



Sheryl Cormier

Sheryl Guilbeau Cormier is the oldest of four children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Guilbeau of Grande Coteau, Louisiana. She comes from a musically talented family. Her grandfather, father and mother played music. At the age of seven Sheryl learned to play on her father's accordion by sneaking it when he was working in the field. Later, Sheryl occasionally played with her father's band but never considered a music career. Her ambition to play music grew after being invited by Blackie Forestier to play a couple of songs on stage at Bourque's Club in Lewisburg, Louisiana. Blackie furnished the band for her first 45 recording which opened the door for her career. Her husband, Russell, does the vocals on her recording of "My Heart and my Love" and "The Bottle" or "*La Boutille*."

Cheryl has since received several awards and recognition, including: "Best Up and Coming Band" and the "Pioneer Award" from the Cajun French Music Association, "The Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Cajun Culture Association the induction into the "Living Legends of Erath," and the induction into the Cajun Hall of Fame.

Sheryl's path has led her from local clubs, restaurants and festivals across the United States and Canada. She has toured Europe for 12 years, playing twice a year. Countries played in include: Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria, England, France, Holland, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.