

The Revelers Workshops

A guided exploration of Louisiana Culture

45-60 minutes – Full Band Concert/Lecture

The Revelers talk about and demonstrate the various musical styles of SW Louisiana and how they evolved with the influence of popular music through the 20th century. Starting with just two fiddles and a triangle, through the electrifying of Cajun music, classic and contemporary zydeco, blues, and Swamp Pop, listeners will hear how the lines blur and shift between some of Americana's most important roots music.

The History of the Cajun Culture

30-60 minutes Lecture

The Revelers discuss the history of the people that became known as Cajun, from their expulsion from French Canada to modern times – and the influences they've had on wider Americana.

Blackpot cooking demo

End result can feed 25-50 people. Options for larger groups available.

Hands on cooking demonstration of a traditional Rice and Gravy (Gumbo/Fricasée/Sauce Piquant) where participants will learn the basic fundamentals of Louisiana French cooking. We'll work with local sources to get the best ingredients and point you to the right places to get authentic smoked Andouille sausage. Note: presenter is responsible for the cost of ingredients, and the demo must be advanced with the band at least six weeks in advance.

Twin fiddles

45-60 minutes (Daniel and Blake) Intermediate

A hands-on demonstration of the tradition of "seconding" with two fiddles in Cajun music and beyond.

Amédé Ardoin: Note for Note

45-60 minutes (intermediate-advanced) All melody instruments

Chris will take participants through an Ardoin accordion solo and will break it down note-by-note, talking about the development and technique behind it, which is applicable to playing on all melody instruments.

Cajun Band/Jam

45-60 minutes (Blake, Daniel, Chris)

A combination of learning Cajun tunes and jamming/band etiquette in this hands-on workshop where the Revelers will lead several tunes.

Cajun Songs

45-60 minutes (Blake) All Levels

Blake takes participants through one or more traditional Cajun songs, complete with phonetically spelled lyric sheets.

Rhythm/T'fer

45-60 minutes (Glenn) Beginner/Intermediate

Glenn shows how to play the Cajun triangle from scratch and can also work with drummers and percussionists on the finer points of the rhythms that drive the Revelers' music.

Individual Instrument Workshops

Fiddle, Accordion, Guitar, Saxophone, Bass, and Drums also available.