

# LEROY THOMAS & the Zydeco Roadrunners

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# INTRODUCTION

Leroy Thomas & the Zydeco Roadrunners are one of the HOTTEST Zydeco bands on the scene. He promises to deliver the Louisiana Tradition... Zydeco, with hits that will make you party all night long! When you hear this Jewel of the Bayou you will stomp your feet and scream for more. Leroy is a throwback to the first generation of Zydeco, who knows when to mix a waltz into the proceedings. He has an encyclopedic repertoire of Zydeco, Cajun, Blues, R&B, and Country music. One thing is clear; he is not one to be shy. To add to his list of talent he also sings in French. On stage Leroy will have you staring in awe watching his quick fingers and rhythmic beat. He is definitely an eye catcher. Leroy Thomas & the Zydeco Roadrunners tour the world, and they are sure to make your night one to remember.

# DISCOGRAPHY

1998	Louisiana Zydeco Band	Bad Weather Records
1999	I'm a Bad Sucka For Ya	Bad Weather Records
2000	The Monkey & the Baboon	Thomas Records
2000	Taxi, Take Me To The Trail Ride	Thomas Records
2002	Somebody's Looking For Ya	Hardcore Records
2004	Right Now is Prime Time	Thomas Productions
2006	You Got Me	Thomas Productions
2007	The Favorites of Leroy Thomas	Thomas Productions
2010	The Jewel of the Bayou with Maison De Soul	Records

# LEROY THOMAS NEWS ARCHIVE

- 1999 City Life- Front Page & Article Written By (Kathy Easterly)
- 1999 New York Times- CD Review of Leroy Thomas Songs
- 1999 He Toi Magazine- CD Review for Monkey & the Baboo (Guy Michaels)
- 2000 Live Television Performance for Millennium Blood Drive
- 2000 Cox Cable- Live Television Broadcast
- 2000 Santa Monica Pier- Filmed for Television 2000 Time Magazine- NY
- 2001 Television Interview Lake Charles La (7) & Lafayette La (10)
- 2001 Hey Toi Magazine- CD Review - Taxi Take Me To The Trail Ride  
(Guy Michaels)
- 2002 Hey Toi Magazine- CD Review for Somebody's Looking For Ya  
(Guy Michaels)
- 2002 Live on Internet- John F. Kennedy Center (Millennium Stage)
- 2003 The Baytown Sun (Front page)
- 2003 First Place WINNER @ The Original Zydeco Jam Festival in Crosby, Tx.  
(Front page of Baytown Sun)
- 2004 Lincoln Center Performance/ New York (Times Magazine)
- 2004 Royal Caribbean, Legend of the Sea's (San Deigo, Ca)
- 2004 Performance @ Kimmel Center/ Philly Pa. News Letter

- 2005 Todd Ortego Swamp & Roll TV 2006 Todd Ortego Swamp & Roll TV
- 2006 Live on NBC News
- 2007 Live Performance & Interview/ Zydeco Road
- 2007 American Press (The Leroy Thomas Annual Stress Relief Party) 2008,  
2009, & 2010 The Swamp & Roll TV Show - Lafayette, La
- 2010, 2011, & 2013- Louisiana Promotional TV Commercials Live from Cafe  
Des Amis'.
- 2011 KWWL News at Noon Waterloo, IA
- 2012 KATC TV 3 News in Lafayette, La
- 2012 LPB TV La Traditional Show
- 2012 Live Performance for NFL Cheerleaders at Block party in  
New Iberia, La.
- 2013 Todd Ortego Swamp & Roll TV Show at Black Gold Casino  
Duson, La.
- 2014 August write up of band in Southern Living Magazine.

