in its third year — will continue Oct. 13 at Vermilionville with a day of educational speakers and panels.

“Thirty-eight percent of our attendees travel a distance of 500 miles or more,” says Organizer Pat Mould. “We want to invite them to spend the week in Acadiana and become fully immersed in our Cajun culture and heritage.”

In addition, Festivals will continue to partner with the Kiwanis Club of Acadiana to promote their Zydeco Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday morning at Parc International from 7-11 a.m., along with TRAIL for another run to start and finish at the Girard Park festival grounds.

“Festivals has had an opportunity to grow because of stable funding,” says Board President Barry Ancelet. “We’re trying to make sure the programming is as excellent as can be, and we want people who come to the festival to have the best experience they can.”

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Festivals Acadiens et Créoles presented by Capital One can trace its roots back to the first Tribute to Cajun Music Festival

organized by CODOFIL in 1974. Festivals was officially established in 1977 with components of music, food and crafts. Since then, it has grown into a multi-day event taking place during the second full weekend of October each year in