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**KGNU-CFCZ’s Annual Mardi Gras Dance Benefit With Zydeco Hipsters Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble**

**December 6, 2022**- KGNU Community Radio and Colorado Friends of Cajun-Zydeco Music and Dance (CFCZ) celebrate Mardi Gras with an evening of revelry, music and dancing featuring Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Tickets are available at kgnu.org or at the door. Doors are at 6:30 p.m. A zydeco dance lesson follows at 7:00 and music is at 8:00. The Avalon Ballroom's spacious dance floor will be vibrating and shaking with enthusiasm at this annual tradition. Hilarious honky tonk musician Jimbo Darville (of the Truckadours) will emcee the event.

Like many great zydeco musicians, Curley Taylor was born to play zydeco. His professional career began at age 16 drumming in his father's band, Jude Taylor and the Burning Flames. Fast forward a few years a few years and Curley has drummed for such South Louisiana greats as Steve Riley, CC Adcock and Curley’s uncle, legendary blues guitarist Paul ‘Li’l Buck’ Sinegal. While touring with CJ Chenier, son of zydeco’s founding father Clifton Chenier, Curley learned to play accordion. Eventually he assembled his own aggregation and recorded his 2003 auspicious debut *Country Boy*. He is known coast to coast for his fiery, hip brand of zydeco that represents a crossroads between rural Creole life and fashionable urban hipness.

Sauvage will provide scrumptious Cajun/Creole delicacies for a nominal fee. Wine & beer will also be available and complimentary King Cake will be served after the costume contest. There will also be a Mardi Gras costume contest with prizes, so be sure to dress in your festive best, the more outrageous and decadent, the better! Additionally, discounted overnight accommodations are available at Basecamp Boulder. Use code Mardigras2023 for online reservations or when calling the front desk at 303-449-7550.

This event benefits KGNU Community Radio and CFCZ. KGNU has been broadcasting on the Front Range for 44 years at 88.5 FM, 1390 AM Denver, and 98.7, Fort Collins. For tickets and more information, visit KGNU.org. The Colorado Friends of Cajun-Zydeco Music and Dance is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring Louisiana French culture, music and dance to the Front Range. More information at cfcz.org.

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**When:** Saturday, February 4, 2023   6:30 – 11:30 p.m.

**Where:** Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303

Tickets on sale now online at KGNU.org.
$40 until midnight February 3, 2023.
$45/door / $20 with valid student ID. Dance Lesson Included with Admission
Would you like to purchase a table? Be your own Kingfish: 8 seats for $250, 10 for $300.