**CLIFTON CHENIER**  
"Bogalusa Boogie"  
*Over 50 Minutes of Classic Zydeco Music*

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Clifton Chenier

This recording session was one of those rare events where everything went just right. It was probably the most perfect get-together I ever had with Clifton Chenier and the best version of the Red Hot Louisiana Band during Clifton's long career as the King of Zydeco. The band came from Lafayette and I drove up to Bogalusa from New Orleans with photographer Michael P. Smith. Clifton and the whole band were in excellent spirits helped greatly by the fact that the studio had everything ready for them to just come in and start playing. The drums were set up and perfectly miked, Clifton was in a semi-booth but could oversee everyone like a pilot at the controls. They were ready to play a good dance with ideal acoustics and the ability to hear each others’ every nuance. The band ripped through one number after another without second takes as if they were playing a hot dance and were enjoying every moment of it. It was pure joy from start to finish. Clifton had pretty much picked the material and knew what he wanted to record. My only contribution, as in the case of most previous Chenier sessions, was a request for some old time zydeco and “Allons A Grand Coteau” was the result! The whole program was a delightful blending of various typical Chenier ingredients which resulted in this delicious musical gumbo.

The reviews of this recording were very favorable and Rolling Stone Record Guide gave the original release a five star rating: "Indispensable: a record that must be included in any comprehensive collection."

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2. M’Appel Fou (They Call Me Crazy)
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Clifton Chenier – vocals, accordion, & harmonica; Cleveland Chenier – rubboard; John Hart – tenor sax; Paul Senegal – guitar; Joe Brouchet (Morris) – bass; Robert St. Julian (Peter) – drums.

Produced by Chris Strachwitz; Recorded at Studio In The Country, Bogalusa, La. 10/27/1975; Lee Peterzell – engineer; Mixed by Stephen Jarvis & James Benney at Wally Heider Studios in San Francisco

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