

*Contributed by Gary Hayman on his famous C&Z website (1998)*

*Des Fais Do-Do -- from The Netherlands*

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*As a sophisticated Cajun music advocate, you already know that there are good Cajun "music playing" bands stationed outside of Louisiana.*

*The US is dotted with some excellent artists. We sometimes tend to leave it at that, not paying attentions to other Cajun music playing bands located outside of the US. One such excellent band is Des Fais Do-Do of the Netherlands. I recently listened to their new CD "Mardi Blue Gras" (produced at Silvox Studio Silvolde, Netherlands) and was quite impressed. One hears excellent musical treatments of traditional songs sung in both French and English. The band blends accordion, fiddle, guitar, bass, mandolin, banjo, percussion and vocals in their selections in a way that makes you want to play the album over and over again. Although this is not a review of the album, I must say that I liked it very much. I think that the group owes its excellence to not only their professional abilities but to the local beer that they seemed to be enjoying at Cafe Het Bolwork Enschede, as pictured on the liner notes (grin). I'm not sure where you can get the album in the US but you might want to contact our subscriber and band member,*