



## Boudin & Blue Jeans

The SWLA Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Imperial Calcasieu Museum invite you to pass a good time with boudin, beer and Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience

**Noon-6 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009  
Under the Sallier Oak**



Grammy winner Terrance Simien will perform.

Energetic zydeco music, tasty area boudin and great beer from around the world are the irresistible ingredients of "Boudin & Blue Jeans" – a fun, informal celebration that will take place under the shade of the Imperial Calcasieu Museum's 375-year-old Sallier Oak.

Grammy winner Terrance Simien, leading his Zydeco Experience band, will be the headline act. Also performing will be Brice Perrin and other special guests.

Local boudin makers will offer samples of their delectable creations – and share demonstrations and history of boudin.

You'll also get first peek of the new "Boudin Trail" brochure from the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau. The "trail" is a self-guided tour of spots in Calcasieu Parish that create this unique Southwest Louisiana cuisine.

Complementing the local flavor will be a variety of beers from around the world, courtesy of Glazer's Distributing and Regalia Cafe and Market.

Between bites and sips, dance to some great music by an acclaimed master. Terrance Simien, is an eighth-generation Creole who is respected internationally for his craft. In addition to recording with distinction, he has performed at thousands of venues in more than 40 countries – reaching more than a million people in the past quarter century.

He started as a 15-year-old with an accordion and some Zydeco recordings that he taped off the radio. He went on to become an annual performer at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and international star. Some of his music will be heard in the new Walt Disney Animation Studios film "The Princess and the Frog," which opens Dec. 11.

Along the way, he helped to underscore what indigenous Creole Zydeco is and isn't, building an understanding around the globe as a designated "Cultural Ambassador" of the state. Additionally, Terrance and his wife, Cynthia, have built musical awareness among youth through their "Creole for Kidz" curriculum, which is also part of the day's events (see the story inside this newsletter).

Boudin samples will be served by Comeaux's Cajun Gold of DeQuincy, Richard's Boudin and Seafood Mart of Sulphur, The Sausage Link of Sulphur, B and O Kitchen and Grocery of Sulphur, Peto's Deli of Moss Bluff, Billedeaux's Cajun Kitchen, Abe's Grocery, Hackett's Cajun Kitchen, Browns Neighborhood Market, Market Basket on Nelson Road, Homsis's Tobacco and Beer, Homsis's Deli, Bar B Que Pit Stop of Westlake, The Boiling Point, Cajun Cowboy's of Vinton and Rabideaux's Cajun Kitchen of Iowa.

Tickets are \$25 for museum members and \$35 to the general public. The price includes two drink tickets.

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## Creole for Kidz SHARES LOUISIANA CULTURE



**Saturday,  
October 10  
9-10 a.m.**

Young people can learn about indigenous zydeco music of the French-speaking Creoles of southern Louisiana in the

“Creole for Kidz” program, which takes place 9-10 a.m. Saturday, October 10, right before our “Blue Jeans & Boudin” festivities.

“Creole for Kidz” is a multicultural arts-in-education performance that has reached more than 60,000 students. The fun, informative curriculum is the creation of Grammy-winning zydeco star Terrance Simien and his wife, Cynthia.

Simien will perform a special children’s concert at 9:30 a.m.

200 free tickets are available on a first come first served basis to area students. For free tickets, call 439-3793 or 439-3797 in advance.

## Here’s the easiest way yet to help the museum

**Cleaning out? Throwing away?  
Consider putting your gently used  
treasures toward a good cause.**

We’re once again in the process of gathering our ever-interesting array of gently used goods to be sold garage-sale fashion at a future “UpScale Attic Sale.”

The inventory already includes fabulous antiques, fine furniture and gorgeous rugs ... as well as home decor and accessories in every imaginable shape, color and size.

If you have used treasures you’re willing to donate, please contact us as 439-3797. You’ll enjoy a tax deduction, and we’ll even come and pick up your items! It doesn’t get any easier than that!

## Fill up on our area’s can-do enterprising spirit

**“Brick & Mortar” features authentic pieces from our past.**



You can almost hear yesteryear’s ring-and-gurgle sounds from the authentic Cities Service gas pump.

You can see legendary John Geddings Gray’s saddle from the Gray Ranch, the huge (20,000 acres) cattle-and-oil enterprise that was built into one of the largest ranches in Louisiana.

