



Delaware Friends of Folk

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Delmarva Folk Hero Finalists announced

The Delaware Friends of Folk have reached the final round of the 2009 Delmarva Folk Hero contest. Competing musicians performed at the July and August Coffeehouse programs, and audience members voted for their favorite acts. Each finalist will take the main stage at during the Friday night program of the Delmarva Folk Festival, and again the audience will choose the winner, who will perform the next day as part of the Delmarva Folk Festival program. The winner also takes home an impressive prize package, which includes cash, studio recording time and a photo shoot with a professional photographer. The finalists are singer/songwriters Keith Brodin, Trini, Jonathan Duerr, and Eric Hoover, along with vocal duo Roots & Seeds, and finger style guitarist Kyle Offidani. Friday evening's host is 2008 Folk Hero Mike Roots, who will also perform a short set.

CHARITABLE COLLECTION:

Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for the Food Bank of Delaware and used musical instruments for Delaware Charitable Music, Inc.

President's Corner

The 2009 Delmarva Folk Festival is upon us! Friday, October 2, beginning at 7:00 PM the Festival begins as we present the culmination of the Third Annual Delmarva Folk Hero Contest. The finalists performed at the July or August coffee houses, and each finalist demonstrated something special as an artist. The depth of talent here is a beautiful thing. Each finalist will perform original or traditional music with a very original style. The audience will vote on the winning performance, and that winner will be declared the 2009 Delmarva Folk Hero and recipient

of an impressive prize package as well as an hour slot opening the Saturday Show.

And what a show we have lined up for Saturday, October 3. After the 2009 Folk Hero gets things rolling at noon, we will be treated to a Delmarva legend - Lonnie Field and Sandcreek. Lonnie is a performer of longstanding in this area, and his rich baritone weaves stories from his own life's experience and from the lives of others. Lonnie is always joined by some of his legion of friends and musical associates, and we will be delighted by an hour of love and music. Following Sandcreek is Kent County's own Irish Traditional Music band, Celtic Harvest (full disclosure note: this is my band). Celtic Harvest will play dance music and songs from both sides of the Atlantic, sure to get you in the right mood for the rest of the program. At 3:00 PM local blues man Brother Lowdown (aka Chris English) will demonstrate his Delta-style guitar pickin' and soulful singing. The kids' stage fires up at 4:00, with the Two Man Gentlemen Band playing especially for the youngest folkies. Back on the main stage at 5:00 is Massachusetts-based Tripping Lily, with their inspiring instrumentals and stirring harmonies. Another act from Massachusetts, singer-songwriter Antje Duvekot takes the stage at 6:00. The Two Man Gentleman Band comes back at 7:00 for their vaudeville/jazz/old time-inspired act. Andrew McKnight, Americana singer-songwriter takes the stage at 8:00. Closing the night at 9:00 is an act that has long been one of Delaware Friends of Folk favorites, Andy & Denise. Beautiful harmonies, great energy and sophisticated guitar work will delight everyone within earshot.

The Delmarva Folk Festival offers more than music. We will have several food and craft vendors on Saturday to feed the body and soul. Andy of Andy & Denise will present a guitar workshop at 4:00 for aspiring and interested guitar players and guitar fans. But as important as all of these offerings is the opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones in the magic atmosphere that always permeates the Delmarva Folk Festival. If you have attended in the past, you know what a great time we have. If you have not attended in the past, do yourself, your friends and your family a great favor - y'all come out!

Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Wesley College Chapel, at on Division Street, between Bradford and State Streets. Very reasonably priced soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks (fresh baked cookies!!) are available for sale, and the music starts at 7:30pm.

Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help us out: set-up, clean-up, and sales.

Date	Performers	Price *
Oct. 17	Judith Kay , with Jonathan Emmons opening	\$5 / \$7
Nov. 21	TBD	TBD
Dec 12	Annual Membership meeting, Holiday Party, and Open Mic	FREE

*Pricing is for Members / Non Members. Half price for ages 13-18; Free for Wesley students and children 12 and under.

**This engagement of Rory Block is a Delaware Performing Arts Presenters Initiative project, which is made possible through funding by the Delaware Division of the Arts, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.



Pick-Ins are Back!

What do you call it when folks get together and music just happens? That's called a Pick-In!

The Friends of Folk have arranged to meet on (usually) the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Dover Newsstand in Downtown Dover.

