



## 4th Annual **"Battle of the Bows"** Cajun Fiddle Competition

Saturday, November 03, 2018 Starts at 9:00 a.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)  
The Historic Strand Theatre, 432 N. Main St., Jennings, LA

**Dedicated in Memory of the Legendary Cajun Fiddle Player Mr. Ervin Lejeune**  
07/02/1950 to 01/26/2018

### **Rules, Regulation, and Directions**

The 2017 Cajun Fiddle Competition was a huge success thanks to last year's sponsors. We are gearing up to have the 4th Annual **"Battle of the Bows"** Cajun Fiddle Competition. The **"Battle of the Bows"** Cajun Fiddle Competition will be Saturday, November 3, 2018, at the Strand Theatre, located at 432 N Main St., Jennings, LA, USA. This venue promises to be fun and exciting for everyone involved. This Cajun Fiddle Competition has become a premiere fiddle competition in this area.

The MC for this year's competition will be Ken Lyon. Ken is from the Thornwell/Lake Arthur, LA area and now resides in Roberts Cove, LA. Ken is an accomplished musician playing multiple instruments and is quite a vocalist as well.

#### **Contest Details:**

The fiddle competition is an annual musical performance competition open to all Cajun Fiddle Style Playing of all ages and abilities. A panel of three judges selected from the Cajun music industry will judge the fiddle competition.

The competition is free to enter and open to anyone, but you must **REGISTER** to compete. **The deadline to enter is Wednesday, October 31, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. We set this deadline so we can get gift packages ready for the contestants.** The Battle of the Bows Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its discretion. Late entries will play first in order of appearance.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 10, Exit 64: Head South...At Shankland Ave. turn left...At N. Main Street turn right....Go South 8 blocks and you are there... Beautiful, historic, down town Jennings, LA!

From Interstate 10, Exit 65: Head South...At N Cutting Ave. (Hwy 90) turn left...At Academy Ave. turn right... At N Main Street turn left and you are there... Beautiful, historic, down town Jennings, LA!

This is the 4th Annual "Battle of the Bows" Cajun Fiddle Competition, there are **FIVE** categories.

- **Youth Category:** Ages 12 and under, on or before November 3, 2018
- **Junior Category:** Ages 13-18 and on or before November 3, 2018
- **Adult:** Ages 19 and older, on or before November 3, 2018
- **Twin Fiddle Category:** Open to youth, junior, adult and professional fiddle players. See rules and regulations below.
- **Professional Category:** All ages

The winners will not only have the reward of being recognized as a World-Class Cajun Fiddle Champion, but cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three contestants in each category in the first four categories. They will also have their pictures along with their accomplishments published in several local newspapers.

**CASH PRIZES:** The prizes for the 4th Annual **"Battle of the Bows"** Cajun Fiddle Competition are going to be awarded to the top three contestants in each of the three amateur categories.

**Youth, Junior, Adult Categories:** **Grand Prize!** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$ 500 **Runner Up!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$ 200 **3<sup>rd</sup> Place!** - \$100

**Twin Fiddle Cash Prizes:** **Youth** \$ 50 for each contestant , **Junior** \$ 100 for each contestant,  
**Adult** \$ 200 for each contestant, **Professional** \$ 325 for each contestant

The **Professional Category** will have **one winner:** \$ 750:00

**Trophies:** The winners in each category keep their trophies as a permanent keepsake of their accomplishment.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q:** What types of people are going to be entering the competition? Will it be professionals, amateurs, or what?

**A:** All of the above...The **"Battle of the Bows"** Cajun Fiddle Competition has a category for all levels of Cajun Fiddle Style players. The **"Professional"** category is anyone who is currently active in a career playing the Cajun Fiddle Style of playing. i.e.: Listed in publications, music professional, receiving money through contracts to perform, etc.

**Any competitor deemed as professional by the "Battle of the Bows" Cajun Fiddle Competition committee may ask the committee to re-examine their status; however, the finding of the "Battle of the Bows" Cajun Fiddle Competition committee shall be final.**

**Q:** Who has entered? How many people have entered?

**A:** The Committee will not divulge who has entered or how many competitors there are because we want to keep the contest as fair and on the level as possible. Of course, you can rest assured that we would not give out your name to anyone else.

**Q:** What are the criteria? How does the judging work?

**A:** There will be a panel of three judges. Each judge will be from the Cajun music industry. The criteria will be on Cajun music knowledge, playing style, and skill, and on stage presence. No vocals and no accompanist allowed; only fiddle-playing skills will be part of the competition.

### Criteria for Judging:

Accuracy of Noting and Intonation, Usage of Double Stop and Drones, Usage of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions, Various Types of Bow Techniques, and Difficulty of Tunes

The criteria, is only used to elevate the score. Score from 1-10 for each song (10 is best and 1 is poorest)

Each contestant is required to play one random Cajun Waltz of your choice and one random Cajun Two-step of your choice and list them on your entry form. To succeed in this segment you should have a well- rounded knowledge of different Cajun songs. Here you will have two full minutes per song to impress the judges with your skill, showmanship, and Cajun Fiddle Style musicianship. It is also a place to be a performer. Cut loose and give them a show. Build some excitement with the crowd and the judges, and of course blow everyone away with your style. **Note:** A competitor may change the song they chose on the registration form at competition time, but must convey this to the MC immediately upon entering the stage for their competition, so that the MC can alert the Judges of the changes. Same rule applies for the visitor's competition on changing songs.

**Twin Fiddle Category:** You may enter in the individual fiddle competition and participate in the twin fiddle competition. However, keep in mind that if you participate in both competitions, you might be required to compete back to back in the category you choose and in the twin fiddle competition depending on the amount of contestants entered in the competition. If you choose to participate in two categories, you must be ready to compete in both categories without causing any delays to the fiddle competition. You and your partner will be required to play one random Cajun Waltz and one Cajun 2- Step of your choice. There will only be one pair of winners in each category in the twin fiddle competition with the cash prize divided between the twin fiddlers competing. There are no 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in the twin fiddle competition.

Once again, there will be no vocals and no accompanist allowed during the competition segment; only fiddle playing skills will be part of the competition. **Note:** In the event of a tie in any category, the judges will pick a song common to the competitors involved, and a final show down will prevail.

### Restrictions:

**2017 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners** are **not** allowed to participate in the same category in 2018. They must sit out one year before they become eligible to re-enter the competition in the same category. They can compete in another category should they choose as long as they meet the criteria.

**Good Sportsmanship is expected. The decision of the judges is final.**

**Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual "Battle of the Bows" Cajun Fiddle Competition, Saturday, November 3, 2018.**

**Registration forms are available online at [www.jeffdavis.org](http://www.jeffdavis.org) or call us at (337) 821-5521. You can also contact Doug at (337) 329-0106.**