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## Bluegrass Between the Bridges... 2002

James Reams and the Barnstormers and Too Blue will be featured at the 3rd Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival, "Bluegrass Between the Bridges" on September 21 at Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie. The day-long fest is held in conjunction with **The Hudson River Arts Festival**, Poughkeepsie's annual free fall event on the Hudson Riverfront. The event is produced by The Bardavon and City of Poughkeepsie, in association with the Dutchess County Arts Council, the New York State Council on the Arts, The National Endowment for the Arts, Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association, with major support from Fleet Bank, MVP, M&T Bank, WPDH/Oldies 97 and WKZE Radio.



James Reams and The Barnstormers

After the show, Jefferson Starship with Paul Kantner and Barty Balin and very special guest Pete Seeger will take the stage for a concert at 7PM. Fireworks over the Hudson River will close the night.

Other bands on the Bluegrass Between the Bridges bill include Mike Burns and North Country, Heinzevino!, Wickers Creek, No Brakes and Lowry Hamner & Frank Matheis. Frank will also emcee the show.

James Reams grew up in eastern Kentucky but has been living in New York for the past 15 years. *Bluegrass Unlimited* called his band "a thoroughly traditional bluegrass band." The band's CD, *Barnstormin'*, on Copper Creek Records, has gotten great reviews and national and international radio play. John Lupton, in *Country Standard Time*, writes, "This isn't cified, ersatz bluegrass, it's the real stuff."

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## Message from the Board

# Buy your tix here!

"Mommy, where does our food come from?"

It's not unusual for us to take our "daily bread" for granted. Most of us buy still buy groceries at the local super market. Fortunately, many are wising up and joining agricultural co-ops or supporting the local farmer by buying produce from the farm stand down the road. We must remember that our food doesn't just "come from the store," but is grown by hardworking farmers that need -- and deserve -- our support.

Another way to increase our support of local farmers -- and take in a night of great music -- is to attend WinterGrass for Farmers on February 15 (see article opposite page and enclosed flyer). If you buy tickets to the show featuring Northern Lights and Vassar Clements directly from the HVBA, \$5 from each ticket will go into a revolving loan program being set up by Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County to help Hudson Valley farmers. Please buy your tickets from us using the form provided on the enclosed flyer. If you are able, please consider making an additional donation to the revolving loan program.

Won't you help our efforts and join us in ensuring the viability of agriculture in the Hudson Valley and helping families continue to farm the land?

Think about it the next time you take a bite.

Jeffrey Anzevino, HVBA Founder

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**Sept 22:** Jim Conklin at The Beech Tree Grille, Poughkeepsie, NY Noon to 3 PM

**Sept 22:** Tony Rice at The Jones Beach Amphitheater, Wantaugh, NY

**Sept 22:** James Reams & The Barnstormers at Square Dance (NY Society for Ethical Culture) (1:30pm), New York City, NY

**September 26:** Gitfiddle at The Cubby Hole Cafe, Poughkeepsie, NY 8:30 PM

**Sept 27:** Kat Mills at Gadaletto's Seafood Restaurant, New Paltz, NY 6PM (845) 255-1717

**Sept 27:** 5th Annual Park Slope Old-Time/Bluegrass Jamboree, Brooklyn, NY with James Reams & The Barnstormers, others (718) 768-2972

**Sept 28:** Too Blue at Caesar's Restaurant, Stanfordville, NY 8-10:30 PM (845) 868-7915

**Sept 28:** Jim Conklin at the Blue Mountain Bistro, Woodstock, NY 7-10PM

**Sept 28:** Northern Lights at The Sounding Board, Universalist Church of W. Hartford, CT 8PM, 860-632-7547, [www.folknotes.org](http://www.folknotes.org)

**Oct 3:** Heinzevino! at Gadaletto's Seafood Restaurant, New Paltz, NY 6PM (845) 255-1717

**Oct 4:** Lonesome River Band at The Emelin Theater, Mamaroneck, NY 526 (914) 698-0098

**Oct 4:** Northern Lights at Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, 8M, 508-427-1234, [www.massasoit.mass.edu/buckley/live.htm](http://www.massasoit.mass.edu/buckley/live.htm). Amy Gallatin & the Hot Flashes opening, \$15.

**Oct 5:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at Bluegrass Music Festival at Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island, NY

**Oct 5:** John Granata at The Beech Tree Grill, Poughkeepsie, NY 10PM

**Oct 6:** Benefit show for Danny Clothier at Rick & Carol's Country Inn, West Fort Ann, NY 1-7 PM (518) 686-0173

**Oct 6:** Barebones and Wildflowers at The Depot, Cold Spring, NY (845) 454-0953 or [RachelWildflower@msn.com](mailto:RachelWildflower@msn.com)

**Oct 12:** Bruce Molsky at The Thorne Building, Millbrook, NY 7:30 PM FREE (845) 677-5479 or [ambver@hotmail.com](mailto:ambver@hotmail.com)

**Oct 12:** The Jerry Douglas Band and The Sam Bush Band at The Egg, Albany, NY 8PM \$24 (518) 473-1845 [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org)

