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LAU NOAH, TASH NEAL, RINA ROSSI, CORY SEZNEC, ALI DINEEN, ADAM LEVY, AJ SRUBAS, & HOST MAMIE MINCH. For guitarists of all player levels—real immersion and growth in a friendly environment. Sing, jam, and share valuable musical knowledge. COMMUNITY NIGHT: STAFF CONCERT & JAM-WED, JULY 23 AT 7:30PM.

# Family Gamp · JULY 28-AUG 1

KRISHA PATENAUDE, TOM KRUMM, MATEO CANO & MARIA PUENTE, JOAKIM LARTEY. MAGGIE SHAR, MIA FRIEDMAN, ANNIE STEVENSON, JOHN KRUMM, SARA GOWAN, VICTOR LISSABET, NICOLE BALL, STAN FOWLER, RUTH UNGAR MERENDA. A creative, all-ages, hands-on experience in music, dance, storytelling, nature, crafts and play for the whole family. Unplug and reconnect with what really matters!

# Bluegrass Gamp · Aug 4-8

TAMMY ROGERS KING, GREG BLAKE, JOE NEWBERRY, SCOTT HOPKINS, ALEX SENS, WAYNE BENSON, NELSON WILLIAMS, AUSTIN SCELZO, & HOST KIMBER LUDIKER. Fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, bass, and singing with the best in Bluegrass! OPEN HOUSE / STAFF CONCERT THURS, AUG 7 AT 7:30PM.

# Southern Week · Aug 10-16

SPARKY & RHONDA RUCKER, SUZANNAH PARK, RACHEL EDDY, RHYS JONES, SHARON LEAHY & RICK GOOD, BECKY HILL, MATT GORDON, NICOLE BALL, MIKE + RUTH MERENDA, ERICA WEISS, CEDRIC WATSON, ETHAN MOODY, KEVIN WIMMER, MITCH REED, BLAKE MILLER, AMELIA BIERE, JO VIDRINE, ETHAN BRASSEAUX, LYDIA GARRISON, TOM KRUMM, AUSTIN SCELZO, AND HOSTS JAY UNGAR & MOLLY MASON. A week of traditional music from the Bayou to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Old-Time, Appalachian, Cajun, Zydeco, clogging, squares, and more! Enjoy classes, dancing, singing, jamming, and cultural history. Can't make it for the whole week? Get a taste at the SOUTHERN WEEK SHINDIG ON SAT, AUG 9 beginning at 3:30pm. A hot night of live dance music on our outdoor pavilion-no partner needed, beginners welcome, BBO dinner with vegan and GF options.

# Banjo Weekend · Nov 7-9

MIKE MERENDA, JOE NEWBERRY, PETER DAVIS, NED LUBERECKI, ABIGAIL WASHBURN & HOST SCOTT HOPKINS. A weekend of Banjo-Centric BLISS! Instructional workshops, jamming and boundless banjo inspiration for players of all levels—get inspired!



THE MAMMALS, NATALIE MERCHANT, STEVE POLTZ, SON LITTLE, AL OLENDER, OLIVIA K AND THE PARKERS, RATBOY JR, WHAT?, JAY UNGAR & MOLLY MASON, SETH BERNARD & JOACHIM COODER, PICNIC COMMITTEE, MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER, ROCHE COLLINS, JENNA NICHOLLS, MICAH JOHN, LOVE WAVES, ARM OF THE SEA THEATER, CITY STOMPERS. HELLO OSHAY, NATE THE GREAT. We invite our whole community to enjoy three days of live, world-class roots music on Hoot Hill featuring over twenty acts including festival hosts and founders The Mammals! Discover exciting new performers, wander the handmade craft vendor village, check out activities at the kids zone, and sample local food, beer, and cider. Join a jam or sing-along, try your hand at blacksmithing, square dancing, or take a guided hike to Cathedral Gorge. Relax with intimate miniconcerts in the Pewter Shop and rejuvenate with morning gong baths and yoga. Camping is encouraged. Kids attend free and no one is turned away for lack of funds.

TICKETS & INFO AT HOOT LOYE



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Offering tiered pricing and sliding scale HOOT festival tickets!



Olivebridge, New York 1 hour south of Grey Fox!

# Festival Life GREY FOX

Welcome to the epicenter of bluegrass and roots music! We know you'll love every minute of this year's festival. Stop by our new sponsor exhibit hall and thank them for supporting Grey Fox. Visit our great food, craft, and merch vendors. Drink plenty of water. Get at least a little sleep. Meet new friends, and never stop smiling! Thanks for coming!

**HOST BAND:** Dry Branch Fire Squad **ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE:** Woody Platt

### **GREY FOX HIGH MEADOW**

Daytime and Nighttime Stages
Sponsored by Collings, Deering, Event Co. & Northfield

This is it—the main event! Music starts
Thursday at noon with Dry Branch Fire
Squad's "Welcome to Grey Fox Set." Enjoy
the shade of the tented High Meadow Day
Stage (chairs provided). Then switch it up to
the High Meadow Night Stage (you'll need to
bring your own seating) for the night shows
Thursday thru Saturday. (Note: Sunday's
show will be at Creekside!)

### **CREEKSIDE Stage**

Sponsored by Beard Guitars & D'Addario
Amazing concerts and unique combinations of artists in an intimate tented setting (seats provided). This is where you'll see our Emerging Artist Showcase presented by Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association. Each day kicks off with selected up-and-coming bands from around the country and beyond!

### **CATSKILL Stage**

Sponsored by New Belgium/Bell's Brewing

One of our most popular venues, this tent with its big dance floor will be rockin' until the wee hours with music by Steep Canyon Rangers, AJ Lee, JigJam, Le Winston Band, California Honeydrops, Casey Driessen's Red Shoe Stringjam, Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys and more! But first, start your day quietly in mindful meditation with Noel, followed by yoga with Lucy & Jill. Then get ready to learn traditional dances with John, Trish & Quickstep. All day and all night, 'The Cat' is a "moving" place to hang out.

# **GRASS ROOTS Stage**

Sponsored by Epic Glamping & Pisgah Banjos
One of the best things about our kind of
music is the artists' eagerness to share
what they know. Come learn cool stuff up

# Grey Fox: A Who's Who of Bluegrass Music

close and personal! There'll be song swaps, workshops, demonstrations, unique combos of artists sharing what they love. It's the little stage with the great big personality!

### JAM CENTRAL STATION

Sponsored by Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival and Caffe Lena

Closet pickers, this is perfect for you! These two-hour Jam Classes using the Wernick Method, developed by Pete Wernick (Hot Rize), will get you jamming with others in a very short time. Bring your instrument and learn to "play well with others" with long-time mentors, Paul and Erin Dube and their crew. Sign up for the free sessions at the tent. Thursday, come by at 2 p.m. to check out the introduction to the program!

# **Bluegrass Academy for Kids (BGA)**

Sponsored by Gold Tone wih support from D'Addario This is our acclaimed music camp for kids, led by Mark Panfil and talented, kid-friendly instructors. On Saturday at 6:30 p.m., come see the future of bluegrass as the academy performs on the High Meadow Night Stage with our Artist-in-Residence, Woody Platt! Support the academy by purchasing raffle tickets.

Check out the **NEW RAFFLE BOOTH** on the lower midway featuring fine Gold Tone instruments, a Greene County Getaway, Big Basket of Bluegrass, and a Very Foxy Baby Bundle. Every ticket purchased online with a QR code will benefit the kids academy.

### **FAMILY Stage**

Sponsored by Chester River Alliance of Bluegrass Supporters (CRABS)

This is the place for music, entertainment, crafts, dancing and movies for kids of all ages. Enjoy puppets, tie-dyeing, yoga for families, special interactive workshops, and performances by Steve Charney and his sidekick Harry, Brooksie Wells & Lisa Kay Howard, and so much more! Stop by and see all the "Grey Fox Kits" having a great time. When you come for tie dyeing, please bring only small items like shirts. A limited number of tees for tie dyeing will be for sale at the Family Stage. Just ask.

### **Bill Vernon Memorial Scholarships**

Thanks to Deering, Collings, Northfield and Beard
The Bill Vernon Memorial Scholarship
is given to selected students pursuing a
college education. This year's recipients
are Souvik Hazra (Kolkata, India) attending
Berklee College of Music; Dylan Kaplan
(Littlefield, MA) entering the University
of Glasgow (Scotland); Fiona Mattson
(Williamsville, VT) entering Vermont State
University at Lyndonville; and Hayden
Reidling (Dawson, GA), a junior at Berklee
College of Music. Huge thanks to raffle

ticket buyers, sponsors, and individual donors who make this important, life-changing program possible. Congratulations to all four recipients. This year's scholarship presentation will take place at 7p.m. Friday at the High Meadow Night Stage, just before Sierra Hull's performance.

# **Greenest Campsite Award**

Sponsored by Borwegen Excavation & Repair, Inc.
Our Green Team (aka Trash Crew) will find the most efficient, eco-friendly, creative campsite. All campers are automatically in the running. The winner will be posted at the Info Booth by 7 p.m. on Saturday. The prize is a pair of tickets to Grey Fox 2025.

### **WEDNESDAY KICKOFF**

Open Mic Night (6-8:30 p.m.) In memory of Caroline 'MotherJudge' Isachsen, long-time host of the open mic. Tons of Grey Fox fans are pickers, so it's only natural to give you a chance to strut your stuff on stage. Sign up at the Catskill Stage Wed at 4:30 pm. All bands must be present at 5:30pm to be in the show. Hosted by Kai & Lake Isachsen. Each band has 10 minutes total to set up. play one or two tunes, and exit stage left. No solo acts. Then cap off our Catskill Stage Kickoff (9 p.m.-12a.m.)—with two favorite bands: Jim Gaudet & the RR Boys (multiple "Eddie" Awards) and Mark Gamsjager & The Lustre Kings (Ameripolitan Rockabilly Award). They were such a hit last year that we asked them back for an encore!

# **Zoom Flume Water Park**

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS... COOL!
Need to cool off? The great folks at the
Zoom Flume are again offering discounts
for their spectacular water park just a few
miles from here. Special prices Wednesday
through Saturday. See ad in this program.

# **Phone Service and WiFi Cafe**

Wifi Cafe sponsored by Great Northern Catskills

The public WiFi area is located around the Info Booth. Please conserve bandwith by using phones only when necessary. Be present! Enjoy live music, friends & family.

# **NEW! Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival APP**

Sponsored by Aloompa

The brand new Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival app is downloadable from Google and Apple App Stores. This little beauty has daily stage schedules, artist bios, special events, vendors, sponsors, etc. PLUS you can create your own personal schedule so you don't miss your favorite artists or events.

### Take our survey when you get home!

Check for the 2025 survey on our website (greyfoxbluegrass.com), Facebook, and Instagram. Your feedback helps make Grey Fox better and better each year.

# What You Need to Know While You're Here



# Compassionate Camping

- Roping off areas to save space for people coming later is not allowed. Your campsite should be no more than 20 feet x 25 feet (allowances for large RVs).
- Campsites must be 10 feet apart.
- Be inviting to campers looking for space.
- Park to conserve as much space as possible.
- See Vehicle Safety Section on next page.
- Use only off-the-ground camp stoves or grills for cooking. Have fire extinguisher handy. Never leave fires unattended.
- NO ground fires, fireworks or luminaries!
- Use trash and recycling barrels as marked.
- OUIET CAMPING hours are 10 p.m.-8 a.m. Shhh, the baby is sleeping! Zzzzzz.
- Drive only when necessary to reduce the chance of an accident and to reduce our footprint on this beautiful hay farm.
- In case of rain, follow the Red/Yellow/ Green Flag System for moving vehicles!
- No smoking in performance & food areas. Field-strip all materials. No butts on ground.
- Be kind and considerate of neighbors.
- For legitimate health and safety concerns seek Security or Medical assistance. "If you see something, say something."

THE HIGH MEADOW CAMPING AREA is for tent camping only. You may drive up and drop your gear at the turn-around Wed morning until Noon Thurs. Then park in the Car Corral across the street. On Sunday morning, you can drive back up to the turn-around to get your gear under the direction of our staff. Driving to your campsite is not allowed. Only go to the turn-around!



