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AN EVENING OF ACADIANA WITH WARREN PERRIN
Book Signing and Reception

On Thursday, March 23, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., The Louisiana State Museum will host a book signing and reception for author and “Cajun attorney” Warren Perrin at the Cabildo on Jackson Square.

A complimentary “Vermilion Parish style” jambalaya prepared by Warren Perrin will be provided during the reception as traditional Cajun accordion player, Bernie David, entertains the group. Perrin will lecture on a chapter from the book, *Acadian Redemption*. He will provide an historical background and illustrate Acadian characteristics such as: individualism, adaptability, pragmatism, industriousness and equalitarianism. In addition, Perrin will discuss the Evangeline myth as portrayed in the epic poem “Evangeline” by Longfellow – that all Acadian women were pure, chaste, virtuous and innocent, which is analyzed in the book. Finally, Perrin will compare modern-day attitudes of contemporary Cajuns who have acquired the reputation of *laissez les bon temps rouler*. The book signing will follow.

“The cultures and traditions of the Acadian people add spice to the Louisiana gumbo,” said Secretary Angèle Davis with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the parent agency of the Louisiana State Museum. “They are a big part of the reason people are drawn to our state to visit and to make their lives here. Preserving the Acadian culture is an important way to maintain the uniqueness that so many people love about Louisiana.”

Declared the “Best History Book” by the Louisiana Press Women’s Association, *Acadian Redemption: From Beausoleil Broussard to the Queen’s Royal Proclamation* is the “first biography of an Acadian exile [and] defines the 18th-century society of Acadia.” This work outlines Joseph Beausoleil Broussard’s early life, militant struggles with the British and “the epic odyssey during which Beausoleil led a group of one hundred ninety-three Acadians from Nova Scotia to Louisiana, the New Acadia, with the hope that his beloved culture would survive.” As an eighth-generation Beausoleil descendant, Warren Perrin brought a petition before the British Crown in 1990 resulting in the signing of the Queen’s Royal Proclamation.

Warren Perrin has been the subject of several articles in magazines such as the *National Geographic*, *LA Times*, *Esquire* and *Louisiana Life*. He has been interviewed by *National Public Radio*, *Sunday Morning on CBS* and *Cajun Country, USA*. The *President's Award* from the CFMA, *Pioneer Award* from the Abbeville Cultural and Historical Alliance, the *Louisiana Rural Tourism Success Award* by the LSU Louisiana Sea Grant Program and a finalist at the *World Human Rights Conference* in Normandy, France are among Perrin's many awards.

This event is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Cabildo. For more information, call 225-219-0725.

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