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Festivals Acadiens et Créoles Releases Live CD of Walter Mouton and the Scott Playboys

As part of the 2016 Festivals focus on Cajun dance halls and Zydeco clubs, venerable dance hall musician Walter Mouton is celebrated with the first full-length recording of his work.

Lafayette, LA, Sept. 29, 2016 - Walter Mouton formed the Scott Playboys band when he was only 13 years old. He and the band played actively until Mouton semi-retired when he was in his seventies. Often called "the musician's musician," Mouton and the Scott Playboys performed regularly at La Poussiere dance hall in Breaux Bridge for more than 40 years.

Despite the Scott Playboys' reputation as one of the premier dance bands in Cajun music, for many years they had only one 45 rpm record to their name. In 1988, the 26th annual Festivals Acadiens et Créoles was dedicated to Walter Mouton and all the Scott Playboys who played by his side through the years.

"This year, in keeping with our focus on dance halls and clubs, and with Walter Mouton's blessing, Festivals Acadiens et Créoles is releasing a CD that features some of the best cuts of Scott Playboys' signature songs recorded live on the Festivals' stages in Girard Park over the years," says Festivals Board President Barry Ancelet.

The only full-length recording of Mouton's music, with 17 tracks and a 12-page booklet, "Walter Mouton and the Scott Playboys: Live at Festivals Acadiens et Créoles 1992-2014" is now available for \$15 in the "Shop" section of www.festivalsacadiens.com. Remastered by Tony Daigle and designed by Megan Barra, the album was produced by Festivals Acadiens et Créoles in cooperation with Swallow Records and the UL Lafayette Center for Louisiana Studies.

According to the informational booklet, Mouton agreed to release he and the Scott Playboys' first album because he felt that the live recordings capture what he loves most about the band's sound.

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Festivals goers can see Walter Mouton and the Scott Playboys live at Salle de Danse on Sat., Oct. 15, from 2:15-3:15 p.m. Mouton will also be honored with the Louisiana Tradition Bearer Award during a "Cajun Dance Halls and Zydeco Clubs: Then and Now" symposium on Thurs., Oct. 13, at Vermilionville. The award presentation will take place from 11:45 a.m.-noon.

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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 Lafayette, La. Festivals operates as a nonprofit corporation and is run by a community board and volunteers.