# **Shuttle Buses and Handicapped Assistance**

to the High Meadow Stage turn-around with stops at the Ticket Gate, Handicapped Camping, Catskill Stage, Medical Tent. See festival map on Pages 8-9 for stop locations. **HANDICAPPED VISITORS:** Ask for a HC vehicle sticker upon arrival. You'll be directed to HC camping or day parking area. There is a tented HC transport stop across from HC Camping/Parking and near the HC Tent in the High Meadow Stage area (see map). We're here to help. Please call to arrange a ride from our courteous staff.

**HC Transportation:** 518-261-4350

(8a.m.-11p.m.)

First Aid: 518-261-4351

(11 p.m.-8a.m.)

# Few Basic Health Tips

- First Aid services are open 24 hours per day. It is located on Lower Vendor Row. See map on Pages 8-9
- Keep hydrated. Water! Water! Water!
- Use sun screen several times a day.
- Pace yourself. Get the rest you need. (Yes, we KNOW it's a festival!)
- Protect yourself from ticks. Ticks spread Lyme Disease. Use insect repellent and check yourself daily. Stay away from the woods, leaf litter and tall grasses (favorite tick habitat).
- Always wear shoes to avoid foot injuries.
- Use a flashlight at night to keep from twisting and ankle, falling, etc.

# Lost Children

Should be taken to the First Aid Tent on Lower Vendor Row. An announcement will be made ASAP to help reunite parent and child. Know where your children are at all times. Write your children's names and contact info on their wristband. Make sure children know where you're camped. Let's be careful out there!

## KNOW WHERE YOU'RE CAMPED AND PARKED:

Things look VERY different as we fill up, especially at night! Be sure you and your kids know your Grey Fox address. Separated from your party? Make a plan in advance. We suggest meeting at the Info Booth "on the hour." It won't be long before you hook up. And vou won't waste time looking for each other. It really works!

### To All Attendees

- Every attendee must wear a valid wrist
- Camping is allowed with full festival ticket only. Camping is valid from 7 a.m. Wednesday through 5 p.m. Sunday.
- Vehicles must display a valid parking sticker on the windshield. Don't risk being towed and fined.
- Day visitors must leave the festival within 60 minutes of the end of each night's show. Don't drink & drive. Have a designated driver.

# **CAMPING ASSISTANCE** We're Here to Help!

Are you new to Grey Fox? Not sure where you're going? Haven't found a spot? Ask our staff at the Traffic & Safety Tent to help you locate a camping space. Ask us!

# 24 Hour Hotlines

**FIRST AID** 

518-261-4351

SECURITY/ **EMERGENCIES** Safety/Fire/Medical Emergencies

518-261-4352

# Vehicle Safety

■ Please either park in the Car Corral or stay parked at your campsite for the weekend. It increases safety, creates more camping space and lessens our impact on the hay fields here at the Walsh

■ Take as little space as possible when parking. Think small!

Farm. Drive only if you must!

- Work with your neighbors to make your experience safe and fun.
- Report unsafe conditions to Traffic and Safety headquarters or Security.
- Follow our flag system (below):

# **Look for Our Traffic Flags**



For the safe movement of vehicles, colored flags will wave at several locations around the grounds. GREEN = It's safe to drive (-5 mph). YELLOW = If you leave the site, you risk not getting your car back to your camp.

RED = Do NOT move any vehicles!

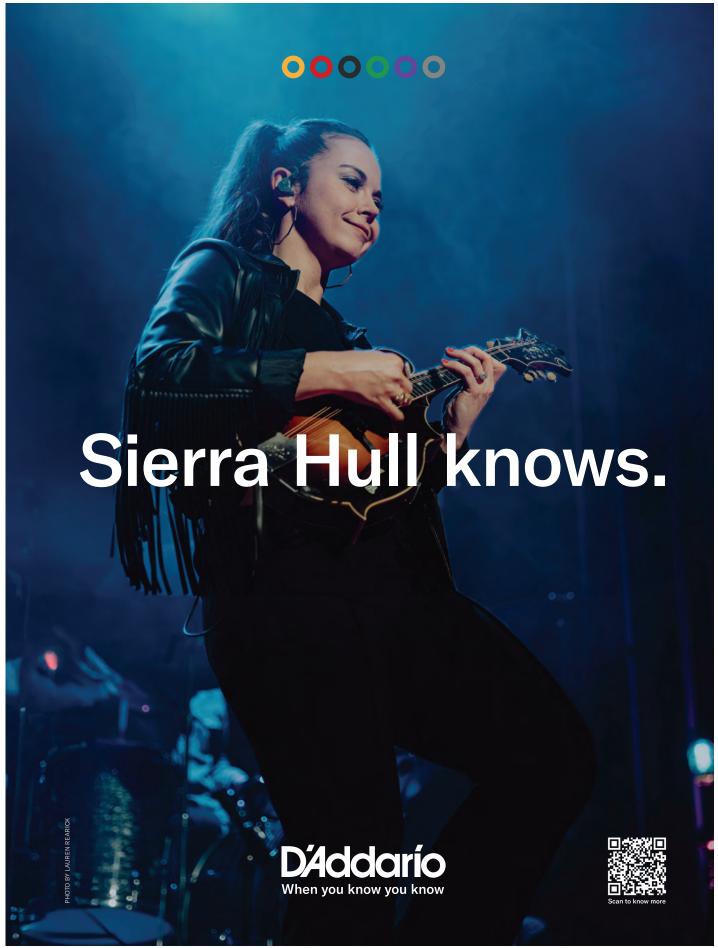
LOST & FOUND is located at the Information Booth (open 24 hours) across from First Aid. **CELL PHONE SERVICE:** AT&T and VERIZON should both be working on site. Use your phone only when necessary for communications. Conserve bandwidth! No streaming or big downloads.

**GREY FOX WIFI CAFE:** Located in the vicinity of the Info Booth. Please use for data only. **CELL PHONE CHARGING OUTLETS:** Located near the Information Booth Bring your own



cord!

ATM MACHINES: Located next to the First Aid Tent in the lower field and near the food booths "up





## **Beard** The Deco Phonic® Model-37

- R-Body Squareneck made from Finnish birch veneer
- Open-bodied, Satin tobacco sunburst finish
- Solid Maple neck
- Morado fretboard and grained ivoroid dots
- Beard Original #14 spider™
- Beard Legend Cone™ plated brass screens, tailpiece, and fan coverplate includes Gotoh tuners

Retail value: \$3,200





# Collings **D2H Dreadnought Guitar**

- Handcrafted in Austin, Texas
- Select Sitka spruce top,
- East Indian rosewood back and sides, grained ivoroid bindings with herringbone trim custom Grey Fox fingerboard inlay.

TKL hardshell case included.

Retail value: \$6,600





Northfield F5S Mandolin

- Model number: NFS-F5E
- Top wood: Premium Engelmann Spruce
- Back Material: Figured Red
- Finish: Icelandic Brown
- Custom options: Abolone Inlayed "Grey Fox" truss rod
- Case: Grey Airloom Recurve Retail value: \$3,995





**Deering Artisan** Goodtime Two Banjo

- Resonator back
- 3-ply violin grade maple rim
- Midnight Maple Fingerboard
- Rich brown stain and white detailing
- Vintage Artisan inspired inlays

Retail value: \$1,249





# SUPPORT OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Where / When / Why

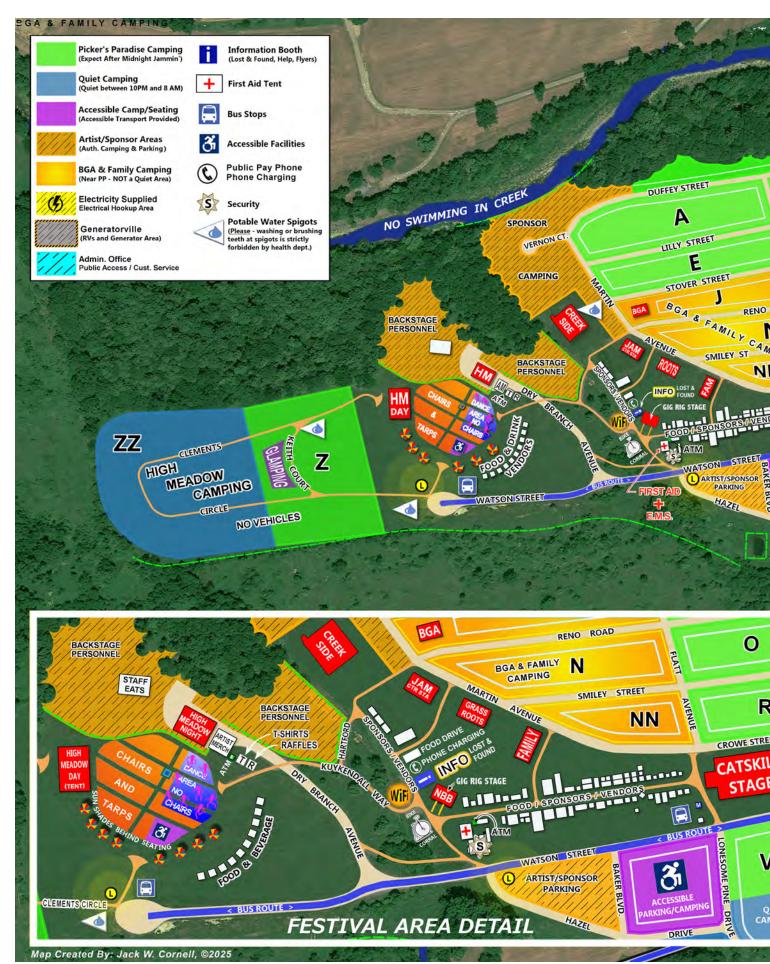
Buy tickets at the Raffle Booth next to High Meadow Night Stage. Drawings Saturday (8:15 & 9:45 p.m.) at High Meadow.

# \$5 each/5 for \$20

Your purchases support the nonprofit Grey Fox Education Fund which provides college scholarships, funds BGA Kids Academy, and supports Grass Roots Learning Stage programs. It's a great cause and maybe you'll go home with a brand new custom-made instrument and great accessories!



Build on Tradition at www.northfieldinstruments.com







# **Enjoy Our Unique Food & Merch Vendors**



# **CLOTHIERS, JEWELERS & LUTHIERS, OH MY!** Asterisk = Grey Fox Sponsor. Check out the NEW Sponsor Exhibit Hall!

AMAZON ECOLOGY Handmade Peruvian and Amazon crafts. **AMBER FOREST** Jewelry **APSARA** Custom-designed clothing, jewelry & accesories. **ARAVAY** Bohemian and festive wear for children and adults.

**ARTIST MERCH & SIGNING BOOTH** CDs & MORE at High Meadow & Catskill Stages. AVA LOVE DESIGNS Flower-dyed women's clothing.

\*BEARD GUITARS Custom-built resonator guitars since 1985. BETTER WHEEL WORKSHOP

Handcrafted wooden coasters, koozies, turned wood pieces. \*CAFFE LENA Music venue. Instrument petting zoo.

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**CRYSTAL's ROCK** Permanent jewelry, gems, crystals, crystal jewelry.

\*D'ADDARIO Instrument strings & essential accessories.

**DANCING BEAR** Music related artwork, plaques, tapestries, bags, blankets, posters & more.

**EAST TENNESEE STATE UNIVERSITY** Collegiate program

information. \*FRESHGRASS FESTIVAL Festival of traditional & Cutting Edge

\*GOLD TONE Custom banjos quitars, ukes, mandolins, etc.

\*GREAT NORTHERN CATSKILLS **OF GREENE COUNTY** Activities and places to visit nearby. **GREG'S CIGAR BOX INSTRUMENTS** Scroll-saw art & cigar box instruments.

**GREY FOX FESTIVAL SHOPS** Now

up top & down below. Grey Fox print and embroidered clothing, posters, drinkware & fun stuff. **GYPSY WAGON WARES** Cutting

boards and up-cycled wares. HAND OVER HEELS BODY ART Henna body art.

