

DANIEL JOSEPH CORMIER

Danny Cormier was born June 22, 1954 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Being reared in a family of Cajun French Musicians, he began playing bass with The Sundown Playboys at 15 years of age. His father, Lesa, who was also in the band, played drums while his grandfather, Lionel, played the accordion. This positioned Cormier as the third generation of Cajun French musicians in his family. His son, Brian Cormier, now plays the bass guitar with the Sundown Playboys.

Cormier made the switch from playing bass to steel guitar in 1980, and later added the Dobro, guitar, bass and fiddle to his musical repertoire. His talent has allowed him to record two CDs, four albums, and seven singles with the Sundown Playboys. He later joined Jackie Caillier and the Cajun Cousins in 1997, recording 8 cds and winning numerous Le Cajun awards with that band.

Throughout Cormier's musical career, he has acquired an impressive list of musicians with whom he has also recorded Cajun French music: Joe Simon, Ronnie Miller, Ganey Arsement, Travis Benoit, Don Fontenot, and Jimmy Higginbotham, as well as performing with Aldus Roger, Belton Richard, Phil Menard, Joe Bonsall, Sonny O'Quain, Johnny Sonnier, Ronnie Matthews, John Dale Hebert, Rodney Lejeune, Jr Hebert, Walter Mouton, and various others. To this day, Danny Cormier continues to be an admirable ambassador for the Cajun French culture by sharing the Cajun music traditions throughout Louisiana and Texas.