

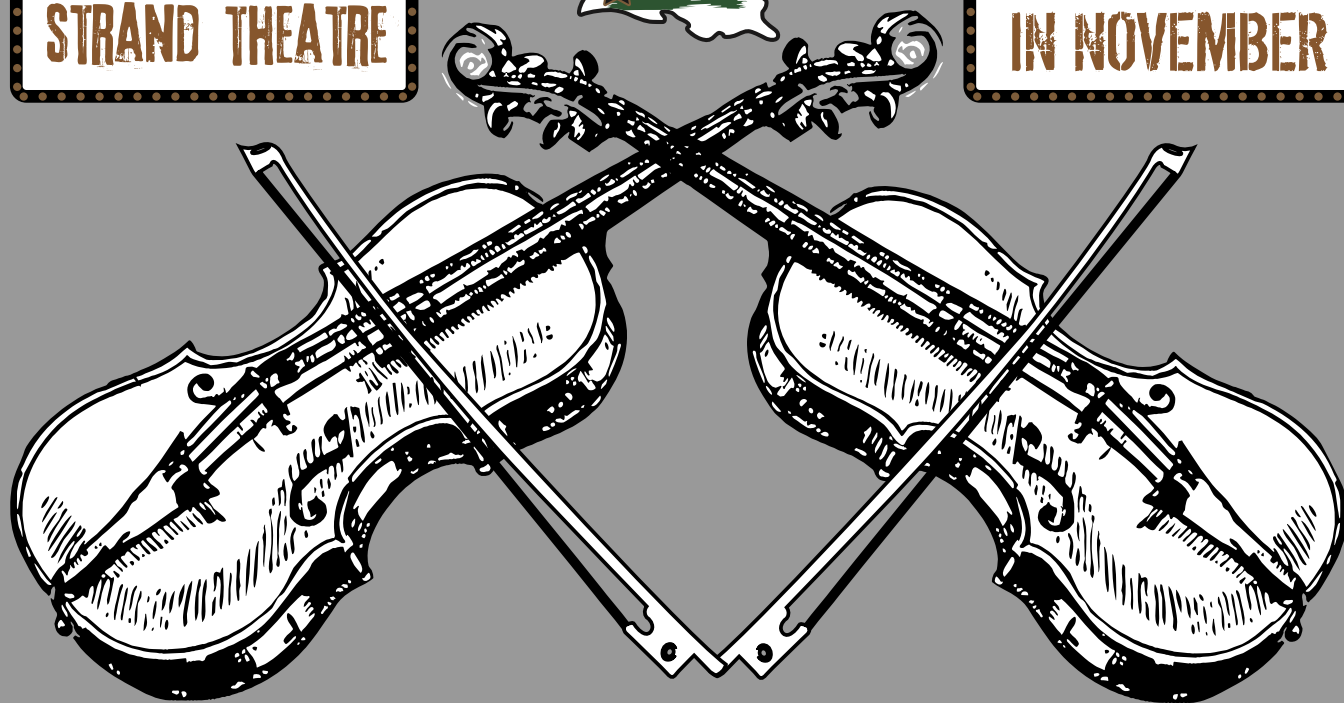


Annual BATTLE OF THE BOWS CAJUN FIDDLE COMPETITION

THE HISTORIC
STRAND THEATRE



1ST SATURDAY
IN NOVEMBER



STRAND THEATRE

432 N MAIN STREET JENNINGS, LA

10 AM-12 NOON

Helping preserve and promote our Cajun heritage and music



Battle of the Bows

Cajun Fiddle Competition



Dedicated in Memory of the Legendary Cajun Fiddle Player Cleveland Crochet

01/30/1919 to 11/28/2011

Registration Form

The **Battle of the Bows** Cajun Fiddle Competition is open to **Cajun Style Fiddle playing** of all ages and performance levels. There is no registration fee for the 2025 event.