\*HUDSON VALLEY BLUEGRASS **ASSOCIATION** Buegrass series, jams, education, etc.

INDIGO MOON Clothing. JEAN DUFFY JEWELRY Original, handcrafted Native American jewelry.

KATHRYN B JEWELRY Artisan silversmith jewelry.

**LEDGEWAY FARM** Handcrafted all-natural goat milk skin products

**OCEAN STATE NOVELTY** Toys and fun light up novelties.

**OVEJA NEGRA DESIGN** Handmade leather accessories & jewelry \*PISGAH BANJO CO Sustainable

open-back banjos. **PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGIES** 

Primitive crafts, jewelry, decorative things.

**SCRIBBLES OF DAVE Cool** artwork!

SEAMSTRESS FOR THE MAN Handmade bohemian fashion

from salvaged/ reclaimed fabric. **SUNFLOWER TRADING CO Hats,** hats, and more hats!

THE DYED LIFE/JOE'S VINTAGE

**CLOSET** Vintage and tie dyed clothing, accessories & instruction.

WILDFLOWER BEADS Seed bead jewelry, decor, accessories, and jewelry-making kits.

# **FUN FESTIVE FOOD & BEVERAGES**

A wide variety of ethnic & festive foods & beverages.

### ANGELO'S BLOOMING ONIONS

Blooming onions, sausage & peppers, fries, wings, etc.

**BEER/WINE/SLUSHIES/NA BEER** for sale near Catskill, Giq Riq & High Meadow Night stages.

**BROCCOLI BAR/PINGALA CAFÉ** All vegan & mostly gluten-free **BRUISERS BBQ** 

Mouthwatering BBQ to satisfy that urge.

### **COOL BEANS**

Hot and iced coffee, espresso, chai, teas, cappuccino, in both food courts.

### **CROOKED STICK POPS**

Fresh fruit popsicles in crazy flavors! Campground & booth sales.

**EVERYTHING ABOUT CREPES** 

Sweet & Savory; Panini & Crepe Wrap Sandwiches.

**FAMILY FUN CONCESSIONS** 

Popcorn, frozen treats, slushies, kettle corn. etc.

FEEL GOOD FOODS Mexican & vegetarian; fish tacos.

**LOVE, PEACE & GRILLED CHEESE** Elevated grilled cheese

ME-N-MAC

Wide variety of Mac-n-Cheese; Vegan and Gluten-Free too!

## MICHELINA BREAKFAST. **BURGERS & MORE** Breakfast,

fruit, burgers, hotdogs, lemonade \*NEW BELGIUM/BELL'S GIG RIG Serving tasty cold beverages and

hosting acoustic live music from 1:00-6:45 p.m. Thurs-Sat. Open for jamming before and

after! OAK HILL DURHAM FIRE DEPT

Ice cream & Italian ice.

### **TASTE BUDDS**

Cakes, cookies, desserts, coffees, teas, cocoa, dairy & soy milk.

### **THAI JASMIN CORP**

Pad Thai, chicken on a stick, Thai noodles, etc.

THE MAGICAL TEAPOT

Herbal teas, cold-brew coffee, gluten-free cookies.

THE POTATO CABOOSE

Baked potatoes & toppings..

**TIMI'S GREEK FOOD** 

Classic Greek & Middle Eastern specialties, salads, wraps, etc.

TONY'S CONCESSIONS

Chicken, steak, corndogs, fries & tots, beverages.

# **VINNIE'S FINE FOODS**

EXTREME pizza, calzone, nachos, and soft pretzels.



# MORE SERVICES AROUND THE GROUNDS

**ATM MACHINES** located at Upper Grev Fox Merch booth and next to First Aid in Lower Merch area.

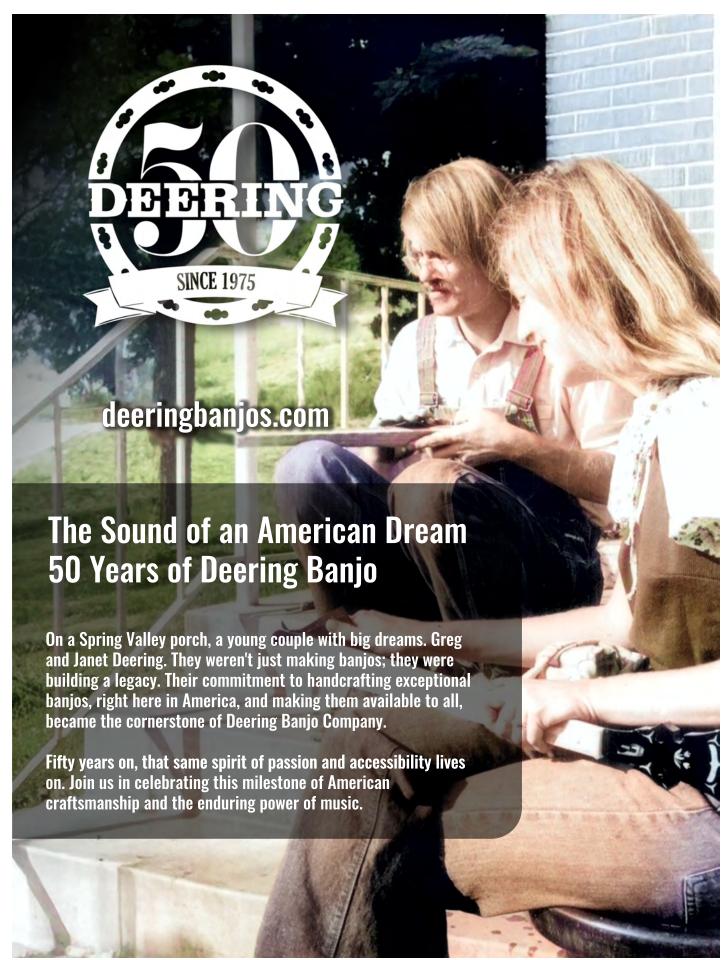
ICE for sale on Vendor's Row and from the Allard Ice who make rounds through the campgrounds. You'll hear them coming your way! I-I-I-ICE!

FREE WATER (for drinking & cooking only) is available from water spigots around the grounds (marked by blue

& white flags). Supplies are limited!!! Please turn spigots off when done and do NOT use water for bathing or filling tanks. Thank you.

SHOWERS (\$4.00) are located in trailers near the silo (over by the barns). See map.

THANK YOU for conserving all of the precious resources here, including water & bandwidth!



Sponsored by Pisgah Banjos and Epic Glamping

This is the place to get pro tips from award-winning singers, instrumentalists, and songsmiths—and to learn about music from other cultures in an up close and personal setting. Here's just a quick overview of what's happening at Grass Roots. Check out the schedule and head to the "small stage with the big personality."

# **Bluegrass Harmony**

Jeff Horton, Taylor Armerding, and Bill Henry (Northern Lights) and Matt Carlen effortlessly take the mystery out of how bluegrass harmony works. You'll be singing sweet 2, 3, and 4 part harmony in no time!

# **Song Swap**

Three great contemporary songsmiths: Aaron Burdett (Steep Canyon Rangers). Cris Jacobs, and Celia Woodsmith (Della Mae), will lead you on a journey of original songs. It's sure to be mesmerizing.

## **Traditional Italian Music**

Ciao, bella! Mike Guggino (mandolin) and Barrett Smith (guitar), both of Steep Canyon Rangers, have fallen in love with Italian folk music—and they love sharing these traditional songs and tunes with fans.

# Innovations on the Banjo

From the melodic banjo genius (Bill Keith style) to blues, folk, and jazz fusion, you'll marvel at what Tony Furtado (Oregon) and Thierry (Belgium) cook up when they get together. Truly one-of-a-kind pairing: collaboratioon at its best. Moderated by Steve Martin, host of the syndicted radio show, Unreal Bluegrass.

# La Musique Québécois

Learn about the infectious, rhythmic dance music that comes from our neighbors to the north. The three members of Cécilia will demonstrate and tell you all about it. Un, deux, trois, allez!

# Told Ya That to Tell You This

Most Grey Foxers know that Ron Thomason is a national treasure when it comes to telling riveting stories—some true, some made up. If you ask nicely, he might even demo some amazing hamboning.

## **Clawhammer Curious**

Curious about clawhammer but come from a bluegrass background? This beginner-friendly workshop is designed specifically for Scruggs-style players and beginners looking to explore the rhythmic world of old-time clawhammer banjo—with Patrick David Sawyer of Pisgah Banjos.

# 2-hr Performance Lab with Joe Newberry & Mike Compton

These two seasoned professionals have designed this workshop to help musicians creatively structure their performances—whether a song or a whole concert. Bring your questions and curiosity and grow from this hands-on, real world experience.

# Songs and Tunes from the Adirondacks & Catskills

Normally found at the Catskill Tent teaching step dancing, squares, and contras, John Kirk, Trish Miller, and Sara Milonovich, will take you back to the time of lumberjacks, boat captains, tradesmen, and hermits that inhabited the mountainous regions of New York State.

# **And Intimate Performances**

While the Grass Roots Stage has a definite learning feel, it's here that you'll find cozy performances by artists who are bound to be among your favorites. Schedule in center section of the book.



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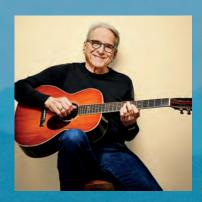
Visit our Website OmeBanjos.com



# **OVER YONDER**

Let us pause and remember friends, family, colleagues, and musical heroes we lost during the past year. Members of our greater musical community who are no longer with us include:

Eddie Adcock Herb Applin David Davis Buddy Griffin Steve Haddon Bobby Hicks Gil Holland Judy Howard Mike Kettridge Diana Mills Dave Nichols Josh Otsuka Bob Perilla Barry Poss Greg Root
Ernie Sykes
Autumn Tambasco
Happy Traum\*
Bob Watt
Robert Weingartz
Buck White



HAPPY TRAUM (1938-2024), a revered folk musician and educator from Woodstock, NY, is renowned for his collaborations with Bob Dylan and his role in the 1960s Greenwich Village scene. Founder of Homespun Tapes, he has helped generations learn to play and sing many genres of music. A true icon of the Woodstock, NY culture, Happy's warm style and dedication to roots music have left a lasting legacy.



BARRY POSS (1945-2025) was a passionate advocate for roots music and a beloved figure in the bluegrass and Americana world. A sociologist by training, he founded Sugar Hill Records in 1978. Over the years, Barry helped artists like Doc Watson, Ricky Skaggs, Sam Bush, Nickel Creek and others reach wider audiences. A founding and influential member of the International Bluegrass Music Association, Barry's warmth, vision, and generosity shaped generations.



# **Bluegrass Academy For Kids**

Sponsored by Gold Tone with support from D'Addario

BGA is the camp-like music learning program for kids held during the festival each year, directed by award-winning multi-instrumentalist and life-long music teacher, Mark Panfil. Kids take instrumental and vocal classes, and learn to play as a band. The BGA will rock the High Meadow Stage Saturday Night with their Big Gig at 6:30. You'll love it, so be sure to schedule it in the APP!

### **2025 INSTRUCTORS & STAFF**

Director: Mark Panfil

Fiddle: Mary Snyder, Abby Kahler, Brendan

Gossen, Daphne Pickens

Guitar: Liam Robbins, Zoe Levitt, Kian Dye

Bass: Alex Haldane Banjo: Zack Mongan Cello: Juliet McFadden Mandolin: Jude Panfil

BGA Seniors: Ben Proctor & Chris Panfil

BGA Coordinator: Heather Duffy

SUPPORT BGA! Buy raffle tickets for instruments from Gold Tone and special packages. See next page! Raffle ends at 6:40 p.m. Sat., July 19. Winners announced at 7 p.m. following BGA High

Meadow Stage performance.



THURSDAY ORIENTATION & JAM

4-5 p.m. On-site registration open at BGA Tent. 6-7 p.m. Sign in, get name tag, tune up, be

seated by 6:55 p.m.

7-7:15 p.m. Orientation for all students. Bring

your instruments! You will be playing

the first night!

7:20-8 p.m. Student assessment by instructors.

Class placement.

