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## **2011 American Folk Festival adds Artists to Schedule**

BANGOR, Maine – Organizers of the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront today announced the names of six additional performing groups who are scheduled to appear at the event in August. They are: *Bing Xia*, *Samba Ngo*, *ReVeillons!*, *The Brotherhood Singers*, *Pedrito Martinez*, and *The Stooges Brass Band*.

2011 will mark the tenth year of a traditional arts music festival on Bangor's waterfront, and these performers are just some of the 17 groups that will participate in the August event.

**RéVeillons!** (whose name means "Wake up!") will bring their unique Quebecois harmonies, percussion, and dance to the Festival stages, sharing the irresistible music of the Franco culture shared by many Maine residents. The rich repertoire of Quebec musical tradition will come to life masterfully when ReVeillons! takes the Festival stages.

Website: [http://www.reveillons.qc.ca/ReVeillons/\\_pr%C3%A9sentation.english\\_.html](http://www.reveillons.qc.ca/ReVeillons/_pr%C3%A9sentation.english_.html)

YouTube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Amn13ASE7\\_o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Amn13ASE7_o)

**Bing Xia** is a masterful guzheng player and instructor, who will perform in Bangor with her apprentice. Trained at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in China, she now lives in New York, and has performed for ambassadors, diplomats, and Festival audiences across the East Coast.

Website: <http://www.guzhengusa.com/bingxia.htm>

Based out of Covington, Kentucky, the **Brotherhood Singers** are among the very few remaining Quartet-style groups that still perform in the old-school *a cappella* fashion. For 25 years, The

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Singers have specialized in intricate and emotional four-part harmony "jubilee" style, and are still going strong!

Website: <http://www.nkybrotherhood.com/>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhcyk-z2JDQ>

**Samba Ngo** is a guitarist, singer and composer whose infectious, danceable rhythms and powerful lyrics have influenced two generations of world musicians. Samba developed his unique guitar style in his home village in the Congo. Raised in tumultuous times, his lyrics, sung in English, French, and Lingala, his native tongue, are politically potent, but always carry a message of hope.

Website: [http://www.samba-ngo.com/fr\\_home.cfm](http://www.samba-ngo.com/fr_home.cfm)

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNfJxGAIVBk>

Born in Havana, Cuba, **Pedrito Martinez** is a world-class conga player, singer, and bandleader in New York City. Martinez performed as vocalist and percussionist on the Afro Cuban music scene, eventually moving to Canada to tour with the group Spirits of Havana. Since settling in New York City in 1998, Martinez has performed with dozens of top acts and has been featured on more than 100 recordings. He will come to Bangor with The Pedrito Martinez Group.

Website: <http://pedritomartinezmusic.com/>

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj2HQroJRBM&feature=related>

**The Stooges Brass Band** has been a premier New Orleans Brass Band since 1996. Their innovative incorporation of hip-hop sound to the traditional styling of New Orleans brass band music has set them apart from other New Orleans bands and allowed The Stooges to develop an extraordinary performance history, which will continue in Bangor as they lead the Festival's kickoff parade, as well as take the stage.

Website: <http://www.stoogesmusicgroup.com/>

Youtube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_G7JNBW7iM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_G7JNBW7iM)

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These groups are just a portion of the lineup of artists who will perform at the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The American Folk Festival continues to celebrate 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.

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 Maine Discovery Museum and the Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine.

For more information about the 2011 American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront, please visit [www.americanfolkfestival.com](http://www.americanfolkfestival.com) or contact the American Folk Festival at 40 Harlow Street, Bangor, Maine 04401, 207-992-2630.

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