



**March 19-24, 2024**

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**Jouer. Danse. Manger. Répéter!** (Jam. Dance. Eat. Repeat!) at the 21st Dewey Balfa Cajun & Creole Heritage Week from March 19-24, 2024, in Eunice, Louisiana. Highlights include top-notch Louisiana entertainment, music classes, dance lessons, folk crafts, and hospitality. Enrollment-based and public activities are offered. The event schedule, Camp registration, and lodging details are found at [Lafolkroots.org](http://Lafolkroots.org).

**Who are the music instructors for Balfa Camp?** The core faculty for the daily music and dance classes include:

**Trey Boudreaux** *Electric Bass / Upright Bass*

**Gina Forsyth** *Fiddle*

**David Greely** *Fiddle, Vocals*

**Kelli Jones** *Louisiana Dance*

**Kaleb Leday** *Accordion, Electric Guitar*

**Blake Miller** *Accordion, Fiddle*

**Amelia Powell** *Louisiana Dance, Cajun Guitar*

**Wayne Singleton** *Accordion*

**Jane Vidrine** *Beginner Fiddle*

**...and more!**

**What is Balfa Week?** Balfa Week is an inclusive cultural immersion experience centered around an adult-oriented music camp. Participants from around the globe gather with Louisiana's master

musicians and culture bearers to gain knowledge and skills in Louisiana Cajun and Creole/Zydeco-style guitar, fiddle, accordion, rhythm/percussion, dance, French language vocals, food preparation, and folklife traditions. Louisiana-style meals and camaraderie are included with camp registrations.

**Where is Balfa Camp?** Most classes, workshops, dances, and meals during Balfa Week will occur on the campus of Lakeview RV Park & Campground in Eunice, LA. Lodging is available on campus with private or shared cabin options for RV, camper, or tent sites. Nearby hotel lodging alternatives and excursions are available.

**Highlights for Balfa Week include:**

- Cultural immersion focused on Cajun & Creole music heritage and folklife;
- Intensive classes for music instruments, band Labs, vocals and dance,
- Lagniappe workshop and folklife demonstrations;
- Nightly Dances featuring popular Cajun and Creole bands;
- Daily Jam des Amis music sessions;
- Delicious Louisiana-sourced food and beverages;
- Local culture and heritage excursions;
- World Championship Crawfish Etouffee Cookoff

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