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Cajun Zydeco & Delta Rhythm Festival Sept 2 and 3 Brings World Class Zydeco and Rockabilly Musicians to Sonoma County over Labor Day Weekend for a Dance Party to Benefit Charity

Sebastopol, California – The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise proudly presents the 22nd Annual Sonoma County Cajun Zydeco & Delta Rhythm Festival: two days of exceptional music, food, and fun in the Mississippi River Delta tradition occurring over the Labor Day Weekend, September 2 and 3, 2017 in Sebastopol, California. This year, the Festival takes a turn in the direction of the Northern Delta, Memphis, and Sun Studios, the birthplace of Rockabilly, the Festival's featured genre on Day Two. The event begins on Saturday September 2nd with a stellar line-up of Cajun-Zydeco musicians, including the incomparable Geno Delafosse and the French Rockin Boogie Band, The Blues Box Bayou Band, Mark St. Mary and others, and continues on Sunday September 3rd with an array of acclaimed Rockabilly masters, including The Blasters, Kim Lenz and the Jaguars, and the Revtones. As in years past, the Festival plays out in beautiful Ives Parks, Sebastopol, where visitors will dance under the redwoods on a hardwood floor, dine on fine Creole food, and enjoy superb wine, beer, and drink. Time is 11:30 to 7:00 pm both days. Tickets for the weekend are \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the show; single days are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the show. Children under 12 are admitted free. Proceeds help support local nonprofit organizations and school programs, as well as Rotary International humanitarian projects. For tickets and additional information, go to www.WineCountryCajun.com.

Geno Delafosse and the French Rockin Boogie Band headline on Saturday September 3rd. Delafosse is an internationally heralded zydeco accordionist and singer; one of the younger generations who created nouveau zydeco. His sound is deeply rooted in traditional Creole and Cajun music, and also country and western. Saturday performers also include the Blues Box Bayou Band, Mark St. Mary, and CZ and the Bon Vivants, all celebrated bands that spread the joy and irresistible rhythms of Cajun Zydeco music. Noted instructor Dana de Simone will offer free dance lessons between sets.

On Sunday, September 3rd, the Festival features Rockabilly and roots music, with widely acclaimed masters in the genre, including the Blaster as headliner, Kim Lenz and the Jaguars, and the Revtones. Phil Alvin of the Blasters has spent his life exploring and expressing the deep and diverse musical legacy that is best described by the title of his first album: *American Music*. Blasters shows have been described as “a cross between Creedence and the Clash,” with a display of passion and energy only deepened by decades of experience. Kim Lenz is now poised for a breakthrough with her upcoming album “Follow Me,” scheduled for release on August 20th via Riley Records. Other celebrated acts will precede Lenz, including the Revtones from San Francisco, Mich Polzak and the Royal Deuces, and the Coppertones.

The festival's authentic Creole menu will include crawfish, gumbo, jambalaya, as well as world class BBQ and other specialties for the Rockabilly crowd, Lagunitas beer, Balletto wine, hurricanes, oyster shooters, and non-alcoholic beverages. Free parking is available. No dogs or outside food permitted. For tickets, accommodations, and additional information, go to www.WineCountryCajun.com.

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