

High Definition Video Camera to Record Lafayette Cultural Events

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A previous grant from the Friends of the Humanities provided for the purchase of a simple video camcorder. This made possible the recording of a number of events, including:

Requiem of Psalms, a locally commissioned work by the Acadiana Chorale.

BeauSoleil at Downtown Alive!

An instructional DVD to accompany *Louisiana Creole Fiddle*. The DVD for this method book will be published by Hal Leonard in 2006.

Corey Lil' Pop Ledet and His Zydeco Band, Curley Taylor and Zydeco Trouble, and Marc Broussard, at Festival International, in collaboration with KRVS Radio.

Dexter Ardoin and the Creole Ramblers and The Frank Family Band at Festival Acadiens, in collaboration with KRVS Radio.

Interview with Alphonse "Bois Sec" Ardoin, translated by Barry Ancelet, UL Lafayette Modern Languages Department.

Interview with Dickie Landry, performer and visual artist, for possible publication in Europe.

Sonny Landreth at the Medicine Show, a fund raiser for the Tommy Comeaux Memorial Endowed Fund for Traditional Music.

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Creole and Zydeco music recorded during this period was incorporated into the compilation DVD "*From La La to Zydeco - Creole and Zydeco Music of Louisiana*", published by the Center for Louisiana Studies. 1000 copies will be manufactured in September and distributed to libraries and cultural institutions throughout the state.

In addition to the groups listed above, recordings benefited from collaboration between the School of Music, the Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism, Acadiana Open Channel, students from departments of Visual Arts, General Studies, Communications, and Advertising, and the digital media initiative of South Louisiana Community College.

Key technology pieces make possible activities around which people from diverse areas

congregate, fostering opportunities for cooperation. Multimedia productions call upon a wide range of skills and require interdisciplinary activity in order to succeed. While the audio recordings for these projects were of professional quality, the video is not adequate for broadcast at today's standards. We would like to make high quality recordings of cultural events in the Lafayette area in a format that will meet the technical standards required for distribution over the next decade in order to share the work with a wide audience. Our goal is to acquire equipment using the new high definition format ,which during the next few years will become the standard for television, Internet, and multimedia productions.

As we have done in the past, future materials will be archived and made available to researchers in the collection of the Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism, located in Dupré Library. We are actively pursuing funding to contribute to programs for cable and public television about Louisiana culture, and finding opportunities to showcase what we have done in locations such as the UL School of Business, Vermillionville, and the future Archive for Moving Images and Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, both now under construction on the UL Campus. Having access to a HD camcorder would be an important step in raising the level of our productions.

Budget:

\$2,820 Sony HDR-FX1 Mini DV Digital Camcorder

Links:

DVD Research and Production: <http://ull.edu/rkw3943/dvd>

DVD "From La La to Zydeco - Creole and Zydeco Music From Louisiana":
<http://willshare.com/zydeco>

Requiem of Psalms: <http://music.louisiana.edu/projects/requiem/requiem.htm>

Louisiana Creole Fiddle: <http://willshare.com/creolefiddle>

Medicine

Show: <http://www.tommycomeaux.com/site/Templates/template4.aspx?tabindex=1&tabid=79>

Center for Cultural and Eco-Tourism: <http://ccet.louisiana.edu>

KRVS Radio: <http://krvs.org>

Louisiana Immersive Technologies

Enterprise: http://www.sgi.com/company_info/newsroom/press_releases/2005/april/leda.html

South Louisiana Community College digital media initiative: <http://digilab.slcc.cc.la.us/>

DVD Club: <http://music.louisiana.edu/media/dvdclub.htm>