Everyone is invited to bring an instrument, or their voices, or just their ears, to join in the fun. The food is good (homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts), the folks are friendly and the music is great!

They've even got free Wi-Fi if you need a digital fix while you're there.

Everybody sits in a big circle and trades songs. All ability levels are welcome – the leaders will give you a hint on chords beforehand if you need it, and you can join in or just fake it!

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Admission: FREE

Place: Dover Newsstand, 25 W. Loockerman St, Dover
For the menu: <http://www.dovernewsstand.com/>

Dates:

- September- please note that we will not have a September Pick In has been canceled so that we can focus on the upcoming Festival
- October 10
- November 14
- December 5 (1st Sat. since coffeehouse is 2nd Sat.)



The Delmarva Folk Festival is less than a month away and activity is heating up. Work parties at the Festival site continue every weekend until the Festival until the gates open at 3:00 pm on October 2nd. This year we have a large amount of mulch to spread. We need volunteers with wheel barrows, shovels, and rakes to help spread the mulch on low areas, walking paths (not campsites), and the audience area in front of the stage. The goal is to minimize tripping hazards from tree roots. We also need people to paint the ticket booth, check and hang the perimeter lights, pick up all the fallen tree limbs, stack fire wood near the fire pit, and do general clean up work. Remember, if you donate five hours of your time, you get into the Festival free. The Festival site is a beautiful and peaceful place to work for a few hours. A list of stuff to be done will be posted on the stage for reference.

So, let's talk about the Festival. The Folk Hero Contest culminates on Friday, October 2nd beginning at 7:00 pm at the festival site. The winner, as chosen by the audience, will open our festival on Saturday at noon. Six acts were selected to compete in the final round so don't be late and cast your vote for the next Folk Hero.

Its lights up on the Folk Festival stage on Saturday, October 3rd at noon. We have some great acts this year with many being new to Delaware stages. In addition, we



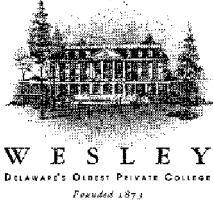


will have a children's performance at 4:00, a guitar workshop conducted by Andy Fox, some wonderful Kid's activities including tie-dying t-shirts, and a pick-in around the camp fire after the stage goes dark on Saturday night. Some wonderful vendors are joining us and we think the food will be terrific once again. Ticket prices for 2009 have not changed from last year so order your tickets from the website in advance and save \$5 on each. Okay, it's time find the comfortable folding chairs, dust off the small cooler, grab your football blanket and plan on spending a musically relaxing weekend at the Delmarva Folk Festival. The music, the trees, the cool crisp air, the food, the smell of autumn, the friends – what more could you want?

--Kae Mason, Festival Co-chair

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	<p>Fordham Brewery, located right in Dover, Delaware, has generously been supporting our festival through donations-in-kind and promotional support.</p>
	<p>Delaware Friends of Folk are members of the North American Folk Music & Dance Alliance.</p>
	<p>Wesley College, which generously donates the space for our coffeehouses.</p>
	<p>WVUD 91.3 – the voice of the U of Delaware</p>
	<p>John Kalb – WSCL Radio – Supports our many events on his Just Folks radio show Saturday nights 8-11pm in Salisbury</p>

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Are you a musician? _____ Instrument(s) you play _____

Would you consider volunteering for the organization? _____

Check	Type	Includes	Dues
	Individual Membership	Discounted Admission for you at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for 1 adult at membership meeting in December	\$10
	Family Membership	Discounted Admission for your family at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for up to 2 adults at membership meeting in Dec.	\$15
	Friend of Friends of Folk	Family Membership Dues \$50 Charitable Donation \$35 Value \$15	\$50
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	Gold Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 4 tickets to next Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to all of this year's coffeehouses Dues \$500 Charitable Donation \$370 Value \$130	\$500

#	Festival Tickets	Price	Subtotal
	Friday Night Ticket	\$5	
	Saturday Member Ticket - Adults	\$15	
	Saturday Member Ticket – Student (age 13+)	\$7.50	
	Saturday Non-Member Ticket	\$20	
	Saturday Non-Member Ticket (age 13+)	\$10	
	Tent Camping (per site)	\$20	
	RV Camping (per vehicle)	\$50	

Delaware Friends of Folk is supported by you, the members, and made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts. Show your support and keep music and entertainment happening in Kent County.

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