



7th Annual ***"Battle of the Bows"*** Cajun Fiddle Competition
Dedicated in Memory of the Legendary Cajun Fiddle Player Mr. Lawrence "Blackie" Fruge
09/20/30 to 04/06/2015

Competition Rules and Information

The 2022 Cajun Fiddle Competition was a huge success thanks to last year's competitors and sponsors. We are gearing up to have the 7th Annual ***"Battle of the Bows"*** Cajun Fiddle Competition. This year's competition will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 in The Historic Strand Theater, 432 North Main, Jennings, LA. The competition starts at 9:00 am. Doors open at 8:00 am. This venue promises to be fun and exciting for everyone involved. This Cajun Fiddle Competition has become a premiere fiddle competition in this area.

Contest Details

The ***"Battle of the Bows"*** Fiddle Competition is an annual musical performance competition for those who play Cajun Style Fiddle. All ages and skill levels can compete. A panel of three judges, selected from the Cajun music genre, will judge the fiddle competition.

The competition is free to enter, but you **MUST REGISTER** to compete. The final deadline to enter is Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 8:30am. We ask you to submit your registration form as early as possible prior to the competition date to insure your registration is processed correctly and to guarantee a competition slot. The Battle of the Bows Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its discretion. **No entries will be accepted after 8:30 am. No Exceptions!**

Competition Categories

- **Youth Category:** Ages 12 and under, on or before November 4, 2023.
- **Junior Category:** Ages 13-18 and on or before November 4, 2023.
- **Adult:** Ages 19 and older, on or before November 4, 2023.
- **Senior Category:** Ages 65 and older, on or before November 4, 2023.
- **Professional Category:** All ages.
- **Twin Fiddle Category:** Open to Youth, Junior, Adult, Senior, and Professional fiddle players.

The winners will not only have the reward of being recognized as a Best-in-Class Cajun Fiddle Champion, but cash prizes and trophies will also be awarded to the winning contestants in each category. Only 1st and 2nd Places are awarded in the Senior Category and only 1st Place is awarded in the Twin Fiddle Category.

CASH PRIZES: The prizes for the 7th Annual ***"Battle of the Bows"*** Cajun Fiddle Competition are going to be awarded as follows:

Youth Category:	1 st Place - \$ 200	2 nd Place - \$ 150	3 rd Place - \$ 75
Junior Category:	1 st Place - \$ 300	2 nd Place - \$ 150	3 rd Place - \$100
Adult Category:	1 st Place - \$ 400	2 nd Place - \$ 200	3 rd Place - \$125
Senior Category:	1 st Place - \$ 150	2 nd Place - \$ 75	
Professional Category:	1 st Place - \$ 600	2 nd Place - \$ 400	3 rd Place - \$200

Twin Fiddle Category: **Youth** \$ 50 for each winning contestant, **Junior** \$ 100 for each winning contestant, **Adult** \$ 200 for each winning contestant, **Professional** \$ 300 for each winning contestant

Judging Criteria:

Each contestant will be judged generally on Accuracy of Noting and Intonation, Usage of Double Stop and Drones, Usage of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, Bow Techniques, and Overall Difficulty of Tunes.

Each contestant is required to play one Cajun Waltz and one Cajun Two-step of your choice as listed on your entry form. You will have 2 full minutes per song to impress the judges with your skill, showmanship, and technique with the

Cajun Fiddle. At the 1 minute 30 second mark, a red light on stage will remind you that you are nearing the end of your allotted time. **Note:** You may change your selected songs prior to competition, however, you must let Competition Officials know your changes so that the Judges can be informed accordingly prior to your performance.

Please do not introduce yourself or announce your songs when you get on stage. The Master of Ceremonies will announce your songs prior to you playing each one. No vocals are allowed during the competition. The only parameters that will be judged are your fiddle playing skills. All Judge's decisions are final.

NOTE: In the event of a tie in any category, the judges will pick a random Cajun song known to the competitors for final determination of a winner.

Note to Professional Categories Competitors: Although you may also be eligible to compete in an Amateur Category as well, the **"Battle of the Bows"** Competition Officials respectfully request that you limit your participation to Professional Categories only. This request is made in the interest of overall fairness to our Amateur Competitors in order to insure a level competition field across the Amateur Categories. You're co-operation is greatly appreciated!

Note to Previous 1st Place Winners: You are allowed to defend your 1st Place win for 2 consecutive competitions after your first win. If you win 1st Place for 3 consecutive competitions in the same category, you must sit out for the next competition in that category. You may compete during your sit-out year in any other category for which you may be eligible.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COMPETITION SITE: From Interstate 10, Exit 64: Head South on Hwy 26 (Elton Rd) to Shankland Ave (US Hwy 90). Turn left on Shankland, continue to North Main Street. Turn right on North Main and continue 8 blocks to the Strand Theater on your left.

From Interstate 10, Exit 65: Head South on Evangeline Hwy (Hwy 97) to North Cutting. Turn left at North Cutting and continue to East Academy Avenue. Turn right at East Academy Ave. and continue to North Main Street. At North Main, turn left, and the Strand Theater will be on your left. The Strand Theater address is 432 North Main, Jennings, LA, 70546.

PLEASE NOTE: All contestants are asked to use the rear entrance of the Strand Theater on North Broadway Street.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What skill of fiddle players 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.

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

A: Prior to the start of the competition, Contest Officials will not divulge who has entered or how many competitors there are because we want to keep the contest as fair as possible and encourage participation in all categories.

Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual "Battle of the Bows" Cajun Fiddle Competition, Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Registration forms are available online from the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission website at www.jeffdavis.org, or via email request to dougugas57@gmail.com.