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The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival

The HVBA has joined forces with **The Bardavon 1869 Theatre** to present **The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival**, in conjunction with the **Hudson River Arts Festival**. The two-day fest is in its fourth year and gaining in popularity. This year 15,000 people are expected to attend.

On Saturday **September 18th**, the HVBA will program a full day of bluegrass and Americana music on the festival's southern stage. The free fest is held at Waryas Park on the Poughkeepsie waterfront. **Chris Jones and The Night Drivers** and **Salamander Crossing** will headline the show. Five other more familiar acts will also be on the bill: **Mike Burns and North Country**, **Heinzevino!**, **Grass**, **Jim Conklin** and **No Brakes**.

Chris Jones, a native of Pomona, NY, in Rockland County is one of bluegrass music's rising stars. Before forming **The Night Drivers**, he was best known for his work with **The Lynn Morris Band**, and **Weary Hearts**. Chris has toured with **Special Consensus**, and **The McCarters** and has performed on **The Grand Ole Opry** with **Laurie Lewis**, **Lynn Morris** and **The Whitstein Brothers**.

His music is inspired by **The Stanley Brothers**, **Flatt and Scruggs** and **Jimmie Rodgers**.

His most recent CD, *Follow Your*



Chris Jones

Heart is on **Rebel Records** and has spent several weeks on **Gavin's Americana Chart** (*EDITOR'S NOTE: See CD review on page 13*). Chris' previous CD's are entitled *Blinded By The Rose* and *No One But You*.

The business base of the band is in Nashville, but **The Night Drivers**

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Message from the President

Help us pitch bluegrass to the community

The HVBA has an opportunity this year to showcase bluegrass music to thousands of 'bluegrass neutral' potential fans on September 18. Chris Jones and The Night Drivers and Salamander Crossing will headline the event, which also features five other HVBA acts: Mike Burns and North Country, Heinzevino! Grass, No Brakes, and Jim Conklin.

As the original location for The Hudson River Bluegrass Music Festival fell through, we had the good fortune of working out a partnership with The Bardovan to program a full day of music at one of the stages at The Fourth Annual Hudson River Arts Festival. This enormously successful event draws thousands of residents and visitors to Waryas Park, on Poughkeepsie's scenic waterfront.

I am excited because this gives us (we bluegrass fans) an opportunity to enjoy a great day of free music, but we can also share that music with others that may not know the joys of bluegrass. Or, maybe we can reconnect someone with their bluegrass "roots."

The "downside" is that since we cannot charge admission, we must raise money to offset our expenses (i.e. pay for the national acts). The HVBA acts are generously contributing their time and talents.)

As a result, the HVBA is urging our

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members to help underwrite our efforts with a small gift of any amount. If you have a business, please take an ad out in our festival program to help sponsor Bluegrass Between The Bridges.

Check out page 11 to see how you can help make the event a success.

Jeffrey Anzevino, President

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live in scattered locations. Banjoist, Doug Knect, who also plays guitar and mandolin, lives in Roanoke, Illinois. Slavek Hanzlik plays bass for The Night Drivers, but is well known for his guitar playing. Slavik has 3 CDs of his own. Born in Prague, Czech Republic, he maintains residences in Winnipeg and Chicago. Mandolin duties are shared by Barry Mitterhoff and Audie Blaylock. Blaylock lives near Fort Wayne, Indiana. Barry is a well known musician who plays with Tony Trischka.

Salamander Crossing, from Northampton Massachusetts, makes frequent appearances in the Hudson Valley. As a result, they have a huge fan base here. Nominated for the Boston Music Awards in 1996, they are reputed to turn bluegrass fans into folkies and folkies into bluegrass fans.

Mike Burns is an excellent songwriter, demonstrating his abilities at Winterhawk. Joan Harrison

plays banjo and Lester Wilson plays bass for North Country.