**Oct 12:** The Fred Lantz Quartet at Barleycorn's, Lake George, NY 9PM to 1 AM

**Oct 12-13:** Heinzevino! at Montgomery Place's Harvest Fair, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 11:30 to 3:30 PM (845) 691-6784; (845) 758-5461

**Oct 13:** New York Banjo, featuring Mac Benford, Bela Fleck, Bill Keith, Richie Stearns, Tony Trischka, Eric Weissberg, and Special Guests, The Egg, Albany, NY 7PM \$26 (518)

473-1845 [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org)

**Oct 13:** The Gibson Brothers at Saratoga Music Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY 8PM (518) 581-1604

**Oct 16-19:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at International Bluegrass Music Association World of Bluegrass, Louisville, KY

**Oct 17:** Heinzevino! at Gadaletto's Seafood Restaurant, New Paltz, NY 6PM (845) 255-1717

**October 19:** Gitfiddle at at Harvest Festival, Highland, NY

**October 20:** ABL Monthly Meeting and Picking Session at Knights of Columbus Hall, Corinth, NY 2 PM (call to confirm 518-399-9002)

**October 26:** Too Blue at Caesar's Restaurant, Stanfordville, NY Special Halloween show. 8-10:30 PM (845) 868-7915

**Oct 26:** Northern Lights at Greenwich Odeum, Greenwich, CT, 8PM, 401-885-9119, [www.greenwichodeum.org](http://www.greenwichodeum.org)

**Oct 27:** Eddie & Martha Adcock and Al & Cathy Bain at Parting Glass/Adirondack Bluegrass League 2PM, Saratoga Springs, NY

**Oct 27:** Barebones and Wildflowers at The Depot, Cold Spring, NY (845) 454-0953 or [RachelWildflower@msn.com](mailto:RachelWildflower@msn.com)

**October 27:** Jim Conklin at The Beech Tree Grille, Poughkeepsie, NY Noon to 3 PM

**Oct 31:** Heinzevino! at Gadaletto's Seafood Restaurant, New Paltz, NY 6PM (845) 255-1717

**Nov 1:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at Brandywine Friends of Old-Time Music, Newark, DE

**Nov. 9:** Northern Lights at Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Katonah, NY, 8M (914) 242-0374 or [www.walkaboutclearwater.org](http://www.walkaboutclearwater.org)

Walkabout Chorus singabout at 7PM (845) 339-1109, [www.mozaicroom.org](http://www.mozaicroom.org)

**Nov 9:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at Seven Mountains Bluegrass Association (3 sets, starting at 7:30pm), York, PA

**Sept 28:** Too Blue at Danny's Cafe, Ossining, NY 8PM \$3 [dannyscafe.com](http://dannyscafe.com)

**Nov 17:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at Parting Glass ABL Show, Saratoga Springs, NY (518) 399-9007

**Nov 23:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at People's Voice Concert Series at the Workmen's Circle, New York City, NY

**Dec 1:** Acoustic Hot Tuna at The Bardavon, Poughkeepsie, NY 7 PM (845) 473-5288 or [www.thebardavon.org](http://www.thebardavon.org)

**Dec 8:** James Reams and The Barnstormers at Square Dance, Brooklyn, NY

**Dec 14:** The Pleasures of Winter with Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, Odetta, Tony Trischka, and Malachy McCourt at The Bardavon, Poughkeepsie, NY 8 PM (845) 473-5288 or [www.thebardavon.org](http://www.thebardavon.org)

## Music and Dance Scene

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### Ongoing Jams, Dances, Gigs etc.

**3rd Wednesday of each month:** HVBA Jam at Pirate Canoe Club, Poughkeepsie, NY 6-10 PM (845) 691-6784 or (914) 276-2239

**Every Friday:** Jammin' at the Legion Hall, Marcellus, NY; (315) 673-2329 or 1844

**Every Monday:** Bluegrass night at The Parkside Lounge, NYC

**Last Monday of each month:** Orrin Star at The Parkside Lounge, NYC

**Every Monday:** The Alphabet City Opry (w/Greg Garing) at The Parkside Lounge, Houston St. betw. Ave A & B in Manhattan; 9 PM

**Every Monday:** Irish Folk Session at The Baggott Inn, Manhattan

**Every Monday:** Riverbank Banjo Band, Banta's Steak 'n Stein, Poughkeepsie, NY

**2nd Tuesday of Each Month:** North East Bluegrass Jam, Malt River Brewing Co., Latham NY, 8 PM, (518) 489-2369

**4rd Tuesday of Each Month:** Jam at Lark Tavern, Albany, NY (518) 489-2369

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

**Every Wednesday:** Bluegrass & Good Times Jam with hosts Mike Rosenthal and The Sheriff at The Baggott Inn, Manhattan 9 PM

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

**Every other Thursday:** Heinzevino! at Gadaletto's Seafood, New Paltz, NY 6-9 PM (845) 255-1717 691-6784

**1st Friday of Every Month:** North Country Music's Bluegrass Jam, St. Luke's Church. (914) 276-2239

**1st Friday:** Fais Do Do with Dr. Romo and the Cajun Swing Orchestra, Woodstock Community Center, Woodstock, NY 8 PM (845) 658-3392

**1st Saturday of Every Month:** Jam hosted by Roger Sprung, United Methodist Church, Sandy Hook, CT (203) 426-5243 (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

