



## Laura Berard Huval

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### BRIEF BIO

[Laura Huval](#) is a Grammy nominated recording artist and producer, an award-winning, songwriter, vocalist, musician, member and band manager of the 2021 Grammy nominated Group [Sweet Cecilia](#), story-teller, cultural advocate, music mentor, music minister, music educator, keynote speaker, author, a wife and mother, co-founder of the [Al Berard Memorial Music Foundation](#), and the founder of [Joyful Noise Ministries](#). She has used all of her skills to help cultivate meaningful networks within the community, as well as spreading the culture of Louisiana throughout North America with a creative and innovative spirit.

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### Education

**2016-** Teacher of Talented Music Certification (State of Louisiana)

**2004-** Louisiana State University Graduate (B.S. Secondary Education Social Studies/Minor History) (Baton Rouge, LA)

**2000-** Graduate of Cecilia High School (Salutatorian)

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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

### MUSIC PROJECTS:

**2014- Present: Manager and Band Member for [Sweet Cecilia](#) and [Laura Huval Music](#)**

- Recording Academy Member
- Managing and booking all live performances
- Organizing all travel arrangements
- PR & Marketing for all shows
- Social Media Manager and Content Creator
- Bookkeeper
- Managing album production and pressing of Compact Discs and Digital Distribution
- Creating LLCs and Publishing Companies
- Website Master and Designer
- Grammy Nomination 2021- *Best Regional Roots Album for A Tribute to Al Berard*

**2019-Present: Founder of [Joyful Noise Ministries](#) (Music Ministry and Keynote Speaker)**

- Booking all live performances and speaking engagements
- Organizing all travel arrangements
- PR & Marketing for all appearances
- Managing album production and pressing of Compact Discs and Digital Distribution;
- Creating LLCs and Publishing Companies
- Website Creator and Designer
- Created YouTube Channel
- Social Media Manager

**2000-Present: Music Minister at St. Joseph Church Parish (Cecilia, LA)**

- Providing music for Sunday masses, Youth Choir Director , Youth Mass Music Minister, Currently serving as the Music Director

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**Professional Accomplishments and Recognition:**

[2021: Grammy Nominated with the band Sweet Cecilia for "Best Regional Roots Album"](#)

2021: [Nominated for Best of the Beat Awards](#) by OffBEAT Magazine with Sweet Cecilia for "Best Cajun Artist" and "Best Cajun Album; A Tribute to Al Berard"

2021: Laura Huval- [Nominated for Best of the Beat Awards](#) by Off BEAT Magazine for "Best Gospel Artist" and "Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter Artist"

2021: Bishop's Serval Medal Honoree (Diocese of Lafayette; Bishop Deshotel) 2021

2020: Nominee as Governor for National Recording Academy Board (Memphis Chapter)

[2020: Published by Oregon Catholic Press \(OCP\)](#) (original works published)

2020: Sweet Cecilia and Laura Huval Music featured on "KLFY" Acadiana Music Spotlight

2019: Times of Acadiana Best Country Band (2nd Place; Sweet Cecilia)

2018: Times of Acadiana Best Country Band (2nd Place; Sweet Cecilia)

[2018: Laura Huval-Selected for Lafayette Storytellers Event \(Acadiana Center for the Arts\)](#)

2017: Best of the Beat Awards; OffBeat Magazine- "Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter" Artist (Sweet Cecilia)

2017: Best of the Beat Awards; OffBeat Magazine- "Best Country/Folk/Singer-Songwriter" Album (Sweet Cecilia)

2017: USA Today- Story on Sweet Cecilia, featuring song written by Laura Huval, "Red Bird Flies"

2014-2015: St. Genevieve Educator of the Year

2014: Background Vocalist on Grammy Nominated Album, "Light the Stars" by Bonsoir, Catin

2014: Sweet Cecilia invited to sing the *National Anthem* for the Louisiana State House of Representatives

2013: Music Ambassador Award- State of Louisiana (Office of Lt. Governor) (Berard Family Band)

2013-Present: Nominee for Lafayette Education Foundation Teacher of the Year (Annually nominated by students)

2009-2010: Cecilia High School Teacher of the Year

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## **Film/TV/Commercials: (Selected Appearances)**

2020- Sweet Cecilia- Featured on the opening credits of "KLFY" News Video

2020- Laura Huval- Album Review for "*It's Never Too Late*" in OffBeat Magazine

2019- Music video "*Dans les Grands Chemins*" by Zachary Richard

2018- Sweet Cecilia- "*The Guidry Brothers*" featured on COX Communications Commercial

2012- Voice Acting in movie "*You're in Charge*" by Tom Kreuger

2012- Music video "*Laisse les Vent Soueffer*" for legendary Cajun musician, Zachary Richard

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## **Selected Musical Appearances with Sweet Cecilia/Al Berard Family Band:**