Heinzevino! is bluegrass-influenced band that plays a mix of bluegrass, blues, swing, rockabilly and originals, described as "Americana" music. Heinzevino! has played live on WKZE



Heinzevino!

and WPDH and at dozens of locations throughout the Hudson Valley, including opening for Breakaway. Rich Hinds (guitar), HVBA President Jeff Anzevino (dobro) and Rusty Boris (bass) are Heinzevino!

Grass won the 1998 Dover Bluegrass Festival and has recently returned from a Nashville tour (see jamboree Spring '99). They are in the final stages of production of their upcoming CD, Guns 'n Money, which should be released (hopefully) by the date of the fest. Nick (banjo) and Kat Polys (guitar), Will Solomon (mandolin) and Jesse Selman (mandolin) are the members of Grass.

Jim Conklin is one of the founding members of the HVBA. Most know of Jim's banjo playing atop the



Salamander Crossing

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News Briefs

American Flyer will be playing at **Winterhawk** this year. Catch them at Thursday's band showcase. The band was amongst 50 nationwide that submitted a demo tape in hopes of being chosen to play. Only four were chosen. As one of the region's best bands, they have opened for **The Lonesome River Band** and **The McLain Family** recently.



American Flyer

Band members are **Ben Freed** (banjo and dobro) **Joyce Andersen** (fiddle), **Ethan Kende** (bass), **Phil Zimmerman** (mandolin) and **Gene Yellin** (guitar). They will be working on a CD this fall. Congratulations on being chosen to play at **Winterhawk!**

The City of Poughkeepsie is looking for bands to play at **Farmers' Markets**, on The Main Mall and Mansion Square Park. Call **Robin Goodmark** (914-454-2670) for details.

Grass' upcoming CD, *Guns-n-Money* is in production. The band hopes it will be available in time for the **Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival** in September. (See article page 1). Grass re-

cently played on **WKZE** and at **Lime Rock Speedway** to a huge crowd. But the biggest band news is that baritone mandolinist **Jesse Selman** shed his Lincoln-esque beard. Say it ain't so Jesse!

Heinzevino! will play at **Minnewaska State Park** on Friday July 30. The band will share the bill with **Rande Harris** on the final **Concert at Clifftop** series for the 99 season. the event is a fundraiser for the **Gardiner Public Library**. Bring a picnic basket, blanket or lawn chair and enjoy some great music and a terrific view. The outdoor show runs from 6 to 7:30. **Heinzevino!** will also make its first Albany appearance at **Borders Books and Music** on Friday August 6th.

The annual **Fiddlers' Contest** will be held at the **Sussex County Farm & Horse Show** on Sunday afternoon August 8th. The contest starts at 3:30 sharp! First prize is \$500. In all, 6 prizes will be awarded. Each contestant must perform a reel and a ballad and may be accompanied by one musician. The winners will be determined by scoring of three judges. Fiddlers can register in person the day of the contest, but not after 3:15 PM.

You can also register in advance by calling **Sandy MacDonald** at (973) 948-6296 or e-mail her at MY77MGB@AOL.com. ☞

Homegrown in the Hudson Valley

Roger Sprung

by Jeff Anzevino

Frets Magazine called him the Godfather of Newgrass music. Banjo-legend **Roger Sprung** is about to release a new CD "Double Special #8", which includes two previously released cassette tapes. The CD, which includes two full previously released tapes -- *Southwest Winds* and *Let's Pick*. -- can be ordered from **Roger Sprung**, 7 Papoose Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 (201) 426-5243.

Roger has been busy lately, playing with **Willie Nelson**, **Billy Ray Cyrus Band**, **Kevin Baker**, **Winona Judd** and **Tanya Tucker**. No, Roger did not go to Nashville. Nashville came to Connecticut.

Roger got his usual standing ovation when he played at the Charles Ives Center in Danbury recently, but what was unusual was the fact that he was sharing the stage with **Willie Nelson**. "He closed for me," quips Roger.