**1st Saturday of Every Month:** Open Mic/Bluegrass/Folk Jam; Unitarian Church; Rock Tavern, NY (845) 496-0771

**1st Saturday of Every Month:** Contra Dance at St. Philips Church Parish House, Route 9D, Garrison, NY (845) 265-4011, 265-7201, 265-0032

**2nd Saturday of Every Month:** Walkabout Clearwater, Katonah, NY (845) 242-0374

**3rd Sat. of Every Month:** Restoration Coffee House Open Mic; Old Dutch Reformed Church, Bloomingburg, NY; 7 PM; (845) 647-6491

**3rd Saturday of Every Month:** Hudson Valley Folk Guild Poughkeepsie Chapter, (845) 297-6372

**Every Other Saturday:** (Old Time only!!) Thady Con's Pub NYC; (212) 688-9700

**Every Sunday:** Woodstock Jam at Catskill Mtn Pizza 1PM (845) 679-7969

**Every Sunday:** Bluegrass Session with Tom Hanway at Paddy O'Reilly's Bar, 4 PM; NYC (718) 884-5721

**Every Sunday:** Club 9C in Manhattan 5 PM - ???; (212)-358-0048

**4th Sunday:** Finger Lakes Bluegrass Monthly Jam 2-8 Pm at the Ontario County Arts Council, Canandaigua, NY (716) 396-0087 or 924-3117

**Every Sunday:** Jim Conklin at The Harvest Cafe, New Paltz, NY 1PM to 4PM (weather permitting)

### More Music!!

**Sept 12:** Kat Mills w/ special guest Hillary Epstein at The Cubby Hole, Poughkeepsie, NY (845) 838-0942

**Sept 12:** John Granata at The Ground Hog

**Sept 14:** John Herald & The Kurt Henry Trio at Caffè Lena, Saratoga Springs, NY 6 PM

**Sept 14:** Orrin Star Mandolin Workshop at The Parkside Lounge (see page 7)

**Sept 14:** John Granata at The Beech Tree Grill, Poughkeepsie, NY 10PM

**Sept 15:** Catskill Mountain Bluegrass Festival with Mike Burns & North Country, Dyer Switch Band, Larry Stephenson, Bob Paisley, Cabin Fever, Blue Moon, Goldwing Express, Second Edition, Three's Company, The Carters, Smokey Greene, Line Grass(845) 687-9781

**Sept 19:** The String Dusters at Ambition Coffee House and Eatery, Schenectady, NY (518) 399-3675

**Sept 19:** Just Plain Folks showcase night with Redwood, Moose & Friends and 30 other musicians at the Clove Cafe, High Falls, NY

**Sept 20:** Heinzevino! at The Uptown Cafe, Kingston, NY 9 PM (845) 691-6784

**Sept 20:** Kat Mills at Gadaletto's Seafood Restaurant, New Paltz, NY 6PM (845) 255-1717

**Sept 21:** Bluegrass Between The Bridges: James Reams and the Barnstormers, Too Blue, Mike Burns & North Country, Heinzevino!, Wickers Creek, No Brakes, Lowry Hamner & Frank Matheis, Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie, NY FREE (845) 691-6784/(914) 276-2239

**Sept 21:** Redwood, Mooose & Friends at Aimee, Fishkill, NY 8 to 10 PM

## WinterGrass for Farmers Vassar Clements & Northern Lights at The Bardavon February 15, 2003

Jeff Anzevino

The seeds have been sown for WinterGrass for Farmers, a benefit program to help fund revolving loans for farmers and their families. This effort between the Cornell Co-operative Extension Dutchess County, the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association and Scenic Hudson logically mixes bluegrass music and farming in hopes of enhancing both. The Bardavon 1869 Opera House presents the musical portion of the program to their historic stage in with a show by Vassar Clements and Northern Lights on Saturday, February 15, 2003.

The program was the brainchild of Kate Chebarek, an Agricultural Field Crop Specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension. Kate unveiled her idea at the HVBA's Winter Fundraiser in New Paltz. Everyone loved the idea and, with the cooperation of The Bardavon, a benefit concert is set for February 15, 2003. For each \$24.50 ticket purchased through the HVBA or Cornell Cooperative Extension, The Bardavon will rebate generously \$5 into the fund.



Northern Lights



Vassar Clements

Of course, your additional support will be thankfully received with an additional donation made directly to Cornell Cooperative Extension. Those who are unable to attend the show might wish to support our local farmers in this manner. As a result, we urge you to purchase your tickets through us, otherwise, the donation will not be made to the farmers.

### Vassar Clements

Vassar Clements is considered one of the world's best fiddle players alive today. His personal discography includes 27 works and he has played on countless thousands of other records over his 50-year career. Clements' versatile playing has created a musical sub-genre dubbed "Hillbilly Jazz."

In 1949 Vassar joined Bill Monroe as a "Bluegrass Boy," and remained with Monroe through 1956, when Clements began playing with Jim and Jesse McReynolds in 1957 (until '62).

Clements' went on to record *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* with The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and with *Old And In The Way* bringing legions of new fans to bluegrass.

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## News Briefs

### HVBA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is set for November 20 at 7 PM at the Pirate Canoe Club. Plan to attend to elect the HVBA's slate of officers for the next two years. Bring your instrument for the jam that follows.

