

Mp3 Renaissance Cadienne - La Fleur De La Jeunesse



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Traditional songs of Cajun folk. 17 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: Traditional Cajun Show all album songs: La Fleur de la Jeunesse Songs Details: Step with us into Louisiana's Acadian past ... the past of homespun fabrics and homespun yarns, of mouth music and bourres and reels, of songs sung on porches ... Share a heritage which blends Old and New Worlds and takes aim squarely at the twenty-first century. "Great craic ... refreshing, spirited and quite sophisticated; a lovely combination of culture and openness ... a very very positive impression of the Cajun culture and Louisiana .. [they] could compete with any Irishman!" --- Sean Hanley; Corrigdhoun Comhaltas; County Cork, Ireland "The performance is loaded with a sense of joy and humor which defines the group's genius ..." --- Ray Blum; Lafayette Daily Advertiser; Lafayette, LA "Bravo! The performance ... at Vermilionville was superb!" --- Lisa Landry, Executive Director; Vermilionville; Lafayette, LA Formed in 1990, Renaissance Cadienne is a 20-member folkloric-theatre troupe specializing in the older music from France, Canada, and Louisiana. With its own band, the group sings and dances the music from the 18th and 19th centuries and re-creates a wedding from the year 1900. Their music paints a vivid picture of the way the Louisiana Cajuns lived two hundred years ago and encompasses the various ethnicities which have contributed to Louisiana culture. Their dances include a German schottische, a French bourre, a Scots-Irish reel, a Canadian Contre dance, the French Quadrille des Lanciers brought to Louisiana by Napoleon III's soldiers, the typically Louisianan danse la patate, and even a Polish mazurka. Research is in progress on a dance brought by Spanish settlers in the eighteenth century. The group often combines song and dance in selections which include French and Acadian songs and Fais Trois Tours, which highlights the Afro-Creole tradition in Louisiana. The group has performed in Canada, France, Belgium, on national television in France and the United States, on the European channel Art, and at home, including Festivals Acadiens, Le Festival

International, the live radio show Rendez-Vous des Cajuns at the Liberty Theatre in Eunice, le Festival Francophone in New Orleans, and from Morgan City to Lake Charles to Nachitoches. They toured Nova Scotia in July 1999 and performed at eleven family reunions and official functions during Congrès Mondial des Acadiens in August. The group performed in the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in April 2000. In July 2000, Renaissance Cadienne participated in the first annual ArteVida International Folk Festival in Berea, KY. Renaissance Cadienne was awarded the Prize for Authenticity in June of 1997, given by the Sacres du Folklore in Reims, France, and received the Cultural Heritage Preservation Award by Vermilionville in August 1998. The group's hallmarks are audience participation and flexibility. They have taught songs and dances to children, senior citizens, and handicapped adults, on both sides of the Atlantic. Their CD "La Fleur de la Jeunesse" highlights some of the Cajun family and wedding songs.

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