In Stanwich, Connecticut, Sprung teamed up with an array of Nashville



Oops, Sorry
Dempsey Young (center) plays for *Lost and Found*, as Aunt Helen pointed out recently, not with *The Rarely Herd*, as reported in the Spring issue of Jamboree.

talent to play a benefit for **Paul Newman's** children's camp.

Roger also recently played at Mills Mansion in Hyde Park, NY with the **Riverband Banjo Band**, the crowd of 500 was small, but appreciative.

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Roger will be making his annual pilgrimage south on August 4th to the **Clifftop Old Time Music Festival** in west Virginia and the **Galax Fiddlers' Convention** on August 8-15. "In the original old time bands," says Roger, "only a few played clawhammer style banjo. Most, including **Charlie Poole**, picked the banjo, though not Scruggs-style."

Roger will be hosting jam sessions on the first Saturday evening of each month at the **United Methodist Church** in Newtown (Sandy Hook), Ct. The church is 1.4 mile north of Exit 10 on I-84. Music starts about 7:30, but don't miss the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner before the show. Dinner (\$7) starts at 5 PM. Admission for the music is \$3. ☞

Bluegrass Deep in the Heart of Texas

by Dolores Tubbs



Not many people travel 2,000 miles to attend a bluegrass festival. But this past may, Howard and I did just that. (We really were visiting our son, **Kevin**, who is ob the Board of Directors of the **Central Texas Bluegrass Association**. Live me, he does not play an instrument, but is interested in promoting bluegrass.

It was a beautiful, sunny day (85 degrees) and we managed to find a shady spot under a large tree in Zilker Park, in Austin. The bands were mostly local, except for **TVA**, from Houston. The other bands playing were **The Ledbetters**, **The Gray Sky Boys**, **Two High String Band**, **Grazmatics**, **The Cactus Pickers**, **Eddie Collins** and **The High Stakes Rollers**, **Hard to Make a Living**, and **No Strings Attached**. They all played mostly traditional bluegrass, plus a couple of cowboy songs, after all, this is Texas. A girl named Rachel played fiddle, filling in for a couple of bands. She was unbelievable.

Refreshments were donated by Artz Rib House and were served by members of the **Central Texas Bluegrass Association**, with all proceeds going to the Association. The City of Austin usually backs the festival, but for some reason, did not do so this year, so they relied on profits from food and donations.

Part of the fun of a festival is watching the people. There were more pets than small children attending the festival. The two ladies in front of us had a laundry basket with a turtle in it. Yes, you read right... they even took it out

and placed it on the lawn and under a water fountain. There was a fellow walking around with a large cat draped around his neck -- remember it was 85 degrees! The dogies were well behaved. pets are allowed as Zilker Park is a City park and anyone can attend.

It was a pleasure to attend this festival and perhaps next year the **Central Texas Bluegrass Association** will find a place for camping and where they can charge admission. No organization can survive on donations. ✍

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Poughkeepsic Railroad Bridge, however, he has been fingerpicking guitar lately. Jim just released a CD, entitled *Mountain Melodies* (See CD review on page 12).

No Brakes is a band playing contemporary and traditional. Members include **Freeman Corey** (fiddle), **Ken Flowers** (banjo), **Eric Spaulding** (guitar) and **Frank Kara** (mandolin).

The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival will run from 11 AM to 7 PM. After the show, fireworks will explode over the Hudson River. Other performers at **The Hudson River Arts Festival**, which will be held concurrently in the park and runs both saturday and Sunday, have not been confirmed. However, **The Bardavon's Chris Silva** is working on signing a top name, national act for the Main Stage.

The Dutchess County Arts Council will provide entertainment on the South Stage on Sunday .

The Hudson River Arts Festival is made possible through the generosity of **The Bardovan 1869 Theater**, **The City of Poughkeepsie**, **The Dutchess County Arts Council**, **The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association**, with additional support from **M&T Bank** and **Premier Bank**.

