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The Whiting Proudly Presents Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

Flint - The Whiting is pleased to present *Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole* on **Friday, January 15 at 8pm**. Ticket prices range are \$27 & \$30 and are available online at TheWhiting.com, by phoning (810) 237-7333 and by walk up at The Ticket Center located within The Whiting. The Whiting is located at 1241 E. Kearsley St. just off I-475 between the University of Michigan Flint and Mott Community College on the beautiful Flint Cultural Center campus.

One of the most noted young talents to emerge in Cajun or Creole music in the past few years, Cedric Watson is a fiddler, vocalist, accordionist and songwriter of seemingly unlimited potential. Born in 1983, Cedric grew up in San Felipe, Texas surrounded by the sounds of blues, old soul, country and zydeco. Unlike his hip-hop focused peers, Cedric was drawn to the old-style French songs of Southwest Louisiana and the greater Houston area. He soon made his way to Lafayette, LA where he was enthusiastically accepted into the musical community and immediately recognized as an important participant in the continuity of Creole music.

Cedric has played with some of the great family names in Creole music, including Dexter Ardoin and the Creole Ramblers and Jeffrey Broussard and the Creole Cowboys. With the Pine Leaf Boys, Cedric expanded his repertoire of Cajun songs while adding his

Creole and zydeco foundation to the band's true-to-the-roots Southwest Louisiana sound. He plays old La-La French music (traditional Creole music) in a trio of accordion, fiddle and guitar with his two musical godfathers, Edward Poullard and James Adams, in Les Amis Creole. With accordionist Corey "Lil' Pop" Ledet, Cedric turns to the more blues and R&B influenced songs of Clifton Chenier, John Delafosse, Canray Fontenot, and Bebe Carrier.

Cedric continues to explore the roots of Louisiana's Creole music with his own band, *Bijou Creole*. Playing a variety of old-school zydeco styles, original material and Creole traditionals, the polyrhythmic and syncopated sounds of Africa and the Caribbean are unmistakable in this ensemble of talented musicians.

Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole is generously supported by Health Alliance Plan, McLaren Regional Medical Center, ABC12, WFNT, Katherine B. Miner Charitable Trust, Community Foundation of Greater Flint and Ruth Mott Foundation.

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****Reviewer Tickets AVAILABLE. High Resolution Images available upon request.**

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