### Bruce Molsky in Millbrook

Bruce Molsky will play southern, mountain, and old-time tunes and songs on fiddle, banjo, and guitar at a free concert in Millbrook, NY on Saturday October 12. The show, sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group, starts at 7:30 PM and will be held at the Thorne Building at the corner of Maple Avenue and Franklin Avenue (Route 44). For more information, contact Ambrose Verdibello at (845) 677-5479 (eves) or email ambver@hotmail.com.

### Fiddling About

The duo Gitfiddle has been busy fiddling about in coffee houses, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes throughout the Mid-Hudson region. Husband and wife team



Gitfiddle: John & Cathy Granata

John (guitar) and Cathy Granata (fiddle) play traditional folk, classic country and bluegrass. HVBA Board member Cathy gave herself the gift of music for her 40th birthday and vowed to rekindle her interest for the violin, which she played in the Fifth Grade. John is a "musician's musician," first playing music

back in the 1960s. Catch Gitfiddle at the Cubbyhole Coffeehouse on September 26.

### Orrin Star reports

Orrin Star and The Sultans of String will be playing at the Parkside Lounge (317 E Houston St (between Aves B & C) 9PM-12AM) on the Lower East Side the last Monday of each month. Every Monday is bluegrass night there, with a rotating roster of 4 bands)

Orrin will be offering guitar and mandolin workshops while on tour here in NYC this September on three different weekend afternoons starting September 8th. (See page 7 for more details.)

Orrin sat in with Doc Watson, who played free at Lincoln Center. "At 79 Doc has still got it all!," says Orrin. For more info about Orrin and his music, visit [www.flatpick.com/ostar](http://www.flatpick.com/ostar)

### WKZE

Hardly news, but well worth a mention, WKZE 98.1FM beams a ton of bluegrass and roots music our way from its transmitter in nearby Sharon, CT. In addition to Frank's picks on Friday night and Harmony Junction, hosted by Dick Hermans, on Thursday night, WKZE plays bluegrass in their "regular" mix of rock, folk, blues, and jazz. Check it out!

### BBU says "hi"

Keith Rollag wrote to say hello on behalf of our sister organization in Beantown. Keith has agreed to assume the editorship of the Boston Bluegrass Union's newsletter, Bluegrass Breakdown. He is the former editor of the monthly newsletter for the Northern California Bluegrass Society prior to moving to Boston last August and plays guitar and mandolin. Still pretty new to the New

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## A Little on the Blue Side

### Too Blue

#### Too Blue Music 88032

Sad songs with happy and bouncy rhythms, I love it. It says right on the cover of A Little on the Blue Side, "Original bluegrass and swing." All original, all good and it swings.

Let me offer a reference point. If you're even a semi-regular attendee at HVBA jams or shows over the last five or six years or more recently Mike Burn's concert series in Somers, NY you've heard Joan Harrison's banjo and voice. Joan has played with the award winning Breakeven, Mike Burns and North Country and now Too Blue. With Betsy Rome (guitar and vocals), Jack Murphy (bass), Michael Sassano (Mandolin) they are Too Blue with Joyce Anderson guesting on fiddle.

A Little on the Blue Side contains thirteen original songs by Betsy and Joan that highlight their vocal and playing skills. This is a good thing because the harmonies and playing are great. The arrangements fit the songs the instrumental work fits the arrangements. Jack Murphy's bass provides a solid trellis for the others to climb up and wind around like intertwining flowering vines. There is nothing here that says, "Look at me, I'm the star." Everyone blends well together. Michael Sassano's mandolin provides an understated bluegrass chop and tasty licks. Instrumentals like *Emma's Dilemma* let each band member show their stuff within the context of the group. The same is true of the vocals. The harmonies are harmonious. Like I said, everything blends together.

Most people who like bluegrass also like swing (anyone out there hate Bob Wills?) and Too Blue has taken the swing medium and planted it firmly on a bluegrass foundation with the banjo, guitar and mandolin. There are no lightning fast banjo



The Leaving Kind  
Blue Side  
Two Dogs  
Start All Over  
Three Rivers  
When the Bloom is Off  
the Rose  
Too Good to be Bad  
Morning Dew  
Too Little Too Late  
Brand New Blues  
Emma's Dilemma  
Bad News  
Full Time Job

breaks here but there are 13 well thought out songs where all the parts fit like expert joinery. The fittings are important parts the overall design. "A Little on the Blue Side" joins the list CDs put out by members of the HVBA that are well done and fun to listen to.

Chris Scheu

EDITOR'S NOTE: You can order this CD from [www.tooblue.com](http://www.tooblue.com)



## Blue Country Heart

### Jorma Kaukonen

Simply put, "Blue Country Heart" is one of the best CDs I have ever heard. No hype; no exaggeration. When my car stereo went on the fritz, damaging this CD, I rushed out and bought another.

Jorma Kaukonen, of Hot Tuna fame, assembles an all-star band, including Jerry Douglas (resophonic and Weissenborn guitars) and Sam Bush (fiddle and mandolin) to create this testament to the bluesy roots of bluegrass. Jorma describes going to Nashville to record this CD as his "dream," as his musical roots are embedded in the country blues. It is our good fortune that his dream came true.