Admission to the festival is free. The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association, in appreciation of its members, looks forward to bringing top name bluegrass and Americana entertainment on the shores of the scenic Hudson River. ✍

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- WBRV 900 AM**, Boonville, NY
B. Cutler, "Country Roots"Sat 5-6 PM
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On the Road with Joyce Cullen

Festival Season Update

by Joyce Cullen

Festival season is here again. As far as I'm concerned, it began with the **Catskill Mountains Festival** in March at the **Friar Tuck**. This year, they provided another great lineup. It included old standbys, such as **Dry Branch Fire Squad**, the **Gibson Brothers**, Lone-



Breakaway performing at the HVBA's April concert in Hyde Park

some **River Band**, **Country ham**, **Smokey Greene**, **Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver**, **James King Band**, **Bob Paisley and Southern Grass**, and **The Country Gentlemen**.

There were also some new groups I hadn't seen before. One of these was

The Austin Lounge Lizards. I had no idea what to expect, but I was royally entertained. They play bluegrass instruments very well, but aren't really bluegrass. Most of their repertoire is composed of off-the-wall that manage to pick on just about everyone.

Two of my favorites were *Last Words*, about a guy who is dying and his brother who wants all his "stuff" (listen to the last verse carefully) and *The Other Shore*, where you'll be reunited with all the possessions you've ever owned, after you die. Very clever guys! Do you know many songwriters who have used the word "angst" in a song? *Hey Little Minivan* is an update on **Jan and Dean** and **Beach Boys** songs. If you have a chance to see them, go (EDITOR'S NOTE: *Catch them at Winterhawk!*)

Also performing were **Valerie Smith**, **The Freighthoppers**, **Eddie and Martha Adcock**, and from Scotland, **The Moonshiners**. Plan to attend next march. The **Catskill Mountains Bluegrass Festival** will be held at **The Nevele East** (formerly The Fallsville, in



The Del McCoury Band at Strawberry Park: (l to r) Ronnie McCoury, Robby McCoury, Jason Carter, Mike Bubb, and Del McCoury

Ellenville, NY the first weekend in March. Note the change of location and date.

April was great for festivals, but there was also much bluegrass to be found locally. Many of you missed a dynamite program by **Breakaway** sponsored by the HVBA. There was a concert held at **St. Luke's Church** by your own **Mike Burns** and **Hazel Dickens'** sold out show at **The Emeline Theater** (produced by Doug Tuchman).

In May, **The McLain Brothers** came to the Emeline and they came out and jammed with **Mo and Arnie**, who regularly jam before the show. What fun!



The Lonesome River Band at Strawberry Park: (l to r) Sammy Shelor, Ronnie Bowman, Don Rigsby and Kenny Smith

The next night they opened for **Jim and Jesse** at **Eisenhower Hall** at West Point. What a hall! It holds lots of bluegrassers.

Then it was time for

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Festival Update

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the spring **Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival** -- which formally begins the outdoor festival season. The fest features our days of music and workshops. **Josh Graves and Kenny Baker**, **Blue Highway**, **The Nashville Bluegrass Band**, **Charlie Waller**, **The Seldom Scene**, **The Dry Branch Fire Squad**, **Ralph Stanley**, **Gary Ferguson**, **The Isaacs**, **The Lewis Family**, and **The Goins Brothers** comprised most of the lineup.

Now it's June and I've already been to two weekend festivals. Strawberry park in Preston, CT had a great line up with **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder** on Saturday night. **Breakaway**, **The Lonesome River Band**, **Dry Branch Fire Squad**, **Del McCoury**, and **The Gibson Brothers** were other highlights of the Friday through Sunday weekend.

Next I went to the **Wind Gap Festival** in Pennsylvania. This was like "old home week" seeing both friends and bands. I'm not sure if the **Gibson Brothers** and **Lonesome River Band** are following me or I'm following them -- but this was the fourth festival we've all been at. I got to join the **Lehigh Valley Cloggers** on stage for a "Rise and Shine" on Saturday. I had a ball. **Harry Grant** evidently paid off the weather god -- no rain except for some Sunday showers. Last year it was four days of rain and four to six inches of mud! Whatever you did, Harry, it worked!

