

Here's what they're saying about Johnette Downing:

Los Angeles Times

"The yummy ingredients in this rich musical gumbo include the spicy Louisiana lilt in Johnette Downing's voice, and irresistible Cajun and Creole rhythms in playfully evocative songs about 'gators, 'skeeters, crawfish, a stroll by the bayou, a hoppin' kitchen band and a werewolf named Loup Garou." *Los Angeles Times*

The Washington Post

"CAN'T-MISS TITLE: MUSIC TIME!" *The Washington Post*

LOS ANGELES
Daily News

"Gentle Cajun and Creole for the toddler set with an eye on participation. Your kids won't be able to sit still or stop smiling." *L.A. Daily News*

GRAMMY.com

"Children's singer, arts advocate and preschool music teacher Johnette Downing, nicknamed the "Pied Piper for Louisiana music traditions," serves up a mélange of Cajun, Creole, Southern blues, Caribbean and boogie-woogie influences." *"Education Watch" - Grammy Foundation*

education.com

"Bonnie Raitt, move over! There's a new(er) blues belter in town. And she's easy on the ears. New Orleans singer-songwriter Johnette Downing has a velvet set of pipes, but instead of using them to sing of men who've done her wrong, she's belting out tunes about penguins and stingrays, crawfish and hermit crabs. Still, backed by Jimmy LaRocca of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band on trumpet and Bruce Daigerpont on Cajun accordion, you can almost imagine kicking back for a listen with a bowl of gumbo at a café in the French Quarter. She does Louisiana's long tradition of Creole, Cajun, and Zydeco proud." *Education.com*

Parenting

Parenting Picks: This month's best music! "Stingrays shuffle and clamshells clap in these Cajun, Zydeco and Creole tunes by the New Orleans-based musician. The songs also slip in factoids about underwater life." *Parenting magazine*

Disney
FamilyFun

Best New Audio! "New Orleans native Johnette Downing whips up a savory jambalaya of blues- and Dixie-flavored tunes inspired by the Crescent City's 'second lines,' or street parades. ...kids will get a kick out of listening to these practically percolating rhythms." *FamilyFun magazine*

School Library Journal

"Johnette Downing's sixth children's album is her most delightful yet. Mostly influenced by Cajun and Zydeco from her native New Orleans, these original and traditional songs have a common theme: sea animals. Downing's gentle voice invites listeners to sing and move along with the music ...this inspiring music will be welcomed by teachers and librarians." *School Library Journal*

ALA
American Library Association

"New Orleans musician Johnette Downing's latest is a collection of 16 songs celebrating the fabulous diversity of aquatic life ... Downing conveys a wealth of accurate information with a light touch that goes down easy. The seasoned and engaging performer is clearly at ease with rhythm and blues, Cajun music, and other musical styles. A marvelous listening experience." *Booklist*

IRW
Publishers Weekly

Here's a peek at some of the season's notable forthcoming releases in music and video. New Orleans native Downing dedicates her fifth CD to the 4,000 marine animals at the city's aquarium that perished in Hurricane Katrina and celebrates them in songs about the circle of life. Renowned Louisiana musicians, including jazz trumpeter Jimmy LaRocca, accompany Downing, making this an authentic hometown affair." *Publishers Weekly*

THE NEWS & OBSERVER

"Kids can become part of the show, dancing the zydeco two-step, singing along and grooving to her original songs. [Downing] has a lot of influences: Dixieland Jazz, Jazz, Cajun, Creole, Zydeco and Afro-Caribbean rhythms." *Raleigh News & Observer*

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