You can listen to oral histories about railroads, see rare panoramic photos of pioneer oil installations and learn how a jambalaya of local ethnicities worked together to build area commerce.

It’s “Brick and Mortar,” and it’s a walk back through time that illustrates how Southwest Louisiana business and industries came to be.

All sorts of elements from yesteryear are recognized — including agriculture, mercantile, banking, industry and railroads.

The hallmarks of the Gray holdings, for example, ranged from the M Heart brand of the cattle operation to the oilfields named for John Geddings Gray, whose nickname was “Ged.” Both facets have long attracted national attention.

“Handling cattle is a lot different on this Louisiana ranch than it is in the West,” Western Horseman magazine noted in an eight-page spread in 1993 about the Gray Ranch. (Climate was cited as the chief factor.)

As for bountiful oil, the tale of one of the leases, that of Vinton Petroleum Co., offers an illustration. “They drilled for and produced more oil on 20 acres in Ged than was ever produced on any other 20-acre tract in the nation,” the lessee’s son once told local historian Nola Mae Ross.

Oil is a central element in local history. Accordingly, Cities Service gas pumps and promotional items help the exhibit tell that story.

CITGO is the sponsor of “Brick and Mortar,” which opens September 25 and exhibits through October 24.

Also, an accompanying special exhibit, “Conflagration: The 1910 Fire,” opens September 25 and will be on view through summer 2010 in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the local disaster.

## Louisiana by way of Honduras: Paintings with Latin American roots

**Luz-Maria Lopez Posadas, Retablos,  
and Icons: The Latin American Way  
Opening Friday, November 13  
Gibson-Barham Gallery  
Exhibiting through December 30**



The talented Luz-Maria Lopez, raised in Honduras, was an art school student by age 10. She is now a celebrated artist — with many of her paintings inspired by stories told to her by her grandmother.

Lopez, who has also been a SPARK teacher in southern Louisiana, shares Latin American celebration culture and lore in her paintings and mixed media pieces.

Her work is an invitation to appreciate the perspectives of an emerging population in Southwest Louisiana.

An educational curriculum and student workbooks are being developed in conjunction with her work.



Additionally, the Museum will host tours, free of charge, for area students.

An opening on Friday, November 13, will welcome her works to Southwest Louisiana. We invite you to see her fascinating work.

## Coming Attractions

The first-rate exhibits, educational efforts and entertainment events never end at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum. Our future museum projects and activities include:

**A history camp for youth in the spring of 2010**, centering on Native Americans. Young people will be able to explore the history and culture of the Atakapas with such hands-on features as an archeological dig.

**The museum’s annual Boogaloo party.** If you’ve been before, you know it’s the best bash in town! Mark your calendar for April 17, 2010 ... at the freshly renovated home of the old Cash & Carry warehouse, Broad at Enterprise.

## Imperial Calcasieu Museum 2009 Events Calendar

### SEPTEMBER 2009

**BRICK & MORTAR:  
THE BUILDING OF CALCASIEU PARISH  
Opening Friday, September 25, as part of  
Gallery Promenade**

Take a look back at the diversity and wide-ranging interests which helped shape Calcasieu Parish from 1870 to 1940. See never-before-shown documents, photographs and artifacts from the museum’s archives. Also in this interactive exhibit is “Conflagration: The 1910 Fire,” which documents the devastating fire that took place a century ago, nearly destroying Lake Charles, and how the event shaped the way we do business even today in Southwest Louisiana. Through Oct. 23.

### OCTOBER 2009

**CREOLE FOR KIDZ  
9-10 a.m. Saturday, October 10  
Museum grounds**

Young people can learn about the indigenous zydeco music of our state’s French-speaking Creoles. Bonus: There’s free admission for the first 200 middle- and high-school students who attend.

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### NOVEMBER 2009

**LUZ-MARIA LOPEZ’S POSADAS,  
RETABLOS, AND ICONS: THE LATIN  
AMERICAN WAY**

**Opening Friday, November 13  
Gibson-Barham Gallery**

The traditional Latin American celebration of Mary and Joseph’s passage into Bethlehem is depicted in paintings and mixed media pieces by this celebrated artist and Louisiana educator. Through December 30.

### DECEMBER 2009

**WHITE LIGHTS NIGHT IN MIDTOWN  
Thursday, December 3**

Light your way to the holiday spirit in this cooperative effort among local merchants and institutions. At the museum, you’ll see one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments created by members of the Porcelain Guild.

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