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## LOUISIANA FOOD & MUSIC FEST IS SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

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**Monroe, LA** - Come out and listen to great music that has started right here in Louisiana on two stages RiverMarket and Bry Park. The day will feature a mixture of different music. There will be tons of local vendors to provide you with a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Don't forget we will have the food we all love from crawfish, fish and shrimp, gumbo, etouffee, oysters and beignets!

### Featured Live Entertainment:

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**The Louisiana Soul Revival** featuring **Doug Duffey** brings the Soul, Blues, and Funk music of Louisiana to the world with an 11-piece band that is fronted by National Blues Hall of Fame, and Louisiana Music Hall of Fame inductee, Doug Duffey. The band debuted with a five-song, in-studio video recording in front of a live audience. The resulting video album was released track-by-track over the following three days and generated more than 16,000 views and 500 shares in the first 36 hours.

**Doug Duffey** began singing and playing piano at an early age and was composing and performing professionally by age 14. His first single, recorded in Nashville in 1970, was chosen by Billboard, Cashbox and Record World as "Pick Hit" and broke into the top 100 charts. He has written songs for & recorded with George Clinton, Funkadelic, Rare Earth, Bootsy Collins, Bernie Worrell, Keith Richards, Herbie Hancock, David Byrne, Maceo Parker, Fred Wesley, Anders Osborne, Little Queenie, Marcia Ball, Zakiya Hooker, Jerry Beach, John Autin and many others. He has been called "one of the most prolific songwriters living in Louisiana" & has released 9 critically acclaimed recordings of his songs. His style blends New Orleans Jazz & Funk with his North Louisiana Mississippi Delta roots: Delta Blues, Louisiana Rock & Roll, along with Memphis Soul & Gospel.

In the early 1990s he 1st toured Europe & has been performing between there & Louisiana, since. He has appeared many times at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival [solo & w/band] since the late 1970s; has performed @ the Louisiana Folklife Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, Heineken Jazz Festival major International music festivals & the best concert halls & music venues in the US & Europe. He has appeared on television, radio, interviews, & global live Internet broadcasts.

**Daniel Sumner** is an accomplished guitarist with many national and international tours and recordings to his credit including a recent performing tour of Hawaii and a 2012 West Coast, Texas and Louisiana tour

with the Louis Romanos Quartet, a 2012 tour of Hawaii with the Cypress Park Jazz Quartet and an appearance on Jeremy Davis and the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra's critically acclaimed newest recording, *The Great American Swagger*. Sumner is also currently working on the production and recording of several arrangements of jazz standards and American popular songs for solo jazz guitar.

His playing can be heard on more than a dozen recordings including the three critically acclaimed releases from the New Orleans based group Permagrafin. He took first prize in the professional division at the University of Texas-Brownsville International Guitar festival in 2009 with the McPike/Sumner Duo. New Orleans was his home for 13 years during which he performed regularly in the clubs and led the jazz band at Lusher Charter School, an arts-based magnet school. He has toured worldwide with several acts including Permagrafin, the Louis Romanos Quartet, Glyn Styler, and Jesus Christ Superstar.

He is the Assistant Professor of Music Education and Guitar at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and holds degrees from Capital University and the New England Conservatory of Music. He is currently in the final stages of completion of a Doctorate of Music Education from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Daniel Sumner is a sponsored Benedetto Artist and plays a one-of-a-kind custom 16-B archtop jazz guitar hand-built by Bob Benedetto. He plays AER amplifiers and uses Thomastik-Infeld strings.



**Garden District Grand Revival** formed in January 2015 when Bradley "Tito" Duncan, Jake Owens, and Morgan Decelle were all hanging out at a local show. Tito and Morgan had been playing as a duo, and were looking for that extra something to form their sound. It was Jake. Realizing they all lived within a few blocks of each other in Monroe, Louisiana's stunning Garden District, they wanted to name their band after something that hit

close to home. They soon recruited Javari "Jaybeaux" Brown on bass and Tyler Arnold on Drums. Although in it's infancy, GDGR has played nonstop and has already started gigging far from Rochelle Avenue. Described as "a toe tapping, foot stomping, good time with mesmerizing harmonies and hypnotic guitar solos," GDGR sets its roots in folk, Americana, southern and classic rock, with a little bit of everything else thrown in the mix. Although they play a majority of cover songs, their focus has turned to originals.

**Alone Man Band** is Lee Yates' solo performance project in the northern Louisiana area. He performs classic rock and a bit of classic country. Yates brings you a full band sound. He has been entertaining crowds since 1976 and has played for 15,000 people for the NHL at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

**Eight Feet Thick** is a four-piece progressive rock band hailing from Northeast Louisiana. The band is made up of Josh Clark on vocals and guitar, Jody Winn on guitar, Josh Lebrun on bass, and Tony Cole on drums. They are a symphony of reckless guitar, bass, and drums nail gunned to some of the most oblique yet thoughtful lyrics. E.F.T has produced two studio albums. Eight Feet Thick has opened up for acts such as: Nonpoint, Avatar, Hurt, Machina and Honky.

Plus Roses & Revolvers, Gabe & Chris, This Kids Epic, Kailey Fox, Kyle "Fuzzy" Smith, Twin City Hot Club, Dexter Wilhite, Mattie Henry Band, GAR GAR, Jig the Alien, Astro Motel, Boudain, and All But Brave.

## Vendor Spotlight

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**Hollis Seafood** has been serving the largest variety of the freshest and the best seafood in North Louisiana and South Arkansas since 1998. They will be serving up some Louisiana cooking with all your seafood favorites like fried & blackened catfish and shrimp, and poboys.

**Papa T's Café** – All the way from Lafayette, Papa T will be there serving up his unique Cajun favorites like Boudin eggrolls and fried bread pudding.

**The Glamorous Boutique** has a gorgeous selection of clothing, corsets, vests and handbags. They carry sizes small to 4X so you're sure to find something glamorous to wear!

**M & K House** is a mother and daughter quilt and jewelry-making duo. Each unique piece of jewelry has a story behind it. The pieces are one of a kind and absolutely beautiful. They are located on Antique Alley in Something Borrowed and will have a booth set up selling their wares.

**Iantha Thomas** features a New Orleans style crawfish and shrimp etouffee, filled with Louisiana trinity, handmade roux and lots of flavor.

## Street Closure & Parking

On the day of, South Grand will be closed from the corner of Bry Park at the Endom Bridge all the way down to the end of the RiverMarket from 10AM – 9PM. Below is a map of available parking. The yellow area designates parking, and the red is where the street is closed.



## Music Line-Up Schedule

### Matt's Music Stage at the RiverWalk

10:00-10:45	Gabe & Chris
11:00-11:30	Kailey Fox
11:45-12:30	Kyle "Fuzzy" Smith
12:45-1:30	Twin City Hot CLub
1:45-2:30	Alone Man Band
2:45-3:30	Roses & Revolvers
3:45-4:30	Dexter White
4:45-5:30	Mattie Henry Band
5:45-6:15	GAR GAR
6:30-7:15	Garden District Revival
7:30-8:45	Louisiana Soul Revival featuring Doug Duffey

### Arby's Stage at Bry Park

11:00-11:45	Voyager 77
12:00-12:45	This Kids Epic
1:00-1:45	Jig the Alien
2:00-2:45	Astro Motel
3:00-3:45	Boudain
4:00-4:45	Eight Feet Thick
5:00-6:00	All But Brave

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