

ANDRE THIERRY & ZYDECO MAGIC

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Andre Thierry is a phenomenal talent who has been capturing the attention of musicians and music lovers from an early age. Born July 9, 1979 in Richmond California, into a family deeply rooted in Louisiana French-Creole history, Thierry is among the best of both the West Coast and the Gulf Coast musicians playing Zydeco music today.

Andre's childhood was greatly influenced by his maternal grandparents, Houston Pete Pitre (Pa-Pa) Mama Lena Pitre both from southern Louisiana; and he grew up experiencing the French Creole (La-La) dances his grandparents held at their church parish, St. Mark's Catholic Church in Richmond.

The best Zydeco musicians Louisiana had to offer traveled to California to play at the dances and spent considerable time at the Pitre's house. On one such visit, the "King of Zydeco," the late great Clifton Chenier, grabbed three-year old Andre by the arms and deemed him a future accordion player.

When he was 9 years old, he received his first accordion as a gift from Billy Wilson (from MotorDude Zydeco). He began teaching himself to play listening to Clifton Chenier's music and gave his first performance of Willis Prudhomme's version of "Give'm Cornbread" in his grandparents' backyard. Soon after, he began playing Clifton Chenier's music on stages all over Northern California. At 12 years old, with the help of his mother, Andre formed his own band, "Zydeco Magic." and began playing with visiting and local Zydeco bands.



Andre is a virtuoso on all the accordion types, single row, double row, triple row and piano key. He effortlessly plays each instrument to deliver everything from a traditional Creole waltz to a hard-driving blues that is his own sound.

As quoted from an article published in Eh Toi magazine, "There is no accordion player in Zydeco that uses his left hand as well as Andre Thierry." While playing in Washington, D.C., the Washington Post called Andre a "master" at "pumping out fast, funky rhythms on an

instrument not usually associated with earthy syncopation. A versatile student of the music, Thierry can't be lumped into Zydeco's old school R&B-influenced camp or its nouveau, rap inspired one: He and his band, Zydeco Magic, lay down both soulful, traditional slow-dances and bottom-end-booming kinetic groovers."

Thierry is a gifted composer/songwriter and his music and CDs feature many original tunes. The San Francisco Bay Area, which is home to some of the best blues musicians in the world, presented Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic with the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame award for "Best Zydeco Group" in 2008. Andre continually raises the bar for Zydeco musician worldwide. At only 32 years old, he is already one of the most well respected musicians in his field.

Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic will capture your attention and serve up an unparalleled musical experience that captivates your soul. If you like to dance, Andre will have you moving your feet all night long. Andre's love of all things musical and his passion for playing for his audiences delight dancers and music lovers everywhere.



As the late great Clifton Chenier once said about Zydeco "if you dance your aches and pains will disappear."

DISCOGRAPHY

- 1999 It's About Time!
- 2004 A Whole Lotta Something
- 2006 Christmas With Andre Thierry
- 2008 Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic
LIVE! At the Woodshop

See you on the dance floor!