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Schedule Set for 2015 American Folk Festival

Sixteen different artists set to perform at 3-day festival

BANGOR, MAINE – The schedule for the 2015 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront has been announced, with more than 50 hours of live stage performances set for the annual 3-day festival. This year's schedule also features additional street performances, exhibitions at the Maine Folklife Center Narrative Stage, and the annual parade to kick off the evening performances on Friday and Saturday nights.

"While it's always sad to see August come to a close for those of us who love Summer months in Maine, we are going to fill the air, streets, and stages with a worldwide block party for three straight days," said Heather McCarthy, Executive Director of the American Folk Festival. We have 16 performing groups planned for five stages, and additional performances on the streets that will leave lasting memories for years to come."

The American Folk Festival begins Friday, August 28 with the annual parade at 7 p.m. from the Sea Dog Brewing Company to the *Bangor Daily News Railroad Stage*. This year's parade leaders will be [The Asociacion Carnavalesca de Massachusetts](#), a traveling Dominican Carnival made up of about thirty performers donning elaborate masks and costumes, celebrating the Dominican culture.

Bluegrass music will be the first to be heard from the Railroad stage on Friday night at 7:30, as performed by [Mickey Galyean & Cullen's Bridge](#). Mickey performs both material that his father wrote and covering well known classics, they also write original music that contains Mickey's powerful voice and their collection of well-written songs.

Rockabilly legend [Sleepy LaBeef](#), Quebecois artist [De Temps Antan](#), GRAMMY-nominated Memphis Blues musician [Preston Shannon](#), West-African guitarists [Tal National](#), Newfoundland traditional group [The Dardanelles](#), and Cowboy group [Wylie & the Wild West](#) round out the performers on Friday night across three stages.

On Saturday, music starts at 12 noon at the *Railroad Stage* and *Maine Folklife Center Narrative Stage*, featuring a local performance from students at the University of Maine. Performances continue throughout the day on five stages and at the Children's Village, including Circus Arts from [The Red Trousers Show](#). The Red Trousers Show will also be doing street performances outside the Sea Dog Brewing Company and between the *Railroad Stage* and the *Bangor Savings Bank Dance Pavilion*.

The American Folk Festival features several showcases throughout the schedule with a mix of performers displaying and performing their craft together. The first showcase is planned for

Saturday at 12:15 p.m. at the *L.L. Bean Penobscot Stage* featuring World Guitar Styles. Following the showcase, the tented *Penobscot Stage* will feature a full day of music including performances by [Creole United](#) - a group of bandleaders that represent three generations of Creole Music culture; [Andre Veloz](#) - a soulful singer/songwriter performing Dominican Bachata; [Kasi Aysola](#) – a Bharata Natyam dancer and choreographer; and [Kinan Idnawi](#) – performing music and dance from the Middle East.

Saturday will also feature the first set of performances at the most intimate of performance stages, the *EMHS Two Rivers Stage* with music from [Imamyar Hasanov](#), known as a virtuoso on kamancha, performing Azeri music. The *Two Rivers Stage* will feature two showcases on Saturday highlighting Accordion Masters and World Drums & Percussion.

The Bangor Savings Bank Dance Pavilion will feature dance music all day starting at 12:45, and wrapping up after 10 p.m. with [Mitch Frohman and the Bronx Horns](#), considered one of the very best Latin Jazz and Salsa bands performing today.

The Bangor Daily News Railroad Stage will be the place for the final musical note on Saturday from Tal National, scheduled to wrap up around 10:30 p.m. That same stage will feature the first musical note on Sunday, and is the home for the annual Gospel show to kick off Sunday's performances and final day of the festival. [Sensational Royal Lights](#) have traveled the country for more than 50 years singing the Gospel. The nine-member group hails from Cordtown, Maryland and will perform throughout the weekend, including Sunday at noon on the *Railroad Stage*.

The three-day festival concludes Sunday, Aug. 30 at about 6:15 p.m.

The American Folk Festival celebrates the many cultures that make up America, and gives those cultures a chance to shine through. The Festival is supported entirely by public donations that make it possible to continue to present the Festival free of charge.

For more information about the 2015 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront, please visit www.americanfolkfestival.com or call 207-262-7763.

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Artist sound clips or videos are available at the following links:

De Temps Antan -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=4ptjNbT3V5U

Kasi Aysola - https://youtu.be/Oss_An6FI20

Mitch Frohman and the Bronx Horns - <https://youtu.be/uBTsjaa0ev0?t=12>

Andre Veloz - <https://youtu.be/fokL5TjKCS>

Kinan Idnawi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnb8d04XKIA>

Red Trousers Show - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50cgJgahbeY&feature=youtu.be>

Sleepy LaBeef - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXAPV0teUTk>

Asociacion Carnavalesca de Massachusetts (photos only) -
<http://artery.wbur.org/2013/07/27/asociacion-carnavalesca-lawrence>

Tal National (Zoy Zoy) - <http://www.npr.org/2015/03/23/394281132/tal-national-brings-the-joy-on-zoy-zoy>

Sensational Royal Lights (Let the Lord Shine Down Upon Us) -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ON1SfZ6x34>

Creole United - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezTiBSR7j_Y

The Dardanelles - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wliMXMBrxKU>

Wylie & the Wild West (The Yodeling Fool) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwqCp0N_VjU

Preston Shannon (The Sky is Crying) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwTxMW0q9o8>

Mickey Galyean & Cullen's Bridge - <https://youtu.be/GsyZAgAfanA>

Imamyar Hasanov (ay İshiginda) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJTzBOnMPf0>