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Paducah CVB Announces Free Community Events Featuring Visiting Artist Louis Michot

Paducah, KY – April 20, 2026 The Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce a series of free community events featuring Louis Michot, Grammy Award-winning musician and inaugural Visiting Artist in the CVB's new Visiting Artist Program. Michot will be in Paducah on May 6 and 7, 2026, ahead of his performance at the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival on May 8.

“This visit is a wonderful example of our Creative City mission in action,” said Alyssa Phares, President & CEO of the Paducah CVB and Focal Point for Paducah’s participation in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. “We believe in the power of cultural exchange to inspire our community and honor the living creative traditions that connect us all.”

Wednesday, May 6 | Market House Theatre, Studio 200 | Free and Open to the Public

Michot will lead two presentations at Market House Theatre, Studio 200, offering Paducah audiences a rare, in-depth look at the roots and evolution of Louisiana French musical tradition.

At 10:00 AM, *A History of Louisiana French Music* will trace the origins and arc of Louisiana's French musical heritage. At 2:00 PM, *Cajun and Creole Music in French Louisiana* will offer a deeper exploration of the distinct Cajun and Creole traditions that have shaped the Gulf South's musical identity.

Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM | Paducah School of Art and Design | Free and Open to the Public

The Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau, in partnership with Paducah School of Art and Design and the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival, invites the public to kick off LTAMF at one of Lower Town's most beloved creative landmarks. The open-house celebration will feature the final student exhibition, a meet-and-greet with visiting artist Louis Michot, and light refreshments.

Friday, May 8 | Lower Town Arts & Music Festival | Free and Open to the Public

Michot takes the stage at the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 8, bringing his residency to a close with a full public performance. The festival continues through May 9 in Paducah's historic Lower Town neighborhood.

In addition to his public events, Michot will also lead workshops with local high school band and French students, emphasizing the importance of intergenerational knowledge sharing, one of the core tenets of UNESCO's Creative Cities mission.

Louis Michot is the fiddle player, vocalist, and creative force behind the Grammy Award-winning Lost Bayou Ramblers. Michot has released more than 20 albums, composed six film scores, and published more than 100 original songs. He calls New Orleans — the country's newest UNESCO Creative City — his artistic home. His visit to Paducah is made possible through the Paducah CVB's Visiting Artist Program.

For more information about Louis Michot's visit and the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival, visit www.paducah.travel.

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