While I was dancing in Pennsylvania, **Mike Burns** was performing at the **Vermont Family Bluegrass Festival**. Mike and **North Country** did two shows. So we are out there doing our thing.

Let's see more of you members at festivals. **Mira**, **Freeman and Susan**, **Dolores and Howard**, **Mo and Loretta** and I have all been to at least one. With **Winterhawk** and **Peaceful Valley** the same weekend. I hope many of you will support one or the other (or both!) and write an article for *Jamboree*.

There are many festivals large and small, in the area during the rest of the summer, so plan ahead.

Of course, you already have the **Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival** (September 18th) marked on your calendar. It's the HVBA's first festival. See you there. ⚡

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next issue, Joyce will write about "Bluegrass in Westchester County."

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Chris Jones and The Night Drivers
Mike Burns and North Country
Heinzvevino!
Grass
No Brakes
Jim Conklin

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Mountain Melodies

Jim Conklin

Expect no ringing banjos on *Mountain Melodies*, **Jim Conklin's** first CD. Jim was a founding member of the HVBA, playing banjo Scruggs-style and clawhammer since the early days back in '94. Though Jim has given the banjo a bit of a rest, he has been busy fingerpicking on his **Nickerson** guitar.

The full sound of this CD is unbelievable! Jim's tasteful playing on a state-of-the-art custom guitar combined with excellent production to result in first rate sound quality. Every deep round bass note, treble slide and finger-board squeak will jump from your stereo speakers.

When the mood is right for "easy listening," this is the CD to play. Make no mistake, though, easy listening doesn't have to be boring. The nine tunes move easily from pensive to lively and keep the listeners attention.

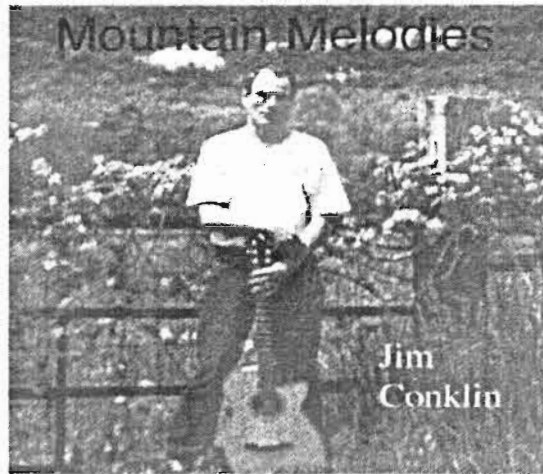
The ill-informed might at first blush conclude that the music is "New Age," as a result of its mesmerizing nature. However, these tunes are, for the most part 200-300 years old.

The only modern tune is a familiar waltz written by Hudson Valley resident and local boy made good, **Jay Ungar**; *Ashokan Farewell*.

Jacob's Ladder and *Sheebeg An Sheemore* are perhaps the only other familiar tunes on the project.

Jim's execution of **El Mcmeen's** arrangement is right on the mark. He brings out the best sounds of the guitar.

This CD won't get your toes tapping as Jim's banjo playing may, however,



The Fair Flower of Northumberland
Ashokan Farewell
Jock O'Hazledean
Maggie
Fanny Flower
Jacob's Ladder
Sheebeg An Sheemore
Lord Inchiquin
Maid Milking a Cow

★★★★ Nicely done!

these tunes move the spirit. These nine instrumentals are perfect dinner music, for background music or to sip tea by as you gaze out on a snowy field.

Jeffro

NOTE: The fact that Jim is one of my best friends has not influenced this glowing recommendation. You can order this CD from Jim at (914) 255-9106 or e-mail him at VEEP@Bestweb.net

Newsletter articles wanted

Also send us your news. Deadline for the Fall edition is September 1st.