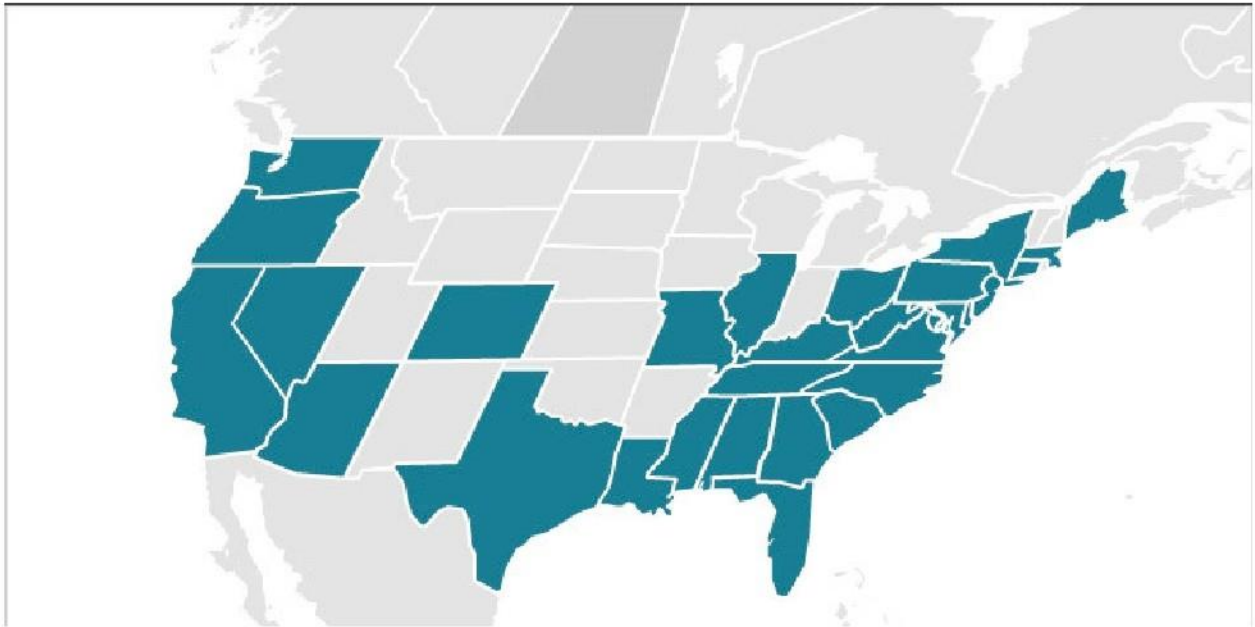
# LEROY THOMAS BIOGRAPHY

Leroy Thomas (THE JEWEL OF THE BAYOU) was born on December 14, 1965 in Lake Charles La. At the age of 8, Leroy Thomas was learning how to play drums on five gallon paint buckets. Using nothing but little branches off of trees for drum sticks, not knowing he was on his way to becoming a very talented performer. He used a cardboard tube from some old Christmas wrapping paper, and would sing with not a care in the world.

Leroy recalls that he latter heard that a man had an accordion for sale. He grabbed one of his dad's cassette players, and he and his friends walked four miles into town. Leroy asked the man, would you take a cassette tape player for that accordion? The man said sure. Leroy played that accordion all the way home down a gravel dirt road in Elton La. with pride and joy. At the age of 19 Leroy joined his father's band (Leo Thomas and His Louisiana Zydeco Band). Together they rocked the crowds at every performance. Along with the music, Leroy did auto paint & body work, and grew rice and soybean. Seven years later he moved to Houston, Tx. Leroy became a certified combination pipe welder.

Meantime he had become renowned for playing the basic button accordion and the more sophisticated piano accordion. The Snap Bean Times says, "Leroy's band is the genuine article for some of the best accordion playing in the country; come out and see the master musician a Jewel of the Bayou! Father and son had toured the world together. One day Leroy decided he needed to build up his own name. From that day on Leroy formed his own band called: Leroy Thomas & the Zydeco Roadrunners. Leroy's friendliness and accessibility make's him especially popular with fans, and his professionalism and reliability are considered a real plus in the music industry. Leroy would read about Clifton Chenier, the king of Zydeco. Oh how Clifton would mix some rhythm & blues into his Zydeco music. Over the years some Zydeco artists have added elements of funk, R&B, country, and rock into the Zydeco. But Leroy never forgot what beautiful music he was raised with."

## WHERE THE ROADRUNNERS HAVE TOURED:



### Domestic

Louisiana - Texas - Alabama - Florida - Georgia - California -  
Tennessee - Mississippi - Virginia - Kentucky - Delaware -  
Pennsylvania - New York - D.C. - Maryland - Connecticut - Maine -  
Illinois - Rhode Island - Washington - Oregon - North Carolina -  
South Carolina - Arizona - Nevada - Colorado - New Jersey - Maine -  
Indiana - Missouri - Arkansas - Massachusetts - Ohio - Virginia - Kansas -  
Wisconsin - Iowa - Michigan - New Hampshire -

### International

Europe - Holland -  
France

# THE ZYDECO ROADRUNNERS

**Leroy Thomas:** *Accordion/Lead*

**Gerard St. Julien Jr:** *Vocals/Drummer*

**Gabriel Jr:** *Guitar*

**Morris Ledet:** *Bass Guitar*

**Gerard St. Julien III:** *Rubboard Player*

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