8-8:30 p.m. Jam with BGA instructors

FRIDAY CLASSES

6 p.m.

6:30-7 p.m.

10-Noon Harmony Singing, Sectional Practice

& Ensembles

Noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (with your family)
1:30-2 p.m. Guest performance with Q&A
2:30-3:30 p.m. Harmony Singing, Sectional Practice

& Ensembles

SATURDAY CLASSES & PERFORMANCE

10-Noon Harmony Singing, Sectional Practice

& Ensembles

Noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (with your family)
1:30-2 p.m. Guest performance with Q&A
2-3:30 p.m. Harmony Singing, Sectional
Practice & Ensembles Performance

Instructions, Certificates, Photos Be backstage at High Meadow BGA Class of 2025 Big Gig with

Special Guest, Woody Platt







You may also support the Grey Fox Bluegrass Academy for Kids by making a cash donation at the Kids Academy Tent by clicking the donate link on our website or mailing a check to:

The Grey Fox

The Grey Fox Education Fund, Inc., 521 Truslow Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

All donations to the Education Fund are tax deductible. Thank you in advance.

# **Bluegrass Academy For Kids**



# Raffle Fundraiser for the Grey Fox **Bluegrass Academy for Kids**

Support the next generation of pickers and singers! The Bluegrass Academy ("BGA") is a free music camp for kids ages 8-17, where they learn to play, sing, and perform bluegrass music during the festival. Scan the QR code to enter our raffle! You could win one of six amazing prizes - and every ticket you buy helps keep this lifechanging program free for our youth. Buy your tickets online today and feel great about supporting the future of bluegrass!



Mastertone™ Banjol **DLX: Concert-Scale** Banjo Ukulele Deluxe with Gig Bag

- Maple construction
- Ebony Fingerboard
- One-piece flange
- Rolled brass tone ring
- Vintage brown/high gloss finish Snowflake inlay

Retail Value: \$699

Gold Tone's The Parlor Acoustic-Electric Guitar brings vintage charm and modern performance together in a compact design.

- All Solid wood construction
- Solid Sitka spruce
- Solid mahogany back and side
- The slim "C" profile neck, crafted from solid mahogany with a rosewood fingerboard
- Natural Finish
- Grover 16:1 tuners
- Fishman pickup
- D'Addario strings
- Vintage tone and exceptional comfort in a smaller, more portable quitar.

Retail Value: \$866.69

# **OME Tupelo Banjo**

- This 12" Tupelo banjo boasts a rich, resonant tone, perfect for traditional music styles.
- Cherry rim and neck
- Remo Renaissance head
- Ebony buttons and fingerboard with 17 hardened nickel frets and brass dot inlays, all finished with a smooth tung oil.
- Paddle-shaped headstock
- Rickard Cyclone tuners
- Brass dot side markers and an ebony capped heel add to the refined look.
- 1 11/32" nut width makes playing a
- 25.5" scale length and weighing approximately 5.7 lbs, this banjo is comfortable to play and easy to transport.

Retail Value: \$2,495

■ Case included

**Grey Fox Big Basket** of Bluegrass

Win a pair of tickets and a vehicle pass to Grey Fox 2026, a Limited Edition Grey Fox Poster, great Grey Fox Merch and a copy of Still Inside, The Tony Rice Story, by Tim Stafford and Caroline Wright!



Retail Value: over \$800

# **Greene County Getaway Package**

Return to the beautiful Great Northern Catskills and enjoy a complimentary night in a tiny cabin at Windham NY Escape, breakfast for 2 thanks to Albergo, 4 tickets to a day of fun at the Zoom Flume Water Park and the Thomas Cole National Historic Site



# Foxy Baby Bundle:

Win this one-of-a-kind, handmade baby quilt, children's books (about foxes of course), a foxy multi-sensory toy and a stuffed fox for the little kit in your family. Thanks to long-time Grey Fox volunteer and quilter extraordinaire, Ethel Wesdorp!



Retail Value: Priceless!

# Gold Tone

Guitars & More Teturvilla 21 - Since 1993





Retail Value: \$750





# Family Stage

Sponsored by C.R.A.B.S.





Noon	The Friendship Band
12:45 p.m.	Puppet Adventures
4.70	with Amy
1:30 p.m.	Family Yoga with Helen
	(bring a towel/mat)
2:15 p.m.	Key Wilde and Friends
3 p.m.	BanjerDan - "Wow! Banjo
	Rocks!"
3:45 p.m.	Stone Soup Family Edition
4:30 p.m.	Rainbow Family Songs
-	with Brooksie & Lisa
	Kay
5:15 p.m.	Almost Seamus
6 p.m.	Open Mic Announcement
6:30 p.m.	Tie Dying Activity
	No blankets, towels or large item



# **Friday**

8:15 a.m. Family Yoga with Helen (bring a towel/mat) 9:15 a.m. Come make and take craft activities 10:15 a.m. Puppet Adventures with Amy Workshop 11 a.m. BanjerDan 11:45 a.m. Juggling with Rob Interactive Workshop 12:30 p.m. Swamp Weasels 1:15 p.m. Key Wilde & Friends 2 p.m. Doug & Julie 2:45 p.m. The Friendship Band 3:30 p.m. Almost Seamus 4:15 p.m. Square Dancing with Americana Family Jamboree Ventriloquist Steve Charney 5 p.m. and Sidekick Harry

5:45 p.m. Open Mic Meeting
8:45 (Dusk) Movie Under the Tent
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

# **Saturday**

8:15 a.m.	Family Yoga with Helen	
	(bring a towel/mat)	
9:15 a.m.	Come make-and-take	
	craft activities	
10 a.m.	Hula Hoop Workshop	
	with Jen Mapes	
10:45 p.m.	Puppet Adventures	
	with Amy	
11:30 a.m.	Doug & Julie	
12:15 p.m.	Juggling with Rob	
	Interactive Workshop	
1 p.m.	Swamp Weasels	
1:45 p.m.	The Friendship Band	
2:30 p.m.	Rainbow Family Songs	
•	with Brooksie & Lisa Kay	
3:15 p.m.	Square Dancing with	
-	Americana Family Jamboree	
4 p.m.	Ventriloquist Steve Charney	
	and Sidekick Harry	
4:45 p.m.	BanjerDan	
5:20 p.m.	Open Mic Performances	
8:45 (Dusk)	Movies Under the Tent	

# **Sunday**

9 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

Stone Soup Family Edition Puppets & Me & Tai Chi Dance Workshop



Space Pups



# **Family Stage Performers**















Clockwise from top left: **Americana Family** Jamboree, The Friendship Band, Key Wilde & Friends, BanjerDan, **Steve Charney** and Charlie, **Brooksie** Wells. Almost Seamus

### **AMERICANA FAMILY JAMBOREE & REVIEW**

performs old time, bluegrass, folk, blues and more! Bring your dancing shoes and be ready to sing and dance with square dance caller Megan Downes! Led by Demolition String Band members Elena Skye and Boo Reiners, the shows are fun for kids but safe for grown-ups!

For years now, children have been watching **AMY SEABROOK PUPPETS** at Grey Fox. Amy helps bring topics like honesty and fairness to life with her handmade puppets. The shows are interactive, and the children use puppets to make their own ideas heard. Amy also teaches puppet workshops at Grey Fox which are a bit like magic.

**BANJERDAN** (Dan Mazer) mixes bluegrass, folk, oldies, and other styles of acoustic music. Dan plays the 5-string banjo, guitar, mandolin, and dobro. He has performed all over the U.S. and internationally as a solo artist, in symphony orchestras, and as a member of several bands. He's played stages like Grey Fox, High Sierra, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

**DOUG AND JULIE JAY** are science teachers who use music to relate the wonders of the natural world to learners young and old. They weave storytelling, dance, catchy melodies, and rhythms into their music. The music combines the message of nature, the fun-loving feelings of being a kid, and the joy of discovering the wonders of the amazing world around us.

**FAMILY YOGA** is for parents, children, and all those needing some stretching and relaxation. Bring your mat, towel, and an open mind for Hatha and Vinyasa yoga which includes gentle stretches, standing postures, relaxation, and guided meditation all led by Helen. Namaste.

**THE FRIENDSHIP BAND** is the creation of Marjie McKee and Laurie Shea. Their shows address issues such as self-esteem, following your dreams, personal safety, and peer pressure. They focus on a positive message, via magic, puppets, crafts, and songs to reinforce the subject matter.

HOOPS BY JEN will teach basic hula hooping skills and tricks to kids and adults. There will be limited demo hoops available to use, so feel free to bring your own. Hula hoops for kids and adults will be available for purchase after the workshop.

**JUGGLING WITH ROB** is an interactive juggling workshop for kids of all ages. Join us for games and creative instruction to teach you the basics of 3 ball juggling. Just bring a smile - we'll provide the equipment!

KEY WILDE & FRIENDS is Key Wilde, Christie Alderman (bass), Aimee Burgoyne-Black (fiddle), Mr. Clarke (guitar) and Andy von Aulock (mandolin). They create a world where dogs think they're frogs and pigs grow to be as big as 18 Wheelers. Audiences will meet Chuckers the oversized cat and Armando the hardworking armadillo. Come sing along and learn how Mary the Fairy learns to fly.

RAINBOW FAMILY SONGS Brooksie Wells is a well-known artist on the folk scene. While raising her kids, she performed for children and released Pineapples, Butterflies, and Dinosaurs. She writes songs for little ones and invites them up to sing with her. Touring musician Lisa Kay Howard, accompanies Brooksie on mandolin and vocals. Bring your youngest music fans out to see them and join in the fun!

**STEVE CHARNEY & HARRY** have been festival favorites since Harry was just a twig. Now, when Steve Charney says he's the greatest bluegrass musician in the country he's not bragging...he's lying. But he is a fine magician and ventriloquist. And don't think his act is just for kids. Grownups laugh just as much as the tykes. He's written dozens of songs and published over 15 books. But Harry, Steve's dummy, is the real star of the show, which is the reason Steve keeps him around. Come laugh. Bring a grown-up who likes to belly laugh

**STONE SOUP FAMILY EDITION** is composed of two musical families born on the hills of the Winterhawk Bluegrass Festival. An ever-evolving family band, Melissa Bladek and Joey Sinchak grew up wandering the festival, and soaking up the music and spirit of Grey Fox. They are joined by their parents, Suzanne and David Bladek and Joe Sinchak, who have been favorites at the Family Stage for years, along with Sharon Charles and Mike Whitney.

THE SWAMP WEASELS have been performing for nearly 40 years. As a college duo, and later a full band, they developed their harmonies and their performances to become a favorite in the Delmarva region. As their families grew, so did their music, accommodating the whimsical tastes of their kids and others in the crowd. Their music is fun and illustrates what decades of shared music and friendship can produce.

Plus instrument-making, crafts, movies, tie-dying and so much more! Enjoy every minute at the Family Stage, camping, meeting new friends, and hearing music on our many stages. Sponsored by Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival and Caffe Lena

# **Calling All Closet Pickers!**

Passing Along the Joy of Playing Bluegrass Music One Easy-Going Song at a Time



Paul Dube (3rd from left) and his daughter, Erin (front right) and the JAM Central Station crew. You're in great hands.

Just starting out in the world of jamming? This is the place for you! You're among friends and supportive mentors. Sign up (first come/first served) for these two-hour classes under the direction of Certified Wernick Method Instructors, **Paul and Erin Dube**. Slow Jam instructors also include these seasoned, userfriendly assistants: Luther Blount, Nelson Hiller, Dan Parker, John Rough, Sal Sauco, and Jeff Wasbes.

These two-hour sessions will prepare you to jam 'til the wee hours with friends you're yet to meet.

At the end of each day, the tent is open until 10 p.m. for slow jamming and practicing what you learned. So come join the fun and get your jam on!

As Pete Wernick always says, "Let's pick!" Bring your instrument and something to sit on.

# **THURSDAY**

2-4 p.m.

# Introduction to Wernick Method Jam Workshops

With Paul & Erin Dube Come find out what it's all about!

6-10 p.m.

Open for S-L-O-W

Jamming



# **FRIDAY**

Noon-1:45 p.m.

