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HOUMAPALOOZA MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

Houma, LA - Houmapalooza, a free, outdoor music festival that showcases original music, will be held in Courthouse Square in downtown Houma, on Saturday, October 27, 2012. The all-day festival will feature ten (10) independent bands performing their own original music starting at noon and ending at 10pm.

The two major goals of Houmapalooza is to provide musicians from across South Louisiana an opportunity to perform original pieces of works for public benefit, and to carry on a cultural tradition of community festivals in South Louisiana. Organizers at the Arts Council are excited to continue the festival in 2012, and Glenda Toups, Executive Director, says "We are certain this is growing into a trademark music festival for South Louisiana musicians, and music lovers."

Houmapalooza was held in April and November of 2011, and again in April of 2012, and has featured thirty (30) bands consisting of over one hundred and fifty (150) regional musicians showcasing their own original music. Over 5,000 people have attended Houmapalooza to date, and bands have applied to perform from as far as San Antonio, TX, making Houmapalooza a quickly growing outdoor music festival.

For a complete band lineup, please visit www.houmapalooza.com. Interested bands who wish to apply for a performance spot for the Spring or Fall 2013 festival should contact the Arts Council at (985) 873-6367.

Interested food vendors should contact the Arts Council, or visit <u>www.houmapalooza.com</u> for more info and an application form.

If any local business is interested in becoming a sponsor of Houmapalooza, they should contact the Arts Council at (985) 873-6367.

The Houma Regional Arts Council was founded in 1984 and its mission is to promote and provide arts and cultural events through a partnership of public and private funding based on the needs of individual communities. The Arts Council serves Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne Parishes and distributes over \$250,000 annually to nonprofit organizations in the region to support arts and cultural endeavors for public benefit. Programs of the Houma Regional Arts Council are supported in part by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Please visit www.houmaterrebonne.org for more information.