Call 914-691-6784 for information.

Follow Your Heart

Chris Jones

(Reb CD-1749)

This third release for **Chris Jones** consists of some "eminently listenable" material characterized by what **Bluegrass Now** calls "that low lonesome sound."

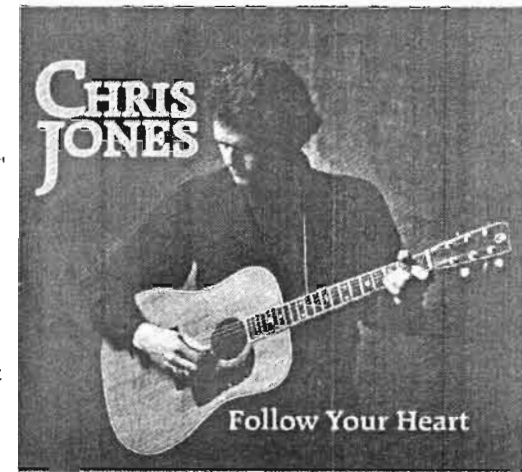
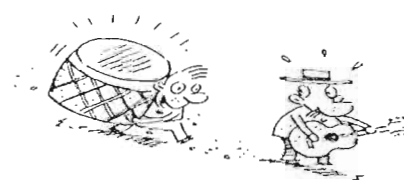
As a songwriter, Jones has caught my ear with at least two of his four original compositions in particular. Both the title track, which tells us that we can go home again, and *Bridge to Portsmouth*, a song that the liner notes claim was not really written about a lost love, but only because the writer happened to be standing near the bridge at one time, have made the **Bluegrass Unlimited** charts. In fact, the album has been charted for a number of months.

I find I'm hitting the replay button on the **Delmore Brothers' Nashville Blues**, which is done with a **Doc Watson** flavor to it. The **Stanley Brothers** are also represented with Ralph's Gospel song *Drinking From the Fountain*.

Some of the top names in bluegrass join Jones on this CD **Wayne Benson** and **Aubrie Hainie** (mandolin), **Stuart Duncan** (fiddle), **Ron Block** (banjo), and **Mike Compton** (guitar) are a few of the many guests on this album.

John Pennell and **Harley Allen** also contribute their song writing talent to this great album.

Chris Scheu



Follow Your Heart Back Home
Nashville Blues
Nobody There But Me
Bridge to Portsmouth
Fork in the Road
Drinking From the Fountain
Some Leavin' Too
I'm So Afraid of Losing You Again
I'm Ready If You're Willing
Train That Never Slows Down
Waltz of the Wind
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

★★★★ I like it a lot

Chris Jones
and The Night Drivers
will perform at
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The Bridges
on September 18th

BLUEGRASS HAPPENINGS

Bluegrass Happenings is provided as a service to HVBA members and bands.

Call the HVBA at (914) 691-6784 to list your event.

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Every Monday: Fast Folk Cafe, NYC (212) 274-1636

3rd Tuesday of Each Month: North East Bluegrass Jam, Malt River Brewing Co., Latham NY, 8 PM, (518) 489-2369

Every Wednesday: Fiddle, Folk, & Bluegrass Jam, with Dr. Romo; Anyone Can Whistle, Kingston, Noon, 331-7728

Every Wednesday: Minetta Creek Band, Carpos, New York City (212) 353-2889

Every Wednesday: Too High String Band, The Choppin' Block, Jamaica Plains, NY

Every Wednesday: Uncle Bob's Bluegrass Jam at Jack Dempsey's NYC (718) 884-5721

2nd & 4th Wednesday: Warren Academy, Warren, CT 7 PM (201) 868-7659

3rd Tuesday of Each Month: Jam with Mother Judge and Nick Barr at Lark Tavern, Albany, NY (518) 489-2369

