



Joseph Nolan Cormier

Joseph Nolan Cormier is a multi-talented Cajun musician best known for his signature song, the “Hee Haw Breakdown.” Nolan was born in Church Point, Louisiana on September 20, 1951. He began learning from his father Clebert Cormier, Jr. and his brother, Andrew Cormier, at age five (5) and eventually learned to play the accordion, bass, guitar and steel guitar. He is also an excellent vocalist. He started playing professionally in 1966 at age 14.

In 1970 he formed “Nolan Cormier and The Louisiana Ramblers” and later “The Cajun Hee Haws.” he later partnered with Nolan Dugas and the two of them recorded many memorable Cajun songs. In 1972, he won first place in an accordion contest on Cajun Day in Church Point, Louisiana.

The “Hee Haw Breakdown” was recorded on the Swallow label in 1970 as a 45 rpm record and in 1985, Nolan recorded an LP, “*Les Flammes d'Enfer*” on the Bee label.

Nolan has also worked with musicians Allen Ardoin, Mike Barth, Mike Dugas, Chad “Smiley” Cormier, Chad Cormier, Kevin Dugas, Johnny Sonnier, Aldus Roger, Nathan Abshire, Allen Fontenot, and Nelson Bergeron as well as with “Blackie Forestier and The Cajun Aces in 1977 and “The Can't Hardly Playboys” with Frank Savoy in 1990.

He has toured with his brother, Andrew Cormier, and sons, Mitchell and Chad Cormier, to El Paso, Austin, Houston, and Corpus Christi, Texas and New Brunswick, Canada. He also played with his brother, Andrew, at the 1984 World Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Baton rouge State Fair with Randy Whitley and in Wisconsin with Allen Fontenot.

He is the grandson of accordionist, Clebert Cormier, Sr., son of Clebert Cormier, Jr., brother of Andrew Cormier and father of musicians, Mitchell and Chad Cormier.

He appears on (LPs) "Commemorative Album" (Bee) "*Les Flammes D'enfer*," "*Bons Temps Rouler*," (*Swallow*) "Hee Haw Breakdown," "Cajun & Swamp Pop Hits," (JIN), "Forestier's Cajun Music," (*La Louisianne*)-1977, and Robert Bertrand (Goldband)-1977, also a Goldband compilation CD, "Swampland Jewels," released in 1991. He also recorded "*Valle de l'Armes*," "*Moi et Ma Famille*," "Nolan Cormier and The Cajun Hee Haws" with Nolan Dugas on vocals, "Close Every Honky Tonk," "*Mes Cobs et Mes Eperons*" with Albert Miller on Vocals, "Nolan Cormier and The Cajun Hee Haws," "*Valse de Meches*," Sweet Lake Special," Wallace Derouen on vocals with "Nolan Cormier and The Louisiana Ramblers."