

**PLACE:** Our fête is held in the West Baton Rouge Community Center in the sleepy Mississippi River port town of Port Allen. The Center is the hub of activities with workshops held both in the center and adjoining museum and surrounding buildings.

**ADDRESS:** West Baton Rouge Community Center  
749 N. Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

**THURSDAY SCHEDULE:** Registration begins on March 8 at **11:00 am** at the Community Center.

**THURSDAY EVENTS:** Begin at 1:00 pm with four focused workshops. **Note this year there is a separate fee for each workshop and you must pre-register:**

- Our popular multi-instrument “Dulcimer Orchestra” led by Steve Seifert; for intermediate players, should be able to play chords.
- Adv Beginner/Novice Dulcimer Workshop, “Let’s Play” led by Margaret Wright.
- “Keyboard Back-Up” with Annette Lindsey; for all musicians – a fun workshop, teaches how to play as part of an ensemble.
- ‘Cook like a Cajun’ – learn about our local foods and cuisine; prepare some dishes to sample – all foods and supplies included.

**DULCIMER CONTEST:** Our 4th Annual Louisiana State Dulcimer Championship begins at 3:15 pm on Thursday. Registration for contestants continues until all 12 spots are full. See WEB page for details and rules. Come and cheer the contestants on.

**AFTERNOON MINI CONCERT:** After the contest, join us in listening to the dulcimer orchestra perform and hear our featured dulcimer talent introduce their music styles.

**THURSDAY EVENING EVENTS:**

A fête highlight is our evening concert featuring Lagniappe members and original music written by Lisa Oivanki. Also our dulcimer contest winner performs; featured instructors will give a concert; and we will crown a new fête king and queen.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SCHEDULE:** A full day of workshops is planned beginning at 8:30 a.m. Vendors are open and jamming goes all day. This year we offer both “Slow Cookin’” and “Fast Frettin’” Jam Sessions: Special events are:

**Mini-Concert** Friday afternoon featuring a **Traditional Appalachian Old-Time Square Dance** (bring your dancing shoes),

**Mini-Concert and Open Stage** on Saturday afternoon.

Concerts featuring our instructors will take place after supper at 7:00 pm each night.

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:** The fête concludes with a gospel sing at 9:00 a.m.

**MEALS:** We offer catered meals which must be pre-ordered by March 1, 2018. We have new food caterers this year and plan traditional po-boys and gumbo for lunch and New Orleans’ style red beans & rice, fried catfish (cooked on-site), chicken fettuccine and jambalaya for suppers.

**BREAKFASTS:** Lagniappe members treat early risers to a complimentary breakfast and coffee.

**VENDING:** Snacks and bottled water are available to purchase from a local service organization throughout the day.

**REGISTRATION:** Early registration forms must be postmarked by February 17, 2018. This is also the deadline for T-shirts. Visit our WEB page to download the Registration Form—please complete both pages. We can E-mail, snail-mail or FAX forms.

**WEB PAGE:** [LagniappeDulcimerBR.org](http://LagniappeDulcimerBR.org)

Visit our WEB page for registration forms and details about the class schedule, instructor bios, new T-shirt design, hotel and camping info.

**Visit our Facebook page** for frequent updates: Lagniappe Dulcimer Society

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**WORKSHOPS AND INSTRUMENTS:** Workshops are planned for all levels of mountain dulcimer players: beginner, novice, intermediate and advanced. We feature well-known instructors and will have classes on many instruments (refer to class schedule for skill levels taught):

Mountain Dulcimer  
Hammered Dulcimer  
Fiddle  
Autoharp  
Ukulele  
Guitar  
Banjo  
Mandolin  
Bowed Psaltery  
Penny Whistle  
Sacred Harp

**UNIQUE WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- Special workshop series for beginning hammered dulcimer players. A limited number of extra hammered dulcimers are available for use in the workshops, Sign up on registration form on a first come basis for a loaner.
- “Using TabEdit computer software”.
- Forums on “Building a Dulcimer,” and “Care of an Autoharp”.
- “History of Cajun Music” taught by Museum Staff fluent in speaking Cajun French.
- Picnic Lunch & Jam on the Mississippi Levee on Saturday.

**INSTRUMENT DOCTORS:** Terry McCafferty is our “dulcimer doctor” and will provide repair service for mountain dulcimers. Chuck Daniels will assist with autoharp repairs and we will have a fiddle doctor, too.



**CANCELLATIONS:** Full refund (except T-shirt) if request is received by March 1. No refunds after this date.