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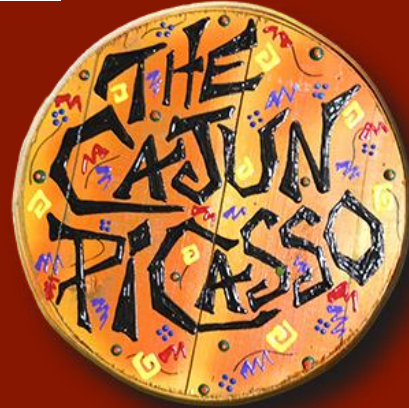
Putting a “Cajun” Spin on It “The Cajun Picasso Studio & Art Gallery”.

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Proud To Be “The Cajun Picasso” in Lafayette, LA

When I asked Dusty Reed of “The Cajun Picasso” if he could come up with a headline for this article, he replied: “Out with the dog and pony show & in with the Cajun-Creole soul. Then he smiled.” The Acadiana Business Network couldn’t agree more. After spending some time with “The Cajun Picasso,” we not only agree, we hope you experience a cultural moment with Dusty Reed. His personality and passion for his culture will not only excite you, you may find yourself wanting to bring a piece of culture home with you!



The Cajun Picasso’s Child-Hood Home “Cajun Style”

Dustin “Dusty” Reed grew-up in Youngsville, LA until the age of 12. His Father from Mamou, LA and his Mother Eunice, LA. Two well-known small towns with a great deal of small town Cajun culture. Then one day Dusty’s mother wanted to move to an old farmhouse in Lafayette, LA. This is where an amazing Cajun artistic career started to develop. Dusty remembers from childhood the old farm table they would eat dinner around as children. But most of all the great many antiques which were on display around the kitchen became a permanent fixture into the life of who is now “The Cajun Picasso.” I asked “TCP” if he had a favorite antique growing up. He immediately told me there was a very rare Coca-Cola sign which he saved up for 7 months to make his own. When we asked him what were the other children saving up for? We learned “Nintendo” was popular at the time. So being the Cajun Picasso is more than just an image. We started to learn that it was a learning experience. An appreciative way of life that Dusty claims is still alive and well in The Acadiana area, The Cajun-Culture.



Dusty Reed: The Cajun Picasso has a high regard and appreciation for the artistry of natural elements “moss” and small gum-ball spike elements called “Peek-Ons” just to name a few. (Small spiked-round

tree falling ornaments) To Dusty, it is what started his study of traditional Folk-Art. He says, "To create something that no one else has seen before, that's real!"



Dusty Focusing on his piece being shown in The Chase Towers in Downtown Lafayette Louisiana

We asked Dusty where he saw himself in 5 years as an artist. He let us know with an immediate answer, he continues to create art. And artistry for the teach-ability of Louisiana culture. He would like to educate others with a growth through art and history.

We asked The Cajun Picasso what made him want to open a gallery in Lafayette, LA. Dusty told us he always had a goal to teach, while also working with art and antiques. He summed the answer up with "Mama's always have to say something looks good, the real push is when someone special tells you with passion "the colors move them." That is why the drive is there. He also enjoys waking up and creating his art in a place that is all his own. The ability to be hospitable is very close to the area we live, Dusty enjoys doing it and invites you to his gallery to experience Cajun culture, Antiques, and Louisiana Folk Art!



"The Cajun Picasso" Location in Lafayette, LA

What deserves importance is that Dusty "The Cajun Picasso" Reed stays true to his Cajun culture. He also feels that teaching and preserving the culture is important. From his words, "that culture is still here!" It is all around Acadiana as a whole, and now it can be experienced while driving through Lafayette, LA on Johnston Street. When you visit the Cajun Picasso Art Gallery & Antiques, you are experiencing more than just an ordinary antique store. You can interact with Dusty Reed, "The Cajun Picasso" learn about a Cajun history, a Cajun past, and a Cajun Future.

Anne Logan: Louisiana artist and manager of "The Cajun Palette" in Henderson, LA had the following to say about the work of Dusty Reed.

"Dustin's work is signified... by boldness of color and design. He has developed a style uniquely his own that comes through not only his original canvases but also with his soft sculpture and two-dimensional pieces ... he is truly Louisiana's next Rodrigue."

The ABN – Acadiana Business Network enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Dusty Reed. It is always a great thing to see others creating "Cultural" pieces that have a unique story. If you would like to experience The Cajun Picasso, his location is 102 Woodvale Avenue in Lafayette, LA 70503. Phone: (337) 258-2435. Or Become a Fan of "The Cajun Picasso" on Facebook by clicking here: [f](#)

Acadiana is simply an amazing place, we are happy to be a part of it. ~ABN [f](#)