- The Fox Mountain Country Music Festival (Berwick, Nova Scotia, Canada)
  - Britannia Hall (Prince Edward Island, Canada)
  - New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival (New Orleans, LA)
  - Festival Acadiens et Creoles (Lafayette, LA)
  - Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival (Breaux Bridge, LA)
  - Atchafalaya Basin Festival (Henderson, LA)
  - Omelet Festival (Abbeville, LA)
  - Festival Acadiens (Clare, Nova Scotia, Canada)
  - French Quarter Festival (New Orleans, LA)
  - Crowley Opera House (Crowley, LA)
  - Ogden Museum Music Series (New Orleans, LA)
  - St. Louis Cathedral Christmas Concert (New Orleans, LA)
  - Etouffee Festival (Arnaudville, LA)
  - Potluck & Poison Ivy Music Series (Little Rock, Arkansas)
  - Swamp Romp Music Series (Kettering, Ohio)
  - SOLO Song Writers Festival (Lafayette, LA)
  - Mudbug Madness Festival (Shreveport, LA)
  - Teche Center for the Arts Concerts (Breaux Bridge, LA)
  - Festival of Lights Oil Center (Lafayette, LA)
  - Shake Your Trail Feather (Breaux Bridge, LA)
  - Downtown Alive (Lafayette, LA)
  - Slemco Annual Meeting (Cajundome, Lafayette, LA)
  - Festival International (Lafayette, LA)
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## **CULTURE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### **2021 to Present- Board Member for St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission**

- Offer new and innovative ways to encourage tourism in St. Martin Parish and Acadiana.

### **2019-Present: Co-Founder of Annual “[Fete de la Musique Louisiane](#)” (Volunteer Position)**

- Created the event with the Cecilia et Les Alentours Cultural District
- Organized meetings with LA Tourism Office and St. Martin Parish Tourism to promote the event
- Created press releases and maintained the Social Media Page (Marketing/PR), with assistance from St. Martin Parish Tourism,
- Created the virtual festival for 2020
- Organized live segment for “KLFY” Passe Patout Morning Show highlighting St. Martin Parish Musicians, Elected Officials, Business Owners, and Tourism Office
- Personally contacting musicians to have them participate and organizing “Virtual” Music Festival

### **2018 to Present: Co-Chair of the [Cecilia et Les Alentours Cultural District](#) in Cecilia, LA (Volunteer Position)**

- Organizing creative cultural events throughout St. Martin Parish
- PR & Marketing
- Social Media Manager
- Organized live segment for “KLFY” Passe Patout Morning Show (2018) showcasing musicians, artists, and business owners;
- Hosted and Facilitated “Creative Placemaking” events throughout St. Martin Parish
- Corridor des Arts Core Team Member
- Managing Cycle Zydeco Hospitality Events in the Cecilia area
- Organized a Cultural Music Exchange with musicians from Little Rock, Arkansas
- Booking musical acts for various events throughout St. Martin Parish
- Networking with neighboring cultural districts and the Lt. Governor’s Office to broaden cultural outreach
- Communicating with parish officials on all events and activities in the Cultural District.

### **2014 to Present: Co-Founder of the [Al Berard Memorial Music Fund](#) at Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA) (Volunteer Position) <https://cfacadiana.org/alberard>**

- Managed fundraising campaigns through festivals and mail-out campaigns (The fund has granted \$80,000 to local music and arts organizations)
- Making Grant Recommendations to Organizations and sending information to CFA.
- Maintaining a fiscally responsible fund

### **2014-2016: Director of the [Al Berard Music Festival](#) (Volunteer Position)**

- Programming and Booking all bands; organizing vendors
  - Website Master and Design
  - Acquired Sponsorships
  - PR & Marketing for Festivals
  - Acquired all proper licenses and insurance for events
  - Delegated responsibilities to volunteers and board members
  - Applying and receiving a grant from St. Landry Parish Tourism
  - Teaming with St. Martin Parish Tourism to promote the event
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## **Community Involvement:**

- Volunteering for many local organizations
  - Performing for numerous benefits, funerals, Church events, School events, Nursing Home, Veterans Day programs, etc (Pro-Bono)
  - Hosted exchange students from Brazil, Germany, and Venezuela
  - Partnering with Atelier de la Nature to supply musicians for events during the year
  - Working with parish government on how to best utilize space within the Cecilia Civic Center
  - Serving on committees for Teche Center for the Arts (Breaux Bridge) and donating items for silent auction events
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## **Formal Teaching Experience:**

**2012-Present:** Music Teacher; St. Genevieve School (Lafayette, LA) (2014-2015 Educator of the Year)

**2005-2011:** Social Studies Classroom Teacher; Cecilia High School (2009-2010 Teacher of the Year)  
(Cecilia High School)