As the title would imply, the material relies on the blues and, in fact, eight of the 13 songs contain the word "blues" in their titles. Three compositions are penned by Jimmy Rodgers and two attributed to The Delmore Brothers.

The album seems to have two inherent parts. The first 10 songs are, for the most part, steeped in acoustic country blues, with tasteful dobro, mandolin and fiddle accentuating the vocals and adding texture to the sound with some rip-roaring lead breaks.

The final three selections, *I'm Free From The Chain Gang Now*, *You and My Guitar*, and *What Are They Doing in Heaven Today?* are touching ballads. Every song on Blue Country Heart is a winner.

I have been listening to many of these tunes played by greats such as Doc Watson (*Blues Stay Away From Me*, *Waiting for A Train*), Tony Rice (*Blue Railroad Train*) for years. Perhaps my favorite is *Tom Cat Blues*, which overflows with Douglas' master work. I had never heard the song before this rendition, but recently heard another much older version on WHVW AM 950.

And, by the way, Jorma is no slouch on guitar. His playing is as rock solid as one would expect given Kaukonen's experience and credentials.



**Blue Railroad Train**  
**Just Because**  
**Blues Stay Away From Me**  
**Red River Blues**  
**Bread Line Blues**  
**Waiting For A Train**  
**Those Gambler's Blues**  
**Tom Cat Blues**  
**Big River Blues**  
**Prohibition Blues**  
**I'm Free From The**  
**Chain Gang Now**  
**You And My Guitar**  
**What Are They Doing In**  
**Heaven Today?**

This CD should appeal to the traditionalists as well as those who found their way into bluegrass through the back door, such as myself, listening to groups like the Allman Brothers, Vassar Clements, Hot Tuna and the like.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: You can order this CD from Jorma's website, [www.jormakaukonen.com](http://www.jormakaukonen.com).*

**Acoustic Hot Tuna will be performing at The Bardavon, in Poughkeepsie, NY on December 1 at 7 PM Call (845) 473-5288 or visit [www.thebardavon.org](http://www.thebardavon.org) for info**

## New York Banjo at The Egg

### NEW YORK BANJO PLAYERS TO PERFORM IN ALBANY, NEW YORK

Many of the world's most influential banjo players – all with ties to New York – will unite in a special concert in the state capital of Albany on Sunday, October 13 at 7 PM. Dubbed "New York Banjo", the concert will take place in The Egg Performing Arts Center at the Empire State Plaza and feature Mac Benford, Bela Fleck, Bill Keith, Chris Leske, Bruce Molsky, Cynthia Sayer, Richie Stearns, Tony Trischka and Eric Weissberg.

The progressive school of bluegrass 5-string banjo players has been attributed to several New York players. Woodstock, New York resident Bill Keith is widely considered a trailblazer of the melodic style of banjo picking he brought



Bill Keith

forward as a member of Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys. He continues to play the 5-string in "Upstate Bluegrass" and distributes Keith tuners through his business, Beacon Banjos.

Fellow Woodstock resident Eric Weissberg brought the sound of the bluegrass banjo to mainstream America with his performance of "Dueling Banjos" on the soundtrack of the major motion picture "Deliverance". His signature tune has gone on to become the world's most familiar bluegrass instrumental. Mr. Weissberg currently tours in the band of Art Garfunkel.

In the 1970s, Syracuse, New York native Tony Trischka took the 5-string into uncharted territory with a series of recordings that explored rock and avant-garde jazz. In the 1980's Mr. Trischka fronted the popular band Skyline, and has also traced the history of the banjo – from its African roots to bluegrass, newgrass and beyond in his "World Turning" concerts which he continues to perform with the Tony Trischka Band.



Tony Trischka

New York City native Bela Fleck took banjo lessons from Mr. Trischka and went on to become the world's most famous banjoist as a member of the Newgrass Revival, and for the past 12 years as leader of Bela Fleck & The Flecktones. While that band has created its own unique fusion of bluegrass, jazz, funk and reggae music, Mr. Fleck has continued to compose and perform acoustic music with the "Bluegrass Sessions" band and classical music as demonstrated on his Grammy-award winning disc "Perpetual Motion".



Bela Fleck

## News Briefs

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England bluegrass scene, Keith has spent the summer meeting other pickers in the area. He invites us to keep apprised on New England events via their website at newsletter@bbu.org.

### Northern Lights

Northern Lights welcomes John Daniel, who has replaced Chris Miles on bass. John has most recently been playing bass with singer-songwriter Brooks Williams. Northern Lights will be at the Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse in Katonah, NY on Saturday November 9th at (www.walkaboutclearwater.org, (914-242-0374).

And, of course, Northern Lights and Vassar Clements will be featured at WinterGrass for Farmers on Saturday February 15, 2003 at The Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie, NY.

### John Herald & The Kurt Henry Trio

These Hudson Valley favorites will play at Caffè Lena in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, September 14 at 6:00 PM. From his early days playing guitar at cafe society jams and lower Manhattan picking sessions with artists like Bob Dylan, Rory Block and Ramblin' Jack Elliot, to years with the legendary Greenbriar Boys, John Herald has earned the dedicated admiration of the music world. Herald will share this evening with his friend, Caffè Lena newcomer Kurt Henry. Dinner is available at the 6:00 PM show. Dinner reservations must be made in advance (518-583-0022 or www.caffelena.com).

