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2013 American Folk Festival announces full Artist Roster

BANGOR, Maine – Organizers of the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront have announced the full list of artists who are scheduled to appear at the event in August. There will be a total of 16 performing groups at this year's Festival, representing traditions as diverse as Greek, Nepalese, and Peruvian. They include:

The **Qi Shu Fang Peking Opera Company** performs the visually-dynamic Peking Opera tradition of China, and is also the inspiration for the poster graphic for the 2013 AFF.

Samba Mapangala and Orchestra Virunga, who perform an innovative mix of the best rumba and soukous from Congo.

The *Gariufna* tradition from the Honduras region will be represented by **Aurelio Martinez** and his band **Garifuna**.

Leading the parade at this year's Festival, as well as taking the stage for an energetic salsa set will be **Jorge Arce and Raiz de Plena**, sharing the Puerto Rican *plena* tradition.

Accordianist **Yves Lambert** appeared at the 2002 Folk Festival in Bangor as part of the Quebecois group La Bottinne Souriante. This year, he will perform with the **Yves Lambert Trio**, whose appearance at the AFF is generously sponsored by Cashman Communications.

Now hailing from the Chicago area, the group **Juvenato Vallenato** performs traditional *Vallenato* music of Colombia, which combines indigenous and Spanish music with African traditions.

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The Chankas will perform the traditional *Scissors Dance* of Peru, sharing this authentic Andean tradition with the audience in Bangor.

The traditional fiddle music of New England and Maritime Canada will be in the skilled hands of **Frank Ferrel and Friends**.

Members of the Irish supergroup *Solas* -- **Winnie Horan and Mick McAuley** – have joined up with celtic guitarist **Colm O’Caoimh** to form a trio of Irish musicians with a dynamic mastery of Irish music.

Always popular at the AFF, bluegrass music is one of the cornerstone American music traditions, and this year it will be in the talented hands of **The James King Band**.

Clarinetist **Stavros Pappas** and his group **Elatos** will bring traditional Greek music to the Festival stages this year.

These artists round out the full lineup of artists who will perform at the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront on August 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2013. The American Folk Festival celebrates the roots, the richness and the variety of American culture through music, dance, traditional crafts, storytelling and food. The Festival is supported entirely by public donations that make it possible to continue to present the Festival in our community.

For more information about the 2013 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront or its artists, please visit www.americanfolkfestival.com or contact the American Folk Festival at PO Box 1206, Bangor, Maine 04402, 207-992-2630.

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Artist images and sound clips are available. Please contact Heather at 974-3218 for information.