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**Louisiana Cajun Vocalist Marce Lacouture selected
for the Library of Congress, Homegrown Concert Series.**

Marce Lacouture and Friends: Cajun Music from Louisiana has been selected for the spotlight for the Library of Congress "Homegrown concert Series" in Washington, DC next month.

Homegrown concerts are produced by the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in cooperation with the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The series presents the very best of traditional music, dance, and storytelling from a variety of folk cultures thriving in the United States.

On June 23, 2010 at 12:00 noon Marce Lacouture will perform with David Greeley and Kristi Guillory at the Library of Congress. While in the capital, Lacouture and friends are scheduled for press conferences and visits with the Louisiana congressional delegation. A second performance will take place at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at 6pm. Louisiana Folklife Program Director Maida Owens, has been invited to introduce and present the group at the event.

Since 1979, the Louisiana Folklife program's mission in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, Division of the Arts is to identify, document, present and preserve the Folklife traditions in Louisiana. French music continues to be a dynamic tradition in Louisiana as musicians are continuing to perform the oldest ballads and dance music while also composing new songs in the various styles.

Lacouture, Greely and Guillory are well-recognized talents in their field. Lacouture is the first and only recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Louisiana Division of the Arts Apprenticeship Grants for traditional Louisiana ballad singing, and Greely received an Artist Fellowship Award in Folklife in 2004. Guillory's band, Reveille, has been recognized by the Cajun French Music Association receiving a New Dawn Award, Best Female Vocalist and Best New Recording awards. Lacouture and Greely can be found on *Southern Artistry*, a program of SouthArts, bringing the best of southern artists together to showcase their work and talent www.southernartistry.org.

Preserving Louisiana culture is an important part of the mission of the Office of Cultural Development. Through our work in arts, culture, archaeology and historic preservation, we recognize and celebrate what is uniquely Louisiana.

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