### Tony Trischka Band

The TTB has just finished mastering the new album (New Deal — on Rounder Records), in a studio near Boston. It's tentatively slated for release in January or February. Tony thanks his fans for their support.

### \$250 donation

Thank you to Larry Magel of Armonk, NY, who donated to the HVBA an unwanted piano, which was sold for \$250. You may also help us grow with a tax-deductable donation. Call us at (845) 691-6784 to find out how.

### Hinds-Arnesen union

Rich Hinds and Rene Arnesen were married on August 28 at the Richmond Hills Resort overlooking Montego Bay. Then the blissful couple snorkeled their way through the Caribbean, visiting the Cayman Islands and Cozumel before returning to their happy home in Cottekill. Best wishes to the happy couple.

### Tugboats, anyone?

An anonymous member invites you to peek at original photos of Hudson River tugboats by visiting www.hudsonian.com. Find the images in the photo gallery.



### Goodbye Kat

Kat Mills will be making a big move down south to accompany her husband, Nick, who was offered a great



Kat Mills

opportunity to study for his Masters in Computer Science at Virginia Tech. They will move this fall to beautiful Blacksburg, VA in the heart of the Blue Ridge. "It is hard to leave the Hudson Valley, which has been a real home to us," says Kat, "but I'm looking

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The music on this new disc features elements reminiscent of the sophisticated stylings of fellow Kentuckian Bill Monroe mixed with the old time, deep-hollow sound of the Stanley Brothers. This is hard-core bluegrass from down home." The CD was picked by WKCR as one of the top 12 of 2001.

The four-man band features three-part harmony, fiery fiddling, and stand-up bass. Donald Nitchie, in "The Callous Thumb" column in *Banjo Newsletter*, says that James' "southern-tinged vocals sound as smoky as his heroes - Lester, Carter and Red."

Too Blue is a quartet playing a unique blend of bluegrass and swing, featuring the vocals of Betsy Rome (guitar) and Joan Harrison (banjo). Other members include Jack Murphy (bass) and Michael Sassano (mandolin). Joan is a longtime friend of the HVBA. She played in our founding concert at Hotel Rhinecliff in November of 1994. Too Blue recently released its debut CD, *A Little on the Blue Side* (see review on page 13)

The Hudson River Arts Festival continues on Sunday, September 22 with the Dutchess County Arts Council (DCAC) presenting its



Too Blue (l to r) Joan Harrison, Michael Sassano, Jack Murphy, &amp; Betsy Rome

### Bluegrass Between The Bridges



#### Program

Noon	Lowry Hamner & Frank Matheis
12:50	Heinzvino!
1:40	No Brakes
2:30	Wickers Creek
3:20	Mike Burns & North Country
4:00	James Reams & The Barnstormers
4:50	Too Blue
5:40	James Reams & The Barnstormers

Stick around for a concert featuring Jefferson Starship with Paul Kantner and Marty Balin with very special guest Pete Seeger at 7 PM, followed by fireworks over the Hudson River.

5th exciting year of "One River Many Streams," a folk arts festival headlined this year by zydeco star C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band.

In addition to the bluegrass music, scores of food and craft vendors will be on hand, and 45-minute Hudson River cruises available on the 40-passenger Indy 7 for only \$3.

Several restaurants and nightspots are nearby in Poughkeepsie's Riverfront Restaurant District. Plenty of secure, safe, and free parking is available nearby. And good news for NYC folks. The park is a short walk from Metro North's Poughkeepsie station, less than two hours by train from Grand Central Station in New York City. 🍷

## WinterGrass

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### Northern Lights

Northern Lights, has been pleasing audiences at festivals and at such prestigious venues as the Barns of Wolf Trap, Newport Folk Festival, and the American Folklife Center over the course of 25 years. Their roots range from rock to jazz to classical and everything in between, and their music has evolved into a northern bluegrass sound that blends lush harmonies and blazing instrumentals. Three Northern Lights' albums have made the National Bluegrass Survey top ten.

They have recorded nine albums since 1976. Their two most recent CDs — *Three August Nights* with Vassar Clements and *Another Sleepless Night* — are on the Prime CD label.

Stay tuned to the winter edition of Jamboree for more in-depth profiles of both Northern Lights and Vassar Clements, updates about WinterGrass for Farmers, and information about how you can help support this great program. 🎸



Northern Lights & Vassar Clements CD  
Hot August Nights

### Turn Your Radio On!

#### WAMC 90.3 FM, Albany, NY

WAMC Bluegrass Time.....Sundays 1 -3 PM  
Dancing on the Air, w/ Jay & Molly  
....2nd Wednesday each month 9-10:30 PM  
Hudson River Sampler..Saturdays 8-10:30P M  
A Prairie Home Companion  
.....Sat 6-8PM and Sun 3-5 PM  
Rock 'n' Roots..... Sundays 10-11 PM  
The Tao of Tao...4th Weds of ea mo 9-10 PM  
Thistle & Shamrock.....Sundays 7-8 PM

