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## **More Than the Music at 2015 American Folk Festival**

*Folklife Area and Children's Village bring added attractions to 3-day festival*

BANGOR, MAINE – The performers, schedule, food vendors, crafts-people, and workshops are set for the 2015 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront. In addition, two popular staples of the annual 3-day festival are set to bring smiles to attendees of all ages.

The Maine Folklife Area at the American Folk Festival will celebrate the University of Maine's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with programming provided by students, faculty and staff from several campus departments. The narrative stage in the Folklife area will feature a schedule of student performances on violin, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar at noon on Saturday and Sunday; the University of Maine Brass Quintet at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and more. A complete schedule of the Narrative Stage is available on the American Folk Festival website. The Maine Folklife Area is also scheduled to include exhibits and displays from the Hudson Museum at the University of Maine, 4-H STEM Ambassadors, the Maine Folklife Center, and the Page Farm and Home Museum. The Maine Folklife Area will once again be located off Front Street, in between the Food Court and the Sea Dog Brewing Company.

The Children's Village at the American Folk Festival returns with new activities and performances specifically geared toward children. Hands-on games and fun include making maracas, playing leapfrog and making birdhouses. The American Folk Festival has teamed up with Penquis and the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge to create fun activities for younger festival-goers. Performing in the Children's Village will be The Red Trousers Show. The New England-based duo performs Circus Arts and has performed as far away as Australia and Pakistan, and as close as Boston. The Red Trousers Show will perform several times on Festival grounds throughout the weekend, and in the Children's Village on Sat. at 2:15 p.m. and Sun. at noon.

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*. The three-day festival concludes Sunday, Aug. 30 at about 6:15 p.m. The Maine Folklife Area and Children's Village will both be open from noon – 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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

Kasi Aysola - [https://youtu.be/Oss\\_An6FI20](https://youtu.be/Oss_An6FI20)

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

Andre Veloz - <https://youtu.be/fokL5TjKcSc>

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

Red Trouser 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](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](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 Íshiginda) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJTzBOnMPf0>