

Mp3 The Bluesbox Bayou Band - Rock A'bayou

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Progressive Country, Americana, New Orleans Style, Swamp Beat and Zydeco Dance Band. 12 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Blues, BLUES: Delta Style Details: Announcing the new 2007 CD Release by The BluesBox Bayou Band! "Rock a' Bayou" includes eleven studio cuts and a bonus live cut... Rock a' Bayou takes you to the party on the bayou with new original songs as "Down the Zydeco Road", "Acadian Sky (waltz)", "Everyday Feels Like Sunday" and "This Dawg is Cryin'" to great bayou standards as "Don't Let the Green Grass Fool You" and their version of Orbison's classic "Blue Bayou"... all soon to be BluesBox dance-concert favorites. Also included is a bonus track recording of the exciting live version of "Allons Dancer le Mardi Gras"! Available On Line at CD Baby, Digstation, Itunes and other outlets. Check out our upcoming schedule at thebluesbox.net/ and pick up your very own signed copy at one of the CD Release Party events throughout the summer season! Read on for more comments and bios... The Blues Box Bayou Band: P.D. Grimaldi takes this band down a Traditional and Zydeco road that just sets folks on fire. This band hails from the central valley of California and has been treating folks to great music for a number of years. This band was chosen to open the festival and perform the fais do do on Friday night (1 of 3 gigs total). I missed them while I was at Balfa Camp this past April , as they were in Lafayette making music and having a grand time in the mother land of Cajun/Creole Zydeco. Pete has written some material that sends me ... although I am not excitable about new material , the sounds of Blues Box and the lyrics are super audio delights that defines memories. Among the finest drummers in the business Rudy Knight is forever captivating us with his ear to ear smile and vibrant in the pocket tempo... I gauge this band to be among California's great contributions to the genre. David Mason, Music Director Isleton Crawdad Festival California's "Mother-Lode" area, near Sonora, is the home base of the popular Blues Box Bayou Band. Their music is not hard core zydeco -- but it is zydeco never the less -- of a much more light-hearted variety. Pete Grimaldi established the band about five years ago as a three-piece "roadhouse" band playing a blues/Tex-Mex/zydeco mix. This was the first band in the area to use an accordion in a popular two-step dance band. Dale Johnson, KVMR-FM, Host of "Bayou Country", Nevada City - Sacramento Review for Gary Haymans ZydE-Zine Internet Magazine and The California Friends of

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The Blues Box Bayou Band is the new Country Americana sound! Swamp beat boogie, cajun zydeco dance grooves and New Orleans style rhythm and blues. Historically, this band has been entertaining audiences and generally having a good time since 1996. Although it rose from humble beginnings, the group caught on quickly, entertaining their first spaghetti feed and playing for fish tacos to performing at the Isleton Crawdad Festival, Stevenot Big Easy Fest, the American Music Festival, Brookings OR, Gilroy Garlic Fest and the Calaveras County Fair. To date the Blues Box Bayou Band have released four CD recordings, "Rockin' Bayou Band", "Big Fun", Roadside Attraction, and their new 2007 release "Rock a'Bayou". Here's a run down of The BluesBox Bayou Band lineup for 2007 - Pete (PD) Grimaldi - Accordion and Lead Vocals PD Grimaldi is from Modesto, California, and has been active in live music for 30 years and is the original founder of The Blues Box Bayou Band. In the early 1990s, PD became actively involved with the American Roots revival, primarily Cajun/Zydeco music. He began by promoting "festival" music in the Modesto area with such luminaries as Buckwheat Zydeco, Queen Ida, Al Rapone, Thomas Big Hat Fields, Tom Rigney, Danny Poullard, The Zydeco Flames, and Flaco Jimenez. This up close and personal experience with this music, was the inspiration for PD to revive the accordion himself and create a "roots music" dance band to meet a growing demand. The Blues Box Bayou Band was formed in the fall of 1996 and has steadily grown more and more popular with audiences each passing festival season. PD Grimaldi's vocals and New Orleans style accordion supported by ongoing trips to the land of Louisiana, keeps the roots formula of the band stylistically unique and creative.

- Julie Johnson - Bass Guitar Vocals Strumming a beautiful Appalachian melody on the five string banjo, Julie Johnsons interest in roots music goes far beyond her bass playing talent. Classically trained on the guitar as a child, Julies love for music has never diminished. Ten years ago she formed her first all girl band, "The Gold Rush Balladeers" as guitarist and vocalist, performing throughout Northern California singing authentic songs from the Gold Rush era. The Balladeers continue to perform for concerts and historical events as well as public service for the Arts Reach to Schools Program in Tuolumne County, California. In 1999, Julie switched to the Cajun-red electric bass and joined the Gold Country Cajun Band. Playing traditional Cajun and Zydeco music. At the beginning of 2002 Julie joined the Blues Box Bayou Band. Julies bass style is simple, elegant and right on the money. She provides the authentic Zydeco lower end that is the heart and soul of the band. Julie is also a mountain resident of Sonora, California, and lives the style of a grass roots musician instruments

strewn everywhere. The BluesBox is always a work in progress and new blood breathes new life this year as guitarist, Frank Grimaldi joins the band to contribute his talent and experience to the lineup! - Frank Grimaldi - Lead Accoustic Guitars When it comes to playing the electric guitar there is none better in this area than Frank Grimaldi. Over 30 years of playing the instrument for some of the best roadhouse bands in the valley, places him on the local survival list of great working musicians in Northern California. He brings his artistic energy and smokin' flair for soloing to "little brothers" BluesBox Bayou Band. Some say it was long over due and some say it was just a matter of time, but Frank has stepped into the light, made peace with the accordion and brings his mighty guitar talent to the zydeco dance scene. He joins the BluesBox Bayou Band for their current season. - Mike Farris - Drums Mike brings 30 years of playing experience to the groups line up this year Mike has performed across the country with a long list of entertainers and recording projects. Because of his intense interest and natural feel for New Orleans style, Mike joined the group this year to lay down the pocket beat for The BluesBox Bayou Band. - Jimmy Hildreth (Lil Jimmy) - Scrub-board and Percussions The only way to describe Lil' Jimmy on the scrub-board is someone who is completely possessed! Jim fell in love with the Zydeco music and culture of Louisiana so much, that he is now a part time resident of the state. He loves to play and has sat in and "rubbed" with some the most famous Zydeco artists in the world! - Geno Delafosse, Roy Carrier, Rosie Ladet the has played with them all, funny thing is they keep asking him back! Jim crosses the line between outright fun and outright fanatical, but it is our honor to have Lil' Jimmy H as The Blues Box featured scrub-board player.

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