# Wernick Method Jam Workshop

Paul & Erin Dube and staff

2-4 p.m.

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4-6 p.m.

# Wernick Method Jam Workshop

Paul & Erin Dube and staff

6-10 p.m.

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# **SATURDAY**

Noon-1:45 p.m.

# Wernick Method Jam Workshop

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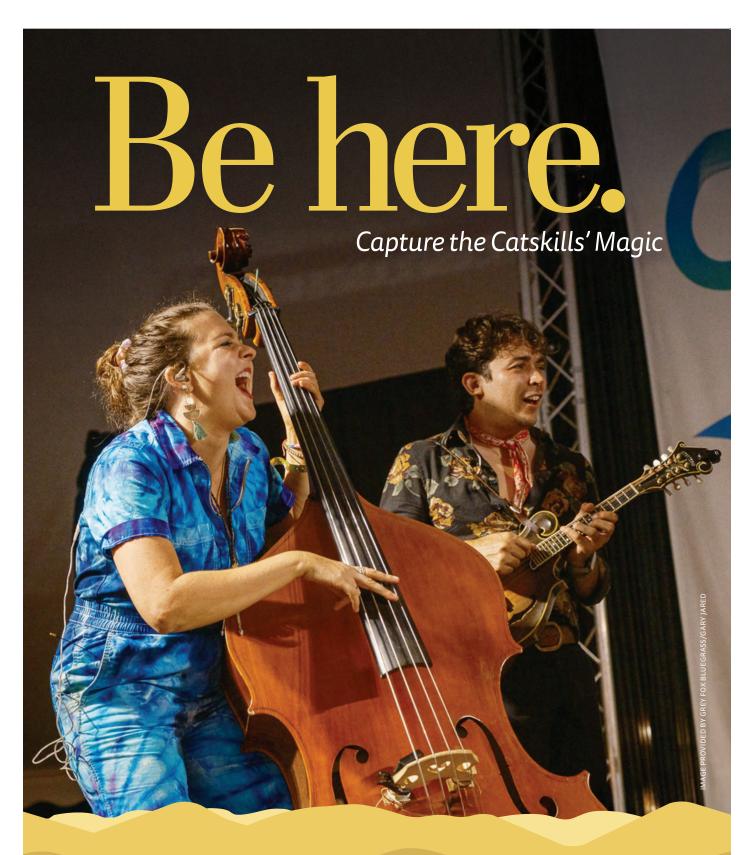
4-6 p.m.

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Paul & Erin Dube and staff

6-10 p.m.

Open for S-L-O-W Jamming



The Great Northern Catskills have long been a haven for free spirits those who chase sunsets up mountain peaks, follow the sound of live music down winding roads, and make a splash at hidden-away swimming holes. Isn't it time you joined them?

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# New Belgium/Bell's Gig Rig



The Litch Brothers



Catfish in the Sky



Chris Coole & John Showman



**Dave Chappell** 



Johnny & The Yooahoos

**THURSDAY** 



Kian Dye & Friends

**SATURDAY** 

**PLAY THE MUSIC OF** 

JOHN HARTFORD

# Belgium/Bell's **GiG RiG Stage**

Head to the New Belgium/ Bell's Gig Rig Thursday, Friday and Saturday down on Vendor Row.

It's a great place to catch encore performances by our Emerging Artists, festival faves, and unique combos you won't see anywhere else. It's the coziest venue at Grey Fox. Pull up a chair and enjoy these laid-back acoustic sets designed to make you feel right at home.

The New Belgium/Bell's Gig Rig is easy to find—at the base of Lower Vendor Row next to the Information Booth and across from the First Aid Tent.

1 p.m 1:45 p.m.	THE LITCH BROTHERS	HORTON, HENRY, ARMERDING & CARLEN	BIG PETE & THE REICHWEINS
2 p.m- 2:45 p.m.	KEITH STYLE BANJO WITH THIERRY	PYTHAGORAS	HIGH HORSE
3 p.m 3:45 p.m.	MIGHTY REA	THE LITCH BROTHERS	HORTON, HENRY, ARMERDING & CARLEN
4 p.m- 4:45 p.m.	THE JEAN-BAPTISTE CARDINEAU SHOW	THIERRY & KIAN DYE	KIAN DYE & FRIENDS
5 p.m 5:45 p.m.	CATFISH IN THE SKY	JOHNNY & THE YOOAHOOS	RAKISH
6 p.m	THE WILDER FLOWER	DAVE CHAPPELL	SHOWMAN & COOLE

**FRIDAY** 





6:45 p.m.





**MASTER OF** 

THE TELECASTER







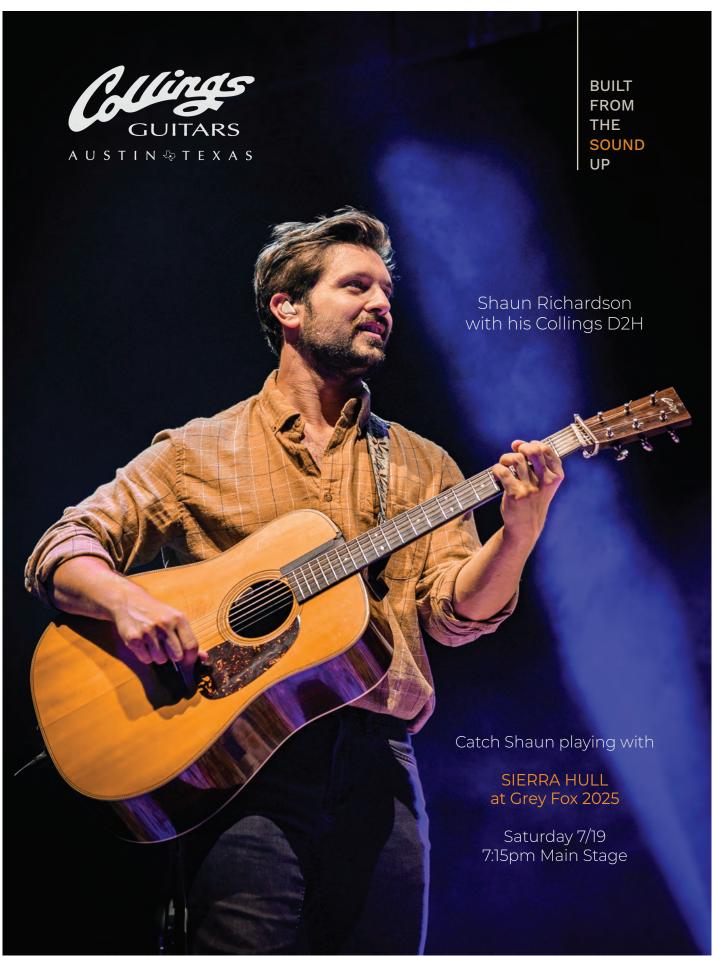
# "GREY FOX GIVES" Food Drive

# HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN GREENE COUNTY!

Bring non-perishable goods or cash donations
Wed-Sat to the "Grey Fox Gives" Booth on Lower Vendor Row
or to the VIP Check-In Booth on Sunday.
Your donations make a difference. Thank you.

100% of donations goes directly to: Community Action of Greene County, Inc. 856 Route 9W, Catskill, NY 12414 518.943.9205

Sunday's admission to the festival is always free with a donation to the food drive.



# Wednesday Night Festival Kickoff

**JUMP START** your Grey Fox Festival with Wednesday night festivities at the exciting Catskill Stage! First up is our popular annual Open Mic, started years ago by the late Caroline "MotherJudge" Isachsen and now hosted by her sons, Kai and Lake. We know many Grey Fox fans are top-notch pickers and band members. Open Mic is your chance to shine.

Then, two of our favorite bands from the Capital Region will thoroughly entertain early campers with two great sets of award-winning bluegrass and rockabilly music. What a way to kick off our favorite week of the year!

### **OPEN MIC SCHEDULE**

**3-4 p.m. SIGN UP!** Register at the Catskill Stage. 18 Bands maximum. Bands only. No solo acts.

No repeats. First come, first served.

**5:30 p.m. SHOW UP!** All bands must be present for order of performances and instructions. **PERFORM!** Each band will have 10 minutes total to set up, play 1-2 songs, and exit.

### **CATSKILL LATE NIGHT KICKOFF PERFORMANCES**

9:15-10:15 p.m. JIM GAUDET & THE RAILROAD BOYS

Edison Award winner for Best Country/Bluegrass Band 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

10:30-Midnight

MARK GAMSJAGER & THE LUSTER KINGS with DAVE CHAPPELL

Recipient of the prestigious Ameripolitan Rockabilly Award





Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys



Mark Gamsjager & The Lustre Kings with Dave Chappell





**HIGH MEADOW** 

CATSKILL

**CREEKSIDE** 

**GRASS ROOTS** 

Collings / Northfield / Deering / Event. Co. New Belgium / Bell's Brewing Beard Guitars / D'Addario Pisgah Banjos / Epic Glamping 11 AM MEDITATION Berklee College of Music Welcome! with Noel Coakley Showcase Q&A In the shade of the 10-10-45 10:45-11 High Meadow Tent YOGA with Lucy & Jill Berklee Emerging Artists\* 11-Noon Noon **DRY BRANCH** BLUEGRASS HARMONY The Jean-Baptiste **FIRE SQUAD** Cardineau Show 11-11:30 Horton, Armerding, Noon-1 JOHN, TRISH & QUICKSTEP Henry & Carlen Mighty REA 11:35-12:05 Noon-1 Catfish in the Sky **Welcome Dance** 12:10-12:40 1PM 12:30-2:30 **TONY FURTADO TRIO SONG SWAP** THE WILDER FLOWER 1:15-2:15 Aaron Burdett, Cris Jacobs, 1-1:45 Celia Woodsmith 1:15-2:15 2 PM **LINDSAY LOU** 2-2-45 THE SPECIAL THE WILDER FLOWER CONSENSUS **BIG PETE** 2:30-3:30 & THE REICHWEINS 2:30-3:30 2:45-3:45 **3 PM ALICE GERRARD** and LAURIE LEWIS 3-3:45 **CRIS JACOBS TRADITIONAL** 3:45-4:45 4 PM **DRY BRANCH ITALIAN MUSIC TONY FURTADO TRIO FIRE SQUAD** Workshop/performance 4-4:45 on mandolin and guitar with 4-5 Mike Guggino and **Barrett Smith** 3:45-4:45 **DANNY PAISLEY & HENHOUSE PROWLERS** 5 PM THE SOUTHERN GRASS **DINNER BREAK** 5-5:45 **INNOVATIONS IN BANJO** 5-6 **Tony Furtado and Thierry** 5-6 with Steve Martin 5:15-6:15 THE SPECIAL JIM GAUDET 6 PM CONSENSUS & THE RAILROAD BOYS **DINNER BREAK** 6-6:45 6-7:30 6-7 **DANNY PAISLEY &** 7 PM Main Stage under the stars THE SOUTHERN GRASS LINDSAY LOU 7-8 7-8 CÉCILIA \* Emerging Artists are sponsored by The Hudson 7.45-9.15 **8 PM** Valley Bluegrass Association **HAZEL AT 100:** DELLA MAE with LAURIE LEWIS & ALICE GERRARD 8.15-9.15 **9 PM Check out New** Belgium/Bell's **HENHOUSE PROWLERS** CRIS JACOBS 9:30-10:30 9:30-11 GiG RiG **10 PM** STEEP CANYON RANGERS 10:45-Midnight **11 PM DELLA MAE** 11:30-1 12 AM



