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Buckwheat Zydeco to play Flamingo

by James Keats

Halifax will be introduced to a new type of music at the Pub Fla-

mingo on Monday, October 26. If you haven't heard Zydeco music before, you have to get out and see Buckwheat Zydeco and the

Ils Sont Partis Band.

This Grammy-nominated band plays Louisiana black Cajun music, which is best described as a mixture of Paul Simon's *Graceland*, Weird Al's accordion, and a bit of good old rock and roll. With Buckwheat Zydeco on the accordion, Nat Jolivette on drums, Lee Allen Zeno on bass, and Elijah Cudges on the "frottoir" or rub board, you

and came up with the style that became Zydeco. The basic difference between the original Cajun music and the new Zydeco is that the Cajun music, based on the fiddle, was "white" music and the accordion-backed Zydeco is "black" music. Buckwheat was fortunate enough to be able to work with Chenier for a few years, where he learned the tricks of the trade on tours. He

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get a rhythm that will grab you and make you dance.

Unless you were brought up in a town like Lafayette, Louisiana, you're probably asking yourself, "What is Zydeco music?" It all started with a man by the name of Clifton Chenier in the early '70s. Chenier took the sounds he heard at the local dances, in friends' houses, and in his home (sort of a modern Cajun style), mixed it with '50s and '60s blues, threw in some soul and R&B,

sharpened his accordion skills and developed his own unique style of Zydeco. By adding a modern rhythm section, Buckwheat has produced a knee-slappin', foot-tappin', fun-times, dancing music.

As sure as their name (Ils Sont Partis translates to "they're off!"), when you hear this band, your night will translate into a good time and you'll be off your set and on the dance floor.

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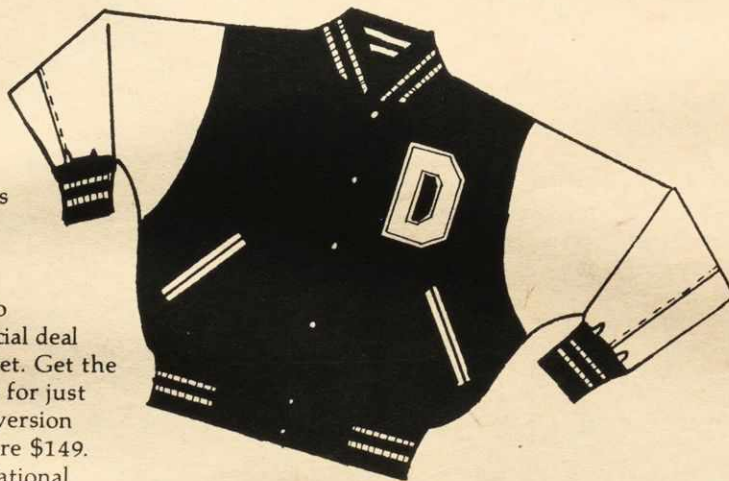
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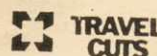
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