#### WHVW 950AM, Hyde Park, NY

Pirate Joe Radio Show.Weekdays ....3-6 PM  
Darwin Lee.....Sundays 3-6 PM

#### WKZE 98.1 FM, Sharon, CT

Frank's Picks.....Fridays 7-11 PM  
Harmony Jct w/ Dick Hermans.Th 7-10PM  
Plus, bluegrass mixed in with regular,  
roots, americana, and \_\_\_ programming

#### WTBQ 1110 AM, Florida, NY

Doctor Nick.....Saturdays 6-7:30 AM

#### WKCR 89.9 FM, Columbia U, NYC

www.columbia.edu/cu/wkcr....24 hrs/day  
Moonshine.....Sundays 10-12 Noon  
Honky Tonkin'.....Tuesdays 9:30-11 PM  
Tennessee Border.....Sundays Noon-2PM

#### WVKR 91.3 FM, Vassar College, Pok., NY

Hudson Valley Rag Shop.....Tues 5:30-8 PM  
Vince Vincent's Jukebox Jamboree.Fri 7-9P

#### WFDU 89.1 FM, Teaneck, NJ

Carol Beauregard.....Thursdays 6-9 AM  
Kim Gluckler.....Fridays 9 AM-1 PM  
Earl Karlsen.....Saturdays 6-9 AM

#### WCNY-FM 91.3 Syracuse; 89.5 Utica, etc.

Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble  
.....Sundays 9-midnight

#### WPKN 89.5 FM

Chris Tesky.....Wednesdays 7-10 PM

#### WUSB 90.1 FM

Buddy Merriam.....Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM

#### WRPI 91.5 FM, Troy, NY

Andy Hawley.....Saturdays 7-10 AM

#### WLNL 1000 AM, Horseheads, NY

Bruce Cutler, Gospel Doin's, ...Sun 2-3 PM

#### WZZZ 1300 AM, Fulton, NY

B. Cutler, Gospel Doin's .Sundays 8-8:30 AM

#### WHGL 100.3 FM, Troy, PA

B. Cutler, Classic Clips..... .Sundays 6 AM

#### WDYN Independent Radio

24 hours a day at <http://wdyn@wdyn.net>

## New York Banjo

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Upstate New Yorker Chris Leske was a child prodigy who won banjo contests across the country including the Winfield, Kansas competition. He toured with FrankWakefield, Bill Keith and the band Summit prior to joining The McKrells where he has fused bluegrass and Celtic music to create a new banjo vocabulary.

Two Ithaca, New York residents who have made significant contributions to the clawhammer banjo style will also perform: Mac Benford, who spearheaded the old-time music revival through his work with the Highwoods and Backwoods String Bands in the 1970s (he currently fronts Mac Benford's Woodshed All Stars) and Richie Stearns who brought the clawhammer style to a whole new audience with the fusion band The Horseflies. Another clawhammer expert, who also specialized in African bano styles, Bruce Molsky, currently residing in Beacon, New York will also perform on fiddle at the concert.

The four string banjo, a popular instrument in early jazz and ragtime music, will be featured in the hands of Cynthia Sayer. One of the instruments most highly regarded players, she currently performs with Woody Allen's jazz ensemble in New York City.

The banjoists will be accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Mike Marshall, bassist Mark Schatz, and guitarist Craig Vance.

Tickets to the performance are \$26, and are available at The Egg Performing Arts Center Box Office (518-473-1845), or any Ticketmaster location. New York Banjo is part of an "Acoustic Music Discovery Weekend" that will include a concert by the Jerry Douglas Band and Sam Bush Band on Saturday, October 12 at 8 PM. For more information, visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org). 🎸

## Orrin Starr Workshops at The Parkside Lounge

### MANDOLIN: Making Your Mando Sing

Sunday Sept. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

One of the hurdles facing mandolinists is learning how to incorporate rhythmic moves into their lead playing. This workshop zeroes in on the various strums and extra notes that really glue solos together.

### Bluegrass RHYTHM GUITAR

Saturday September 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Bluegrass guitarists have developed some of the most potent and interesting rhythmic moves ever heard—but they are seldom taught in an organized way. This workshop takes a hands-on, detailed and entertaining look at this technique. Learn cool bass runs and strums and how to apply them. If you strum folk, bluegrass or country music on an acoustic guitar this workshop is for you.

### LEAD GUITAR: What The Tab Won't Tell You

Saturday September 21 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM

You've got the books and tabs, play some fiddle tunes, are starting to feel at home playing leads—now what? In this workshop we zero-in on the subtleties: how to think like a fiddler; the importance of strums in lead solos; use of double-stops (harmonized notes).

For complete info see <http://flatpick.com/ostar/Pages/workshopinfo.html> or email ([orhay@aol.com](mailto:orhay@aol.com)) with any questions.

## News Briefs

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forward to returning to my home state, and expanding my career into great towns like Asheville, Raleigh-Durham and Charlottesville." Kat will surely be returning several times a year to play for her fans and visit her many friends. She hopes you will stay in touch and invites you to join her Hudson Valley mailing list, to keep you updated on local gigs, CDs, etc. She also has a website at [www.sweetcut.com/kat](http://www.sweetcut.com/kat). 🎸

# Willow Creek Photo Essay

*Jeff Anzevino*

The Willow Creek Bluegrass Festival is a great family-oriented event held at the Orange County farmers' Museum in Montgomery, New York. I spent Sunday August 11 there with our band, Heinzvino!, enjoying a day of great music. Here is a sampling of some photos.

