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Cajun Strangers to bring Southwest sound

The sound of the Southwest will ring through Riverside Park as the Cajun Strangers bring a series of two-steps, waltzes, blues and zydeco to Riverfest for a performance from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

The Cajun Strangers, based out of Madison, play dance hall music from the Cajun French culture of southwest Louisiana and east Texas.

The Louisiana button accordion and the fiddle drive the music with a rhythm section of guitar, bass and drums. Many of the vocals are sung in the Cajun French dialect, but the band does a number of tunes in English as well.

“You might recognize ‘Jam-

balaya’ or our cajunized versions of ‘You Never Can Tell,’ ‘Alberta’ and ‘Keep on a Knocking,’” bandmember John Romano said.

“We will be sure and play ‘Diggy Diggy Lo’ made famous by Louisiana fiddler Doug Kershaw.”

The Cajun Strangers have two CDs on the Swallow Record label out of Ville Platte Louisiana. Both of these CDs won the Prix Dehors de

Nous award from the Cajun French Music Association for the best Cajun music CD released by a band outside of southeast Louisiana and east Texas. These were awarded in 2007 and 2010.