There are five categories: (check the one that applies to you)

☐ Youth Category: Age 12 and under, on or before November 01, 2025

☐ Junior Category: Age 13 – 18, on or before November 01, 2025

☐ Adult Category: Age 19 -64, on or before November 01, 2025

☐ Senior Category: Age 65 and older, on or before November 01, 2025

☐ Twin Fiddle Category: All ages. List two fiddle players.

F1:

F2:

Youth ☐ Junior ☐ Adult ☐ Senior ☐ Professional ☐

Waltz:

2-step:

☐ Professional Category: All ages

Note: All fields of the registration form are required to complete the registration process.

Contestant name:

Cajun Waltz of Choice:

E-mail address:

Cajun Two-step of Choice:

Phone #:

Cell phone #:

Age on day of competition (11/01/2025): _____ years old

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

What size t-shirt do you wear? Choose an item.

Where did you hear about the **Battle of the Bows** Cajun Fiddle Competition?

Provide a few words about yourself so that the Master of Ceremonies can be familiar with you and your musical history:

Example: How long have you been playing? How did you learn to play the fiddle? Do you, or have you ever, played with a live band? Have you recorded any music? Please help us promote you by including as much information about you and your musicianship as possible.

There are several ways to register:

1. Download Registration Forms @ www.jeffdavis.org
2. Email to: dougugas57@gmail.com
3. Print out the form, fill out, and mail it to:
SW La Acoustic Music, C/o Battle of the Bows,
2110 Highway 90 East, Jennings, LA 70546
4. Print out the form, fill it out, and fax it to
Jeff Davis Tourism Commission (337) 821-5536.
5. Visit the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission office located at
104 Rue de l'Acadie, Jennings, LA, and fill out a form.

You must register in order to compete. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 29, 2025 by 5:30pm.

Any questions call Doug Dugas (337) 329-0106 or Jeff Davis Tourist Commission (337) 821-5521,
e-mail dougugas57@gmail.com or @ www.jeffdavis.org.



Battle of the Bows

Cajun Fiddle Competition



Dedicated in Memory of the Legendary Cajun Fiddle Player Mr. Cleveland Crochet
01/30/1919 to 11/28/2011

Registration Form

The ***Battle of the Bows*** Cajun Fiddle Competition is open to **Cajun Style Fiddle playing** of all ages and performance levels. There is no registration fee for the 2025 event.

There are six categories: (check the one that applies to you)

___ Youth Category: Age 12 and under, on or before November 01, 2025

___ Junior Category: Age 13 – 18, on or before November 01, 2025

___ Adult Category: Age 19 -64, on or before November 01, 2025

___ Senior Category: Age 65 and older, on or before November 01, 2025

___ Professional Category: All ages

___ Twin Fiddle Category: All ages. List two fiddle players. F1_____ F2_____

Youth ___ Junior ___ Adult ___ Senior ___ Professional ___ Waltz _____ 2-step _____

Note: All fields of the registration form are required to complete the registration process.

Contestant name: _____ Cajun Waltz of Choice: _____

E-mail address: _____ Cajun Two-step of Choice _____

Phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____ What size t-shirt do you wear? _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age on day of competition (11/01/2025): _____

Where did you hear about the ***Battle of the Bows*** Cajun Fiddle Competition? _____

Provide a few words about yourself so that the Master of Ceremonies can be familiar with you and your musical history:

Example: How long have you been playing? How did you learn to play the fiddle? Do you, or have you ever, played with a live band? Have you recorded any music? Please help us promote you by including as much information about you and your musicianship as possible.

There are several ways to register:

1. Download Registration Forms @ www.jeffdavis.org
2. Email to: dougugas57@gmail.com
3. Print out the form, fill out, and mail it to:
SW La Cajun Music Jam, C/o Battle of the Bows,
2110 Highway 90 East, Jennings, LA 70546
4. Print out the form, fill it out, and fax it to: Jeff Davis Tourism Commission (337) 821-5536.
5. Visit the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission office located at
104 Rue de l'Acadie, Jennings, LA, and fill out a form.

