

## CAPTAIN CRAWFISH & THE JUMPIN' ZYDECO

*“At the beginning of our stay in Louisiana I used to have a bouncing way of playing the accordion. I think my foot moved up and down on all eight notes. That habit of mine was very quickly eradicated one evening when I visited the accordion player Alphonse “Bois Sec” Ardoin. His life-long friend Canray Fontenon was also paying a visit with his violin. The two elderly, black famous musicians laughed a lot and praised my play to the skies, until suddenly Bois Sec stopped, looked at me intensely, and said, “Listen, Kid”. He then proceeded by playing “Acadian Twostep” on his two-rowed accordion with a honky-tonk feeling that has stayed with me ever since”.*

**Captain Crawfish & the Jumping Zydeco** plays a raw and spell-binding zydeco-music under the direction of Band leader **Ulrich Klostergaard**. For many years Ulrich has been interested in the exciting musical melting pot that makes up Zydeco music, and in the late eighties, he travelled together with his wife **Sus Klostergaard** and a friend Karen Vinding around in Louisiana and Texas performing as the trio “Three Danes”. They succeeded in getting in touch with what was happening within the world of both Cajun and Zydeco music and they also got the opportunity of playing together with some of the hottest names within that world.

As such, they performed as warming-up band for Clifton Chenier at Antones in Austin, Texas and they jammed with Boo Zoo on Dog Hill.

Here in Denmark, Ulrich has played with among others Christian Kühl, Stig Møller, Dr. Herman and others.

Apart from Ulrich Klostergaard who is educated at the Royal Musical Academy in Copenhagen and his wife, Sus Klostergaard, the band Captain Crawfish & the Jumpin' Zydeco furthermore consists of:

**Niels Ryde** a famous jazz- and world musician who has established himself in the Danish world of Jazz through his band *Ryde Kwartet and Jazz Upgrade*. Among others, Niels has played with John Tchicai, Uffe Steen Jensen, Butch Lacy, Doug Raney, James Loveless Funk Band, Pierre Dørge and New Jungle Orchestra.

**Jan Schønemann** is well-known from his many performances in the Southern part of Denmark with among others *Smallhans, 3xPoul* and *Save the Beaver*. He is a highly gifted guitarist whose repertory extends from raw blues to gentle African waves.

**Jakob Eilso** is the youngest member of the band. He presently attends the Rhythmical Musical Academy in Odense and he is one of the biggest talents on drums in the country. He has a unique sound in his play which is perfect for Zydeco.

Last, but not least, the band has been successful in obtaining the voice of **Keld Andersen** in the vocal foreground. This adds to Captain Crawfish a genuine sound of soul and blues. Many people will remember Keld Andersen from *Heste Beste*, a band which was a rage in the early seventies. He has furthermore been playing with Preben Devantier, the former Steppeulv, Stig Møller, Jorge Degas etc.

**Captain Crawfish & the Jumpin' Zydeco** plays Zydeco with energy and soul. They are inspired partly by their own joy from playing together in the band and partly by the big kings, Clifton Chenier and Boozoo Chavis.