Kudos and thanks to Jim and Claren Lynch producers of the Willow Creek Bluegrass Festival.



*Local favorites Oxford Depot*



*Mike Burns sings songs from his CD "Walk The Water's Edge" with North Country*



*Oxford Depot's Karl Kubie fiddles as (l to r) Rich Lynch and Leon Swyka provide rhythm*



*Emcee Doctor Nick puppeteering at the kids' stage*



*No Brakes' Eric Spaulding searching for his guitar under HVBA Board member Joyce Cullen's petticoat*



*The Glory Bound Band plays a gospel set*



# Heinzevino!

**Swingin' from blues to bluegrass since 1998**

**September 5...** Gadaletto's Seafood, 6-9 PM, New Paltz, NY

**September 6...** Frank's Picks on WKZE 98.1 FM 7 PM

**September 8...** The Woodstock Roundtable on WDST 101.1 FM

**September 20...** Uptown Cafe, 9 PM, Kingston, NY

**September 21...** Bluegrass Between the Bridges, 12:50 PM,  
Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie, NY

**September 26...** Gadaletto's Seafood, 6-9 PM, New Paltz, NY

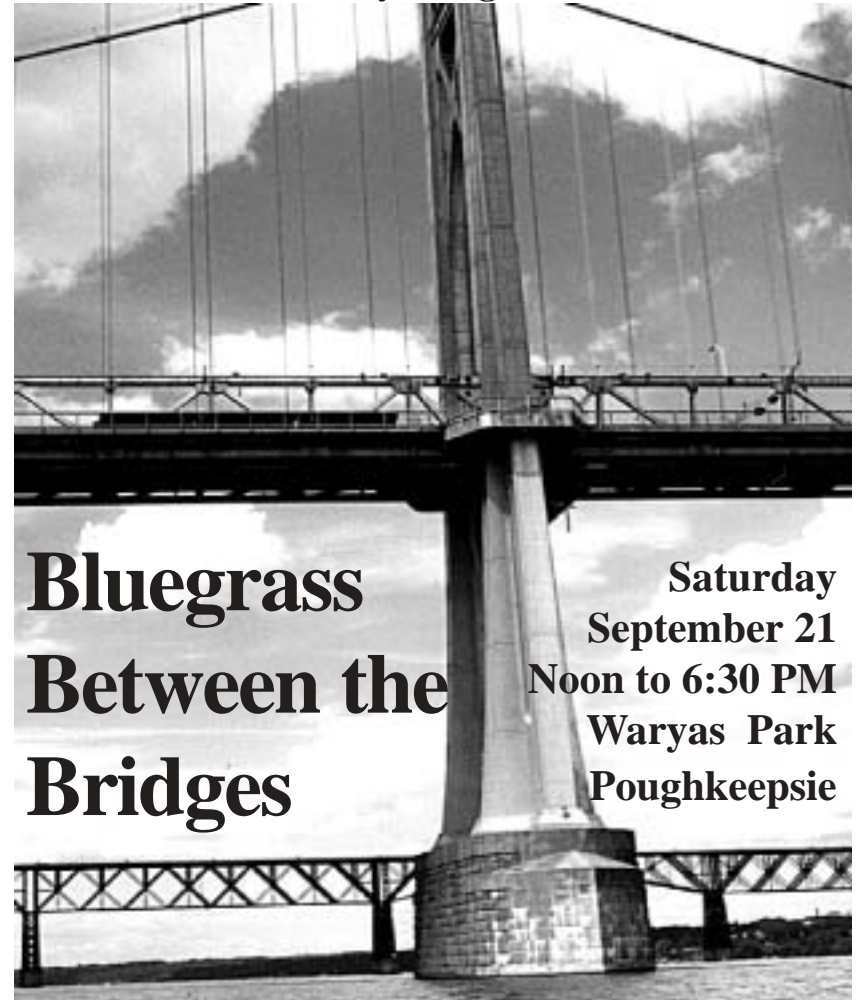
**October 3...** Gadaletto's Seafood, 6-9 PM, New Paltz, NY

**October 12 & 13...** Harvest Fair, 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
Montgomery Place, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

**October 17...** Gadaletto's Seafood, 6-9 PM, New Paltz, NY

Call 845-691-6784 or email [heinzevino@aol.com](mailto:heinzevino@aol.com)  
for more information

## The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Music Festival



# Bluegrass Between the Bridges

**Saturday  
September 21  
Noon to 6:30 PM  
Waryas Park  
Poughkeepsie**

**Held in conjunction with The Hudson River Arts Festival**

**James Reams and The Barnstormers ⊗ Too Blue**

**Mike Burns and North Country ⊗ Heinzevino!**

**No Brakes ⊗ Wickers Creek ⊗ Lowry Hamner & Frank Matheis**

**Stay for a special concert at 7 PM featuring Jefferson Starship with Paul  
Kantner and Marty Balin and  
very special guest Pete Seeger.**

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