You must register in order to compete. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 29, 2025 by 5:30pm. Any questions call

Doug Dugas (337) 329-0106 or Jeff Davis Tourist Commission (337) 821-5521
e-mail dougugas57@gmail.com or @ www.jeffdavis.org.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 showdown decision will prevail.

Restrictions:

New this year !!!! 1st Place Winners in All categories are allowed to come back and defend their 1st Place win from the previous year, for 1 year. After winning 1st place in the same category 2 years in a row, the contestant must sit out 1 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.

New this year !!!! There is now a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Professional category.

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

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual *"Battle of the Bows"* Cajun Fiddle Competition, Saturday, November 1, 2025.



9 th Annual ***“Battle of the Bows”*** Cajun Fiddle Competition

Saturday, November 01, 2025 Starts at 10:00 a.m. (Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)
The Historic Strand Theater, 432 N. Main St., Jennings, LA

Dedicated in Memory of the Legendary Cajun Fiddle Player Mr. Cleveland Crochet
01/30/1919 to 11/28/2011

Rules, Regulation, and Directions

The 2024 **Battle of the Bows** Cajun Fiddle Competition was a huge success thanks to last year’s contestants. We are gearing up to have the 9th Annual ***“Battle of the Bows”*** Cajun Fiddle Competition. The ***“Battle of the Bows”*** Cajun Fiddle Competition will be Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Strand Theater, 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 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 29, 2025 at 5:30 pm. 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. **You can enter Saturday Nov. 1, 2025, but you must enter by 8:30am. No entries will be accepted after 8:30 am.** 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 9th Annual “Battle of the Bows” Cajun Fiddle Competition, there are **Six** categories.

- **Youth Category:** Ages 12 and under, on or before November 1, 2025.
- **Junior Category:** Ages 13-18 and on or before November 1, 2025.
- **Adult:** Ages 19 - 64, on or before November 1, 2025.
- **Senior Category:** Ages 65 and older, on or before November 1, 2025.
- **Professional Category:** All ages.
- **Twin Fiddle Category:**

Open to youth, junior, adult, senior, and professional fiddle players. See rules and regulations below.

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 8th Annual ***“Battle of the Bows”*** Cajun Fiddle Competition are going be awarded to the top three contestants in each of the Four amateur categories.

Youth Category:	Grand Prize! 1 st Place - \$ 125	Runner Up! 2 nd Place - \$ 75	3rd Place! - \$ 50
Junior Category:	Grand Prize! 1 st Place - \$ 150	Runner Up! 2 nd Place - \$100	3rd Place! - \$ 75
Adult Category:	Grand Prize! 1 st Place - \$ 250	Runner Up! 2 nd Place - \$ 150	3rd Place! - \$100
Senior Category:	Grand Prize! 1 st Place - \$ 150	Runner Up! 2 nd Place - \$ 75	
Professional Category:	Grand Prize! 1 st Place - \$ 400	Runner Up! 2 nd Place - \$ 300	3rd Place! - \$200

Twin Fiddle Category: **Youth** \$ 50 for each contestant , **Junior** \$ 100 for each contestant,
Adult \$ 150 for each contestant, **Senior** \$ 100 for each contestant,
Professional \$ 200 for each contestant

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 showdown decision will prevail.

Restrictions:

New this year !!!! 1st Place Winners in All categories are allowed to come back and defend their 1st Place win from the previous year, for 1 year. After winning 1st place in the same category 2 years in a row, the contestant must sit out 1 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.

New this year !!!! There is now a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Professional category.

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

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual *"Battle of the Bows"* Cajun Fiddle Competition, Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Registration forms are available online at www.jeffdavis.org or call us at (337) 821-5521. You can also contact Doug at (337) 329-0106 or email dougugas57@gmail.com