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Take the hottest electric violinist/composer this side of wherever and put him together with veterans of the great bands of Clifton Chenier, Queen Ida, Charles Brown, Roy Rogers, and The Sun-dogs, and what do you get? You get Tom Rigney and Flambeau, a band that will tear the roof off of anyplace that has one and lift the spirits of everyone within earshot. Flambeau is the new band formed by fiddler/composer Rigney, who, after almost fifteen years at the helm of The Sun-dogs, has stepped out into the spotlight with a vengeance. The new band showcases Rigney's electrifying and passionate fiddling and his range, depth, and originality as a composer. The band specializes in fiery Cajun and zydeco two-steps, lowdown blues, heartbreakingly beautiful waltzes, and funky New Orleans dance grooves, and the energy and excitement they generate will fill the dance floor or raise the blood pressure of anyone still seated. But if you think that's all they can do, you'll be in for even more pleasant surprises. Just when you think you have this band pegged, they'll turn on a dime and play a sensuous tango, an Irish reel, or a gorgeous melody with echoes of Eastern Europe or the coast of Spain. All the music comes from the mind and the pen of Tom Rigney. In the past few years his skills as a composer have broadened and deepened, and he is today writing some of the most touchingly beautiful and evocative original instrumental music you will hear anywhere. And Rigney's charismatic stage presence pulls the audience into the performance and makes them feel that they are a part of the music and the show.



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