First Friday of Every Month: North Country Music's Bluegrass Jam, St. Luke's Church, (914) 276-2239

1st Saturday of Every Month: South Sound, Coll. of New Rochelle (914) 235-5813

2d Saturday of Every Month: Walkabout Clearwater, Katonah, NY (914) 242-0374

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3d Saturday of Every Month: HVFG Poughkeepsie Chapter, (914) 297-6372

Every Sunday: Bluegrass session with Tom Hanway at Paddy O'Reilly's Bar, NYC (718) 884-5721

Every Sunday: Club 9C in Manhattan 4 PM - ???; (212) 358-0048

First Sunday: Diamonds, Lindenhurst, NY 3-6 PM

Every Monday: Riverbank Banjo Band, Banta's Steak & Stein, Wappingers Falls, NY (914) 297-6770

July 15-18: Winterhawk Bluegrass Festival with David Grisman Quintet, Jerry Douglas, The Del McCoury Band, Nashville Bluegrass Band, Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys, The John Cowan Band, Red Knuckles & The

Trailblazers, Tony Rice & Peter Rowan, Natalie McMaster, The Tim O'Brien Band, Bill Keith, Roy Bookbinder, Austin Lounge Lizards, The Gibson Brothers, The Blue Merles, Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, John Kirk & Trish Miller, The Hula Monsters, & many, many more (888-WINTHWK or WinterhawkBluegrass.com

July 15-18: Peaceful Valley Bluegrass Festival Jim & Jesse, Lynn Morris, Lewis Family, Southern Rail, Smokey Greene, Dale Ann Bradley, Goins Brothers, Stevens Sisters, Gibson Brothers, (888) 413-0137 or (607) 363-2211

July 16: Kelly Willis; Bodles Opera House, Chester, NY (914) 469-4595

July 18: Hot Club of Cowtown : Bodles Opera House, Chester, NY (914) 469-4595 or www.bodles.com

July 30: Solas, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

July 23-25: Noppet Hill Bluegrass Festival with Laurie Lewis, Larry Sparks, James King, The Gibson Brothers, The Goins Brothers, Bob Paisley & Southern Grass, Breakaway, more (413) 499-2805 www.berkshire.net/~noppet/

July 23-25: Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Ani DiFranco, Balfa Toujours, Beverwyck, Wild Asparagus, The Tony Trischka Band, Utah Phillips, many others Hillsdale, NY (860) 350-7472, 364-0366 or FalconRidgeFolk.com

July 22-25: Grass Roots Festival of Music & dance, Trumansburg, NY (607) 387-5098 or grassroots@GrassRootsFest.org

July 25: Ceili Rain, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

July 26: Steve Riley & The Mamou playboys at Washington Park, Albany

July 30 Heinzevino! & Rande Harris at Minnewaska State Park 6-7:30 PM (914) 255-0752 or 2011 or 691-6784

July 30: Solas, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

July 30-August 1: CNYBA Bluegrass Festival, Smokey Greene, The Tired Hands String Band, Lost Wages, many more (315) 637-4180 or 252-0610

July 30-August 1: PENNY Country & Bluegrass Music Association festival, Nichols, NY (607) 748-6671

July 31: Grass, Rosendale Street Festival, Rosendale, NY

July 31-August 1: Ossipee Valley Bluegrass Festival, Cornish, ME Northern Lights, Freighthoppers, Austjn Lounge Lizards, Shankmann Twins, Salamander Crossing, others (207) 625-8656

August 1: Doctor Romo & The Cajun Swing Orchestra, Rosendale Street Festival, Rosendale, NY (914) 658-8465

August 6: Robin & Linda Williams, Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 7:30 (518) 352-7715

August 6: Oxford Depot, Folk'n'Stein; Bodles, Chester, NY (914) 469-4595 or 986 MUSIC www.bodles.com

August 6: Heinzevino! at Borders Book and Music, Albany, NY (914) 691-6784

August 6: Doctor Romo & The Cajun Swing Orchestra, Stone Ridge Center, Stone Ridge NY (914) 658-8465