CATSKILL

**CREEKSIDE** 

**GRASS ROOTS** 

**HIGH MEADOW** 

Collings / Northfield / Deering / Event. Co. Pisgah Banjos / Epic Glamping New Belgium / Bell's Brewing Reard Guitars / D'Addario 11 AM MEDITATION East Tennessee State **COMPTON & NEWBERRY** with Noel Coakley University Emerging Artists\* 11-11-45 10-10:45 The Litch Brothers Under the YOGA with Lucy & Jill 11-11:45 11-Noon High Meadow tent QUÉBÉCOIS MUSIC WORKSHOP: CÉCILIA Noon ETSU O&A **CAMPBELL / JENSEN CLOGGING WORKSHOP** 11:45-Noon Noon-1 John, Trish & Quickstep Noon-1 **Pythagoras** Noon-12:45 Noon-1:15 1PM TANASI **COUNTRY DANCE CASEY DRIESSEN LE WINSTON BAND** 1-1:45 John, Trish 1:15-2:15 1:15-2:15 & Quickstep 1:15-2:30 **2 PM** COMPTON & NEWBERRY 2-2:45 **LARRY & JOE ТОНИИХ** DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD & THE YOOAHOOS 2:30-3:30 2:45-3:45 2:30-3:30 **3 PM CAMPBELL / JENSEN** 3-3:45 AJ LEE & BLUE SUMMIT **TANASI** 3:45-4:45 3.45-4.45 **4 PM** THE MAMMALS I'M WITH HER (Request Set) 4-5.15 4-4:45 CÉCILIA 5 PM TOLD YA THAT TO TELL **WOODY PLATT & THE BLUEGRASS GENTLEMEN** 5-5:45 YA THIS': **RON THOMASON** 5-6 **DINNER BREAK** 5-5:45 5:15-6:15 6 PM **LARRY & JOE CLAWHAMMER CURIOUS: DINNER BREAK** JIGJAM 6-6:45 Patrick David Sawyer of Pisgah Banjoś 6:15-7:45 6-7 6-6:45 **7 PM** THE MAMMALS Main Stage under the stars 7-8 **Scholarship Presentation** \* Emerging Artists are sponsored by The Hudson 7-7-15 **DEL MCCOURY BAND** Valley Bluegrass Association **8 PM AJ LEE & BLUE SUMMIT** 7:15-8:30 8-9:30 I'M WITH HER **9 PM** 8:45-10 Check out New **WOODY PLATT & THE BLUEGRASS GENTLEMEN** Belgium/Bell's 10 PM 9:45-11:15 GiG RiG JIGJAM 10:30-12 **11 PM LE WINSTON BAND** 11:30-1 **12AM** 

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# Saturday July 19

**HIGH MEADOW** 

Collings / Northfield / Deering / Event. Co.

CATSKILL

New Belgium / Bell's Brewing

**CREEKSIDE** 

Beard Guitars / D'Addario

**GRASS ROOTS** 

Pisgah Banjos / Epic Glamping

Under the

11 AM

Noon

1 PM

**2 PM** 

**3 PM** 

**4 PM** 

**5 PM** 

6 PM

**7 PM** 

**8 PM** 

10 PM

**11 PM** 

12 AM

High Meadow tent
JIM GAUDET
& THE RAILROAD BOYS

12-12:45

THE LONESOME ACE STRINGBAND

1-1:45

Mr SUN

2-3

NEW DANGERFIELD

3:15-4:15

NOAM PIKELNY & FRIENDS

4:30-5:30

**DINNER BREAK** 

5:30-6:30

Main Stage under the stars

Bluegrass Academy

6:30-7 Raffle Drawing

SIERRA HULL

7:15-8:45 Raffle Drawing

9 PM SAM BUSH

9-10:15 Raffle Drawing

THE CALIFORNIA

**HONEYDROPS** 10:45-12:15

10.75 11.11

MEDITATION with Noel Coakley

10-10:45 YOGA with Lucy & Jill

11-Noon

CLOGGING WORKSHOP

John, Trish

& Ouickstep

12-1:15

**COUNTRY DANCE** 

John, Trish & Quickstep

1:15-2:30

**UNSPOKEN TRADITION** 

2:45-4

MARK GAMSJAGER & THE LUSTRE KINGS

4:15-5:15

**DINNER BREAK** 

5:15-6:15

THE CALIFORNIA HONEYDROPS

6:15-7:45

NOAM PIKELNY & FRIENDS

8-9

CASEY DRIESSEN'S RED SHOE STRINGJAM

with Sierra Hull, Grant Gordy, Tray Wellington, Sav Sankaran, Casey Driessen and many more!

9:15-10:45

STEVE RILEY & THE MAMOU PLAYBOYS

11:15-12:45

**Emerging Artists** 

Sponsored by The Hudson

Valley Bluegrass Association

Johnny & The Yooahoos

11-11:45

High Horse

Noon-12:45

Rakish

1-1:45

LA MUSIQUE CAJUN AVEC Steve Riley

2-2:45

DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD

3-3:45

THE LONESOME ACE STRINGBAND

4-4:45

Mr SUN

5-5:45

A WOODSTOCK CELEBRATION IN

MEMORY OF HAPPY TRAUM

with Adam Traum, Cindy Cashdollar, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, Mike Merenda, Ruthy Ungar, Eugene Ruffolo, Sam Bush,

**Darol Anger** 6-7:15

NEW DANGERFIELD

7:30-8:15

PERFORMANCE LAB
Mike Compton
& Joe Newberry

Learn how to arrange a song or structure an entire

concert set. Bring a recording device, pen and paper for notes. All levels welcome!

11-1

MIKE+RUTHY (of The Mammals)

1:15-2:15

JOHNNY & THE YOOAHOOS

2:30-3:30

SONGS & TUNES FROM THE ADIRONDACKS

John Kirk, Trish Miller and Sara Milonovich 3:45-4:45

**UNSPOKEN TRADITION** 

5-6

Check out New Belgium/Bell's GiG RiG

Sunday Morning Gospel and Farewell
Now at the Creekside Stage

Now at the creekside stage

DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD 10-11:15 a.m.

Join Dry Branch Fire Squad, our long-time host band, for this heartfelt show! You'll laugh, cry, and feel connected and energized as you cap the weekend with good old traditional gospel music and the unmatched wit and wisdom of Mr. Storyteller Himself, Ron Thomason. Not to be missed!

**ALL-FESTIVAL FAREWELL (BE THERE!)** 11:30-Noon Everyone, bring your instrument and/or voice, and

be part of the All-Festival Band as we sing favorite bluegrass songs and bid friends farewell. Hosting this program will be NPR radio host, musician, and emcee, Barb Heller. All pickers, singers, and spectators welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR: JULY 15-19, 2026



# WHAT'S NEW AT GREY FOX THIS YEAR?

Two Raffles (10 Different Prizes) / Two Grey Fox Merch Shops
All-Festival Farewell Band / Sponsor Exhibit Hall

# Grey Fox Education Fund Raffle! Beard Resonator Guitar • Collings Guitar Northfield Mandolin • Deering Banjo All w/ D'Addario Strings, Straps, and Tuners

- Traditional Paper Tickets Like always
- Buy with Cash or Credit Card
- See Instruments these beautiful instruments
   & Buy Tickets at Booth "Up Top" near the
   Tee Shirt Booth
- All raffle drawings Sat Night at High Meadow.
   See schedule for exact times.

# Two Grey Fox Merch Shops!

LOCATED "Up Top" near High Meadow Night Stage & NOW, Down Below near Catskill Stage Shirts / Hoodies / Hats / Drinkware etc. Sunday sales entirely "down below." Top shop will close Sat night after last show.

# **Grey Fox Bluegrass Academy** for Kids Raffle!

OME Banjo • Gold Tone Parlor Guitar Gold Tone Banjolele • Foxy Baby Bundle Grey Fox Basket of Bluegrass Greene County Getaway

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## AJ Lee & Blue Summit

The award-winning California-based band AJ Lee & Blue Summit is skyrocketing in the national roots music scene. We're thrilled to present them again at Grev Fox. The members met as teens, jamming at bluegrass festivals before forming the band at a festival in California. The band includes AJ Lee (mandolin), Jan Purat (fiddle), Scott Gates, and Sullivan Tuttle on quitars. Together this band blends youthful, festival-parking-lot energy with mature, confident musicianship and undisputed virtuosity. Their third studio album, "City of Glass," is being released during Grey Fox on Signature Sounds, so look for it in the merch booth. Produced by Lech Wierzynski of The California Honeydrops, the album combines elements of bluegrass, country soul, and Americana, all filtered through a distinctly Californian folk lens. They'll be at our High Meadow and Catskill Dance stages.

# **Big Pete & The Reichweins**

Family bands are a tradition older than dirt" claims Big Pete, "but very few of them grew up learning to play together at Grey Fox and Winterhawk!" Even fewer have a member that was "almost born in my kitchen!" agrees Mary D. The Reichwein's are "that" family band she says, "The Grey Fox Family band!" Working as Grey Fox Staff we may have served you food, helped you decide which festival tye-dye goes best with your eyes, traded you "funny money" for "real money," or fine-tuned the dials of the sound gear on stage. This year, we come to rock you! (I'd say we come to bluegrass you! But it doesn't pack the same punch.) We've got a little bit of country, a little rock n roll, and a whole lotta east side harmony to soothe your bluegrass soul. Larry Byrne tenor/quitar, Jenn Byrne on high lonesome tenor/bass, Jeremy Reichwein on baritone/Mandolin, and Pete Reichwein on baritone/dobro. We have stories to tell and songs to sing... hurry on down hon you won't miss a thing.

## The California Honeydrops

Welcome the Grey Fox debut of retrosoul band The California Honeydrops and get ready to dance. Born in the subways of Oakland, The California Honeydrops have become festival favorites worldwide. Led by the charismatic Lech Wierzynski (vocals/guitar/trumpet) and Benjamin Malament (percussion), the band features a lineup of virtuosos including Yanos "Johnny Bones" Lustig (saxophone), Lorenzo Loera (keyboards/guitar), Beaumont Beaullieu



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The California Honeydrops

(drums), and Miles Blackwell (bass). They're often joined by Oliver Tuttle (trombone), Leon Cotter (saxophone/clarinet), and Miles Lyons (trombone/sousaphone). Each show is a unique blend of blues, R&B, and New Orleans-inspired rhythms, The California Honeydrops have shared stages with legends like B.B. King and Bonnie Raitt and now have more than 200 million streams and tunes featured on TV in shows including "Dead To Me," "Alaska Daily," and "Black-ish." They are touring with a new album, "Keep On Diggin'," and we know you'll love their soulful groove at Grey Fox. Prepare to dance, y'all!

# Campbell / Jensen

Welcome the duo of Ashley Campbell and Thor Jensen who blend country, Americana, rock, and gypsy jazz. Ashley Campbell, daughter of country legend Glen Campbell, began her career touring the world with her father's band before finding success



Campbell/Jensen



**Casey Driessen's Red Shoe Stringjam** 

on her own. Known for her poignant songwriting and virtuoso banjo playing, her debut single "Remembering," written for her father, earned widespread acclaim. She has performed on stages from London's O2 Arena to opening for Kris Kristofferson and the Bellamy Brothers. Thor Jensen. meanwhile, is a virtuoso guitarist and songwriter who had been immersed in New York's jazz scene and brings a rich background in rock, jazz, and gypsy swing to the duo. He toured globally with Hazmat Modine and the Stephane Wrembel Band and has performed on prestigious stages including Carnegie Hall. Campbell/Jensen are touring with a debut album "Turtle Cottage," a unique blend of instrumentals and delightful harmony.

# Casey Driessen's Red Shoe Stringjam

Casey Driessen is a GRAMMY-nominated American fiddler, singer, and composer whose innovative, adventurous approach to music has earned him worldwide acclaim. Playing acoustic and electric five-string violins, Casey is known for his experimental style and adventurous approach to music. Over his career, he has performed and recorded with numerous musicians including Béla Fleck, Abigail Washburn, Steve Earle, Tim O'Brien and Steve Martin. Casey's latest project, "Otherlands: A Global Music Exploration," is a remarkable travelogue of musical encounters spanning nine countries, including Spain, India,

# **Grey Fox Artists**



Catfish in the Sky



## Cécilia

Japan, and Ireland. The project resulted in a 27-episode video series and the album "Otherlands: ONE." In 2024. Casev produced and directed the innovative Blue Ridge Fiddle Camp in Brevard, NC. Previously, he served as Program Director at Berklee College of Music's Valencia (Spain) campus and co-created The Chop Notation Project, a resource for percussive bowed string techniques. So, what's Casey Driessen's Red Shoe Stringjam? Known for his signature red shoes, Casey returns to Grey Fox for a unique collaboration of some of the finest players performing at this year's festival. Along with a core band of his choice, a steady stream of artists will drop in for a magical, one-of-kind on-stage jam that will give fans a glimpse into what often happens among artists backstage at festivals like Grey Fox. Buckle up!

