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■ Live California Radio Broadcast with Sharon Arms Doucet on Triangle



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MICHAEL DOUCET DANNY POUILLARD & ALAN SENAUCHE

Cajun Jam Session

The release of this recording is due to popular demand! It's the result of a wonderful unison spirit present in the control room of KPFA the morning of January 2, 1983. Michael Doucet and his then friend, and now wife, Sharon had come from Louisiana to visit with us in Berkeley. I invited them along with Danny Poullard on accordion and Alan Senauke on guitar to appear on my semi weekly radio program, "Folk, Blues, & Jazz" over Berkeley's listener sponsored Pacifica station KPFA (& KFCF in Fresno). The program is aired every other Sunday from 11 AM to 1 PM, alternating with Phil Ellwood. The day after New Years was a cold one for California. The station is not heated but somehow the Louisiana spirits were just right and we had a fine time and some delightful music went out over the air. As usual, I operated the control board and mixed the group's sound as best I could using two mediocre speech mikes and head phones. From time to time we snuck in a record or two. Luckily I had the foresight to tape an air check of the proceedings. We had also arranged for the group along with several extra musicians to play at the Freight & Salvage Coffee House that night which we mentioned several times on the air. To our surprise the Freight was packed when we arrived that evening apparently because of what went out over the air that morning. Everyone told us the broadcast had been such sheer joy that they had to come down and hear more of this in person. This was before Michael Doucet ever came West with Beausoleil. Tom Diamant, who also does a program over KPFA on Friday afternoons, replayed parts of this program some months later, just as Michael Doucet and Beausoleil made their first Bay Area tour. I'll never forget hearing it while driving the band to a gig at the Palms in Davis, California stuck in traffic on the Carquinez Bridge!

Michael was a bit critical about his performance but seldom likes to hear what he has recorded anyway but finally agreed to let me release it on a record. Danny Poullard who comes from a very musical family, is an arch traditionalist. He was born and raised just outside of Eunice, Louisiana but is now a permanent Californian and one of the mainstays of the California Cajun Orchestra along with Suzy and Eric Thompson. Danny also questioned his playing and was just a beginner at the time. He knows he has improved a lot since 1983 but finally also said ok! Alan Senauke, a fine folk guitarist, has played and recorded with the Blue Flame String Band, was one of the Fiction Brothers (with Howie Tarnower), an editor of Sing Out magazine, and recorded a guitar album for Kicking Mule with Eric Thompson. Alan was an early member of the California Cajun Orchestra and seemed to be happy with his part in this impromptu jam session! So let the good times roll and hope you enjoy this tape as much as those who have already heard it years ago. Sorry it took us so long to get it out—better late than never! (Chris Strachwitz—1989)



Side A

1. Lake Arthur Stomp
2. J'ai Fait Mon Idee
3. French Jig
4. Midland Two Step
5. Grand Kaplan

SIDE B

1. La Banane A Nonc Adam
2. Ti Galop A Chataigner
3. California Cajun Blues
4. Eunice Two Step
5. Bosco Stomp

Michael Doucet—fiddle & vocals
Danny Poullard—accordion
Alan Senauke—guitar
Sharon Arms Doucet—triangle

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