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Full list of Performers confirmed for ‘10 American Folk Festival
Maine and Maritime traditions added to Festival lineup

BANGOR, Maine – Organizers of the 2010 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront have announced the final four performing groups who are scheduled to participate in this year’s event. They include: The Dr. Michael White Quartet, Old Grey Goose, a Taste of Celtic Colours, and Urban Artistry.

Each autumn, the annual Celtic Colours festival is held in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. This multiple-venue event attracts thousands of music lovers and presents dozens of Celtic musicians from Canada and around the world. Five of these young musicians (Colin Grant, Chrissy Crowley, Jason Roch, Darrin McMullin and Rachel Davis) will present **A Taste of Celtic Colours** at the AFF this year.

Clarinetist **Dr. Michael White** will bring New Orleans jazz to the Festival stages. In New Orleans’ parlance, “professors” are the great jazz musicians who define the tradition. Dr. Michael White can lay claim to this title on two counts, as an extraordinary musician and as a noted scholar. A brilliant clarinetist and preserver of traditional New Orleans jazz, White was awarded the prestigious NEA National Heritage Fellowship in 2008, the highest honor this country bestows on traditional artists.

Maine country dance band **Old Grey Goose** has been playing and singing old-time country music and songs of Maine and the Maritimes for over twenty years. The group teaches and calls New England contra dances for schools and community groups and they present stories and songs, some humorous, some historical in concert performances.

And finally, **Urban Artistry** consists of artists, dancers, musicians and choreographers, all dedicated to presenting House Dance, and other urban arts. House dance has its roots in the 1960's, and today includes a range of styles including popping, locking, jacking, hip-hop and free-style.

These performers will join the 12 groups already announced on the Festival's four performance stages. The schedule starts on Friday, August 27 at 6:30pm when the Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band kicks off the weekend with a performance in West Market Square in downtown Bangor.

The American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront is produced by the Bangor Folk Festival, in partnership with the City of Bangor, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, the National Council for the Traditional Arts, the Maine Discovery Museum and the Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine.

For more information about the 2010 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront, please visit www.americanfolkfestival.com or contact the American Folk Festival at 40 Harlow Street, Bangor, Maine 04401, 207-992-2630.

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