August 6-8: Fox Family Festival, Freighthoppers, Dan Tyminski Band, Continental Divide, New Tradition, Blueridge, Schankmann Twins, more Old Forge, NY (615) 826-5853

August 7: Robin & Linda Williams, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 8: Fiddlers' Contest, Sussex County Fann & Horse Show, Augusta NJ (973) 984-6296 or MY77MGB@aol.com

August 12-15: The Corinth Bluegrass Festival with James Reams & The Barnstormers, more

August 13: Doctor Romo & The Cajun Swing Orchestra, West Strand Grill, Kingston, NY (914) 658-8465

August 13-15: St Lawrence Valley Fest, Cedar Ridge, Dempsey Station, Andy Pawlenko, more 315) 393-4531

August 15: Women of the Hudson Valley with Amy Fradon, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 8PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 15: Gary Ferguson, St. Luke's Church, Somers, NY 4 PM, (914) 276-2239

August 17: Northern Lights w/Vassar Clements, WOMR Music, Food & Wine Festival, Hyannis MA (800) 921-9667

August 20: Garnet Rogers w/ Mark Teamaker, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 20-22: Northern Lights, Vassar Clements & David Mallett First Annual Machais Folk Festival, Machais, ME

August 20-22: Southern Tier BG Ass'n Fest, Vern Young Band, Larkin Family, more, Addison, NY (607) 359-3336

August 21: Rick Danko w/Louise Taylor, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 22: Point of Departure, Artist's Derby, Kingston, NY (914) 339-4193

August 22: Beacon Sloop Club Corn Festival, Roger Sprung, others, (203) 426-5243

August 22: Northern Lights w/ Vassar Clements, Cheney Hall, Manchester, CT (860) 647-9824, or (860) 422-0000

August 26: Karan Casey w/ Niall Vallely, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 8 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 27: Bill Staines w/Turkey Hollow Consort, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 9 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

August 27-29: Lodi Pickin' in the Pasture Fest, Ralph Stanley, Osborne Brothers, Bob Paisley & Southern Grass, more (607) 582-6363

August 29: Blue Highway, The Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling, NY 8 PM (914) 855-1300 townecrier.com

September 5: Northern Lights, Stanley Park, Westfield, MA Free! 6PM (413) 568-9312

September 10-12: Pickin' in the Woods, ABL fest, Banner Hill farm, Poestenkill, NY (518) 274-8638 or 283-6875

September 12: Roger Sprung, Smokey Greene, Amy Gallatin, Berg Field, East Hartland, CT (203) 426-5243

September 17-19: Irish Festival, Charles Ives Center, Danbury, CT

September 18: Northern Lights, Jonathan Edwards, Lisa McCormick at Grotonfest, Groton, MA Free!(978) 547-3336 or gloriousja@aol.com

September 18: Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival featuring Salamander Crossing, Bob Paisley and Southern Grass, Chris Jones and The Night Drivers, Mike Burns and North Country, Heinzevino!, Grass, No Brakes at Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie, NY Free! (914) 691-6784

September 19: American Flyer at John Jay Homestead, Katonah, NY 11-3 PM (914) 273-6545 banjoben@aol.com

September 24-25: James Reams a& the Barnstormers, 2d Annual Bluegrass & Old Time Festival, Good Coffee House, Brooklyn, NY (718) 768-2972

October 3 American Flyer at The Westchester Bluegrass Minifest, Croton Point Park 12-5 PM, (914) 273-6545 banjoben@aol.com

October 22: American Flyer at The Katonah Library, Katonah, NY 8 PM (914) 273-6545 banjoben@aol.com

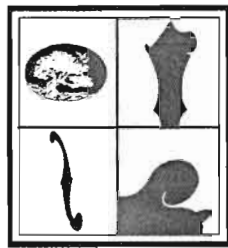
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