# Catfish in the Sky

**Emerging Artist** 

Berklee College of Music presents Catfish in the Sky, a genre-defying group that brings a blend of fiddle, cello, ukulele and cajón. These young musicians have crafted a style they call "upbeat Americana folkgrass for all ages." The band features Sho Humphries (ukulele, guitar, vocals), Ruth Shumway (fiddle, vocals), Sammy Wetstein (cello, vocals), and Owen Miller (cajón, guitar, vocals). Their sets are a mix of lively fiddle tunes, creative covers, and originals, with something for everyone. Whether playing for intimate audiences or large



**Cris Jacobs** 



**Compton & Newberry** 

crowds, Catfish in the Sky has a knack for stopping listeners in their tracks with their energy and stage chemistry. We think you'll agree, Catfish in the Sky is a musical fish worth catching Thursday before they fly away.

## Cécilia

With us for the first time, Canada's Cécilia is a trio that brings a fresh take on not only what traditional, but boundary-breaking Celtic and Québécois music. The band features Timi Turmel (accordion), Erin Leahy (piano), and Louis Schryer (violin), who draw influences from contemporary, classical, jazz and swing. Timi is considered a master of the accordion and you will quickly see why. They'll be debuting music from their latest album, "Accent." You'll see that it's their live, energetic, joyful performances in which they truly shine. Curious about Québécois music? Catch their workshop at the Grass Roots Stage and learn all about it. And make sure you savor every delicious moment of this young, exciting half-Celtic, half-Ouébécois group at the Creekside and Catskill stages.

# **Cris Jacobs**

A big Grey Fox welcome to soulful singer-songwriter and guitarist Cris Jacobs! Once dubbed "The King of Baltimore Rock 'n' Roll" by Baltimore magazine, this Maryland-based artist has returned to his bluegrass, folk and blues roots with a powerful voice and from-the-heart stories. We're not the only ones who appreciate

his musical reawakening. His latest album, "One of These Days," was produced by Dobro icon Jerry Douglas, and features a Who's Who of artists, from The Infamous Stringdusters to Billy Strings, Sam Bush, Lindsay Lou (see write-ups on Lindsay Lou and Sam elsewhere in this book) and Lee Ann Womack. Rolling Stone described Cris's music as "a blend of bluegrass, indie-folk and blues sensibilities [with a] soaring, fiery voice, a vocal tone akin to that of Scott Avett or Dan Auerbach." Get ready for an unforgettable show for his debut at Grey Fox.

# **Compton & Newberry**

Mike Compton and Joe Newberry, both familiar faces at Grey Fox, bring a timeless approach to traditional American music. This dynamic duo tells stories and digs deep into early country, blues, and folk traditions delivering soul-stirring instrumentals, heartfelt vocals, and originals that feel like instant classics. Their performances at home and abroad, from venues large and small, showcase soul-stirring instrumentals, numbers from the great American songbag, as well as newly composed songs and tunes that are already taking their rightful place in the new tradition. Mike, a GRAMMY winner and IBMA Mandolin Player of the Year nominee, is celebrated as one of the world's foremost authorities on Bill Monroe-style mandolin. He has performed with John Hartford and with the Nashville Bluegrass Band, everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the White House. Joe, a prizewinning songwriter and renowned banjoist and quitarist, has collaborated with folks such as April Verch and Eric Gibson, and is a popular workshop leader known for sharing helpful gems with his devotees. "Bluegrass Today" says of Compton and Newberry: "Real music performed by artists with a deep appreciation for the folk traditions that came before them... They pull off what's almost impossible these days: honest, genuine music that will get your soul dancing." Besides their sets at Grey Fox, they'll lead a two-hour "Performance Lab" for musicians of all levels. Take advantage of this unique opportunity!



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## Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass

Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass are pillars of traditional bluegrass, carrying forward a legacy that spans decades. Danny picks up where his dad, Southern Grass founder Bob Paisley, and Ted Lundy left off. The band still captures the essence of bluegrass, old-time mountain music and classic country. Danny's distinctive vocals have earned him the IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year award four times - a feat achieved by only three others in bluegrass history. The band's latest album, "Bluegrass Troubadour," was nominated for IBMA's Album of the Year, and the single "Blink of an Eye" topped the bluegrass charts for months. The Southern Grass remains a family affair, featuring Danny (quitar), his son Ryan (mandolin), and Ted Lundy's sons T.J. (fiddle) and Bobby (bass). Dean Phillips rounds out the lineup on banjo. If you're a fan of dyed-in-the-wool bluegrass, you don't want to miss Danny and the boys. Their resonant, unadorned sound and Danny's soulful voice honor the roots of bluegrass while ensuring that the future is strong.

#### **Del McCoury Band**

When that iconic, high, lonesome voice fills the air at the High Meadow Stage and resonates through the festival grounds, there's no mistaking the presence of bluegrass icon Del McCoury. A firstgeneration bluegrasser with a 10-mile smile, Del effortlessly sings the full spectrum of human emotion — joy, sorrow, love and pain. Still at the top of his game after decades of touring, Del is a living link to the genre's roots. His journey began as a banjo player inspired by Earl Scruggs, leading to a stint as guitarist and lead singer for Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys, the very namesake of the genre. Later, he formed the award-winning Del McCoury Band, garnering mountains of accolades, including two Grammys and the 2024 IBMA Entertainer of the Year award. Del's collaborations span genres and generations, from Steve Earle and Phish to the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, making him a true ambassador of bluegrass. Their latest album, "Songs of Love and Life," (2024), showcases their continued musical evolution. Yet, it's when you witness a live performance that you truly understand the timeless connection between the past, present, and future of bluegrass music. Did someone say,"Del Yeah!"



**Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass** 



**Del McCoury Band** 

#### **Della Mae**

From their early days at Grey Fox to now - as stars of the bluegrass/Americana world - Della Mae always brings a high-octane performance amid their mission to uplift women in music. This GRAMMY-nominated all-female stringband features founding members Celia Woodsmith (vocals, guitar) and Kimber Ludiker (a 2-time Grand National fiddle champ), with Avril Smith (quitar, mandolin) and two-time IBMA Bass Player of the Year Vickie Vaughn, Hailing from across North America, the band blends diverse musical backgrounds into a sound that is both rooted in bluegrass tradition and refreshingly modern. In addition to their award-winning original material, Della Mae's live shows always include unique interpretations of covers by songwriters and artists they admire. Inevitably, after their release tours, the band returns home having performed songs on the road that fans love but that have gone unrecorded. They've recently released four such songs - "Can't Let Go," "Ohio," "The Shetland Islands," and a well-beloved cover of Blind Melon's "No Rain" - as a nod to their beloved first song dancers and new fans alike. They'll close out the Catskill Stage on Thursday and lead the "Hazel at 100: Della Mae with Laurie Lewis and Alice Gerrard" tribute to the extraordinary life and music of Hazel Dickens on the High Meadow Stage.



**Della Mae** 



**Dry Branch Fire Squad** 

#### **Dry Branch Fire Squad**

From the early days of the Winterhawk bluegrass festival on into the wonderful days of the world renowned Grey Fox Festival, Dry Branch Fire Squad has served as the Host Band. It is an honor that the band cherishes. Noted for its aggressively traditional bluegrass music, the band adheres to the mountain culture of its predecessors, many of which the band has introduced to both the festivals in step and in person over the years. Led by founder Ron Thomason (mandolin, guitar), DBFS includes Brian Aldridge (mandolin), Jeff Byrd (bass), and Evan Lanier (banjo). The band works together like a welloiled machine relying on the music and ideas it has brought to the stage during its 48 years in the business of both song and fun. The band is known for its subtle humor as well as its many recordings, a full run movie, performing at more than 100 individual festivals (some many times over) in both the U.S. and other countries, and it's true affection for the fans that the band has accumulated over the years. From Thursday's kickoff at the High Meadow Stage to Sunday morning's gospel show, and performances in between, you'll be mesmerized by the honest music they share and the storytelling of the great Ron Thomason.



**Laurie Lewis and Alice Gerrard** 



**Henhouse Prowlers** 

## Hazel at 100: Della Mae with Laurie Lewis and Alice Garrard

Years ago, when songwriter and bluegrass singer Hazel Dickens graced our previous festival (Winterhawk), you couldn't get a seat close enough. This special tribute performance celebrates the trailblazing and enduring music of Hazel, who would have been 100 this year. From her timelessly poignant songs about the struggles of coal miners to her pioneering music that gave voice to the experiences of working women, Hazel's songs continue to inspire new generations of bluegrass musicians. The New York Times extolled her as "a clarion-voiced advocate for coal miners and working people and a pioneer among women in bluegrass music." This show will feature Della Mae with special quests GRAMMY- and IBMA-award winning artist Laurie Lewis and Alice Gerrard of the duo Hazel and Alice. Both women are pioneering songwriters and musicians as well as longtime friends and collaborators of Hazel Dickens who each have carried forward her legacy as pioneering and enduring vocalists, songwriters and musicians. Though Hazel passed in 2011 at 85, her legacy lives on and we know you'll appreciate this gathering in her honor.



**High Horse** 



Horton, Henry, Armerding, and Carlen

#### **The Henhouse Prowlers**

The Henhouse Prowlers are bluegrass ambassadors in every sense of the word and we're happy to bring them back to Grev Fox. Founded two decades ago in Chicago, this quartet features Ben Wright (banjo), Chris Dollar (quitar), Jake Howard (mandolin), and Jon Goldfine (bass). Their high-energy performances showcase their love for bluegrass while pushing boundaries. On their latest album "Unravel." and their 2023 effort "Lead & Iron." the Prowlers blend traditional bluegrass with a sound uniquely their own. Beyond the festival stage, the Prowlers have toured more than 25 countries through collaborations with the U.S. State Department and their nonprofit. Bluegrass Ambassadors. It's shaped their worldview, and they bring those experiences to the stage, from explaining the importance of bluegrass in the Czech Republic to singing the Nigerian hip-hop tune "Chop My Money." It has broadened the group's direction and allowed them to bridge cultural gaps with music, educational programs, and workshops. Whether performing onstage or leading workshops, the Prowlers bring people together through the universal language of music. Don't miss them at the High Meadow Stage and their enlightening international set at Creekside.

#### **High Horse**

Emerging artist High Horse, a progressive-acoustic quartet from Boston, makes their Grey Fox debut. Their style includes a unique combo of three bows and one pick, with fiddler Carson McHaney, cellist Karl Henry, quitarist G Rockwell and bassist Noah Harrington. Their music is energetic, drawing on a blend of bluegrass, old-timey, Celtic music, alt-rock and reimagined folk traditions. They are formally trained (Berklee College, Oberlin and New England conservatories) so you know their sound is tight. But it's their stage electricity that will blow you away as you hear elements of tunes from across the musical spectrum, along with originals. Last year they recorded their debut album, and now they are looking forward to bringing their diverse genre-defying mix to a wider audience at Grey Fox.

## Horton, Henry, Armerding, and Carlen

Catch this reunion celebrating the legacy of Northern Lights, one of New England's most influential progressive bluegrass bands. Former bandmates Jeff Horton (bass, vocals), Bill Henry (quitar, vocals), and Taylor Armerding (mandolin, vocals) are joined by longtime friend Matt Carlen (quitar), bringing together a stellar vocal blend honed over decades of performing together. With Jeff's vocal range spanning from bass to soaring falsetto, Bill's solid and sweet baritone, and Taylor's ear for high, lonesome harmony, this quartet will have you singing along in two, three, and four parts. Northern Lights, founded in 1975, spent nearly 30 years at the forefront of the bluegrass scene, releasing eight albums, earning an IBMA Song of the Year nomination, and winning a Boston Music Award for Best Country Act. Experience their signature sound and harmony-rich arrangements and go away with some great pointers from these seasoned pros.



I'm With Her

#### I'm With Her

I'm With Her is a trio rooted in a rare alchemy: celebrated songwriters coming together to create music that reveals entirely new possibilities. Since forming, Sarah Jarosz, Aoife O'Donovan, and Sara Watkins have imbued their songs with a sharply detailed lyricism, graceful musicianship, and - perhaps most powerfully - mesmerizing harmonies that endlessly reflect their extraordinary chemistry. The trio's 2018 debut album, "See You Around," garnered critical praise, winning Duo/Group of the Year at the Americana Awards, Artist of the Year at the International Folk Music Awards, and a GRAMMY Award for their 2019 single "Call My Name." Each of them is a Grey Fox favorite, and they have graced our stages many times over the years. Together they are sheer magic. You won't want to miss their "Request Set" at Creekside Stage as well as their High Meadow set on Friday.



**Jean-Baptiste Cardineau Show** 

## The Jean-Baptiste Cardineau Show

Jean-Baptiste Cardineau is a Franco-American musician and songwriter whose unique Nouveau-Traditional style bridges the worlds of bluegrass and folk. Based in Boston, JB is known for his mandolin and quitar playing, his sharp wit and evocative storytelling. Raised in the French Alps, JB's musical journey began with traditional fingerstyle quitar lessons from his father. After relocating to the U.S. in 2017, he embraced his Breton heritage by picking up his grandmother's 200-year-old mandolin. Presented by the Berklee College of Music, JB has a music degree with a minor in American roots. You've likely seen him before with the Boston group The Ruta Beggars, but you don't want to miss this show.

#### **Dave Chappell**

Electric guitar enthusiasts take note: Dave Chappell, a Washington, DC native, is one of the most sought after and



**Dave Chappell** 

respected musicians in the area known for his virtuosic and tasteful Telecaster performances. He has won numerous Washington Area Music Awards (WAMMIES) for Musician, Rock Instrumentalist, and Roots Rock Instrumentalist of the Year, and has shared the stage with legends including Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Moore, Percy Sledge, and guitar wizard, Danny Gatton. He has frequented classic music venues in DC such as Blues Alley and The Birchmere. For the third consecutive year, Dave joins his good friends, Mark Gamsjager & The Lustre Kings at Grey Fox and will perform solo at the New Belgium/Bell's Gig Rig & Beer Garden.

#### JigJam

JigJam is what happens when virtuoso Irish playing jumps the pond and runs naked through the wide-open fields of bluegrass and Americana. This Offaly- and Tipperary-born quartet is leading the new Irish invasion of Americana, bringing their unique blend of 'iGrass' (Irish Bluegrass) to audiences worldwide. The band includes

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Jamie McKeogh (lead vocals, guitar), Daithi Melia (5-string banjo, dobro), Gavin Strappe (mandolin, tenor banjo), and Kevin Buckley (fiddle). They are a musical powerhouse with a reputation for 'foot-stomping' badassery. JigJam's talent hasn't gone unnoticed. They got a standing ovation at their sold-out Grand Ole Opry debut in Nashville in 2023, and they've shared stages with icons such as Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood and Steve Earle. Hailed as "The best Irish band in bluegrass" and "Ireland's answer to New Grass Revival," JigJam is bringing bluegrass back to its Irish roots. Like us, we know you'll fall in love



Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys

with JigJam.

#### Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys

A Capital Region treasure and a festival favorite, welcome back Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys. Are they bluegrass? Yes, plus they play incredible original songs and dive into different genres. Wait, is that a Dire Straits song? Jim sings with a unique and authentic style that draws you in with humor and emotion, always "fresh and powerful." Jim's songwriting is as good as it gets, each song telling a unique story. They've won numerous Country/Bluegrass Artist of the Year at the Capital Region



John, Trish & Quickstep

Thomas Edison "Eddies" Music Awards, and rightly so. Rounding out the Railroad Boys are Bob Buckley (bass), Sten Isachsen (mandolin), Sara Milonovich (fiddle), and Rich Pagano (piano). This band has a ton of fun onstage and shares their friendship with the audience. Find out why they are Grey Fox fan favorites year after year.

#### John, Trish & Quickstep

Fiddle tunes, folksongs and fancy footwork will be featured from this lively ensemble. Quickstep with John Kirk and Trish Miller call dances and they also appear as instrumentalists with a driving

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dance band. They harmonize with triple fiddles from John Kirk. Sara Milonovich & Jon Simmons who can also be heard playing mandolin & more. Trish plays banjo, guitar and provides fancy footwork with percussive dance steps. David Kiphuth plays banjo and Greg Anderson drives the dances with bass. Together, this group has provided family dance and cloqqing workshops for over a generation at festivals, camps and parties. Old time music is the basis for their repertoire and they like to mix it up with Celtic tunes, harmony waltzes, originals, humorous songs and friendly step instruction. Bring your water bottle and comfortable shoes to join the community dancing and fun.

#### Johnny & The Yooahoos

Give a warm Grey Fox welcome to emerging artists Johnny & The Yooahoos, who are bringing their fresh take on bluegrass and folk as part of their first U.S. tour. Hailing from southern Germany, this quartet has been captivating audiences across Europe since 2018, performing at festivals in France, Ireland, Holland, Austria and Switzerland. Winners of the IBMA International Band Grant, they are excited to be performing in the U.S. on iconic stages, such as the Grand Ole Opry and now Grey Fox. Band members include Johnny Schuhbeck (mandolin), Bastian Schuhbeck (banjo and reso-quitar), Bernie Huber (quitar) and Jonas Kollenda (bass). Johnny & The Yooahoos blend traditional bluegrass with contemporary folk influences. You'll hear American roots, fast-paced picking, rich three-part harmonies and a bluegrass sound that truly is universal.

#### **Kian Dye**

Mandolinist, fiddler, quitarist, singer Kian Dye grew up attending various bluegrass festivals and fiddle camps on the West Coast. After playing in numerous bands, including Never Come Down, in Portland, OR, Kian moved to Bellingham, WA where he founded the band Virginia Rail and produced and mixed their selftitled debut album in 2022. In 2023, Kian finished his undergraduate degree from Fairhaven College at Western Washington University, focusing on audio technology, ethnomusicology, and social justice. Kian is the recipient of the Oregon Bluegrass Association's Steve Waller Grant, and winner of the 2023 Monroe Mandolin Appreciation Society Tune Writing Contest hosted by Christopher Henry (Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band). His acclaimed self-titled solo album was released early in 2025.



**Johnny & The Yooahoos** 



**Kian Dye** 



Larry & Joe

In addition to teaching at the Grey Fox Bluegrass Academy for Kids, he can be heard at the Gig Rig in two sets: "Bill Monroe Meets Bill Keith" (Fri) and "Kian Dye and Friends" (Sat).

#### **Larry & Joe**

In one of the most eclectic combos at the festival, Larry & Joe blend Venezuelan and Appalachian folk traditions. It features Joropo maestro Larry Bellorín from Monagas, Venezuela, and GRAMMYnominated bluegrass and old-time star Joe Troop from Winston-Salem, NC. Larry and Joe are multi-instrumentalists who seamlessly combine their musical heritages using an impressive array of instruments, from Venezuelan harp to banjo, cuatro and fiddle, all backed by upright bass, quitar, and maracas. Their program is bilingual and engaging, featuring storytelling, humor and sing-alongs. They might even get you dancing. Whether you're a fan of Latin American folk or Appalachian traditions,



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Larry & Joe will get your toes tapping while delivering a wonderful and unique cultural experience.

#### Le Winston Band

Get your dancin' shoes on for Le Winston Band. Making their Grey Fox debut, this one-of-a-kind ensemble from Montreal blends French-Canadian roots with Zydeco and Cajun music. Yeh, it's going to be that kind of party. Since 2012, the group has shared its joie de vivre across North America and Europe with electrifying shows that combine the powerful sound of the diatonic accordion with modern Zydeco. This award-winning group includes Antoine Larocque (accordion), Vincent Fillion (quitar), Antoine Fall (bass), Andrew Duquette-Boyte (rubboard and triangle) and Noam Guerrier-Freud (drums). They bring to the party a high-energy mix of original songs and reimagined traditional tunes from Quebec and Louisiana. Their latest album, "Winston Express" (2023), continues to bridge cultures through music. We just know you'll be smiling, dancing and pretending to be singing along in French. Go for it. We won't tell.

#### **Lindsay Lou**

Lindsay Lou returns to Grey Fox, but this time her evolving sound mixes bluegrass roots with progressive Americana and folk. This Nashville-based artist's journey through personal loss and transformation has shaped her latest



album, "Queen of Time," a collection of tender, heartbreakingly beautiful music. Lindsay's captivating vocals, described by No Depression as "infectious and joyful, soulful even," take center stage in each of her performances. Influenced by her coalminer father and Rainbow Gathering-healer grandmother, Lindsay's sound is honest and pure, familiar and fresh. It reflects collaborations with folks we know well: Jerry Douglas, Billy Strings, and members of her former bands The Flatbellys and the Sweet Water Warblers, but is uniquely her own. Her live performances have been praised by NPR and by festivals



The Lonesome Ace Stringband

from Telluride to Australia's National Folk Festival. Lindsay says she's on a mission of self-discovery. Lucky for us, we get to go along for the ride.

#### The Litch Brothers

Emerging artists The Litch Brothers are a progressive ensemble from the Pacific Northwest. Founded by brothers Tashi (mandolin) and Kaj Litch (guitar), the band was discovered by Brandi Carlile, who saw them busking at Seattle's Pike Place Market. She invited them to perform at her sold-out Benarova Hall show alongside Mike McCready of Pearl Jam and the Seattle Symphony. Joined by Evan Snoey (fiddle)

and Ben Lewis (bass), the Litch Brothers boldly blend originals, bluegrass standards, and folk-inspired covers. Influenced by artists like Watchhouse, The Punch Brothers, and The Avett Brothers, The Litch Brothers bring a fresh perspective to traditional bluegrass. With performances at festivals like IBMA Bluegrass Live! and Salmonfest Alaska, and as showcasing artists at Ireland's Your Roots Are Showing 2025, we think they bring something special to Grey Fox, and we hope you agree.

#### The Lonesome Ace Stringband

This trio brings grit, skill and abandon to Americana music, bridging old-time, bluegrass and folk traditions into a seamless hybrid of original material that is at once fresh and timeless. Their sound is anchored in the fiddle and clawhammer banjo of John Showman and Chris Coole who are joined by upright bassist, Noah Harrington. The band moves freely between a sound so commanding it doesn't seem like it should be coming from a stringband, to a sparse fragility that draws the listener closer. Whether singing about climate change, modern love, BBQ techniques, or





The Mammals

life's existential crises, the band cuts to the core. They can also turn and churn out a tune with so much verve that it will make your heart spin and set a dance floor swirling.

#### The Mammals

Mike & Ruthy have never been afraid to say what's on their minds, and we're excited to have them back at Grey Fox. Described as "subversive acoustic traditionalists" (Boston Globe) and "party band with a conscience," the husband-wife duo of Mike Merenda (quitar, banjo, vocals) and Ruth Ungar (fiddle, ukulele, vocals) lead The Mammals, a quintet that effortlessly spans the horizons of Americana, from soulfully harmonized indie-folk ballads to zealous fiddle and banjo-driven foot-stompers. Over the past two decades, The Mammals have crafted a catalog of songs hailed as "some of the best songwriting of their generation" (LA Times). A new album is slated for this summer, and we're sure to hear music from that, along with songs from their latest, "Nonet," and a series of 2023 singles recorded at their own Humble Abode Music studio. Ruth's dad is Jay Ungar, writer of the famed melody "Ashokan Farewell," which the group also performs. Meanwhile, these gentle-mannered activists come with a catalog of well-crafted songs that question politicians and raise issues to probe how we can improve the planet. The Mammals bring it all to the stage with passion and joy. Come celebrate with them.

## Mark Gamsjager & The Lustre Kings

In 2020, Mark Gamsjager and the Lustre Kings marked its 25th Anniversary by winning the illustrious Ameripolitan Music Award, launched by the legendary Dale Watson, taking home the "Rockabilly Group" trophy at the virtual ceremony. Gamsjager's new album "Still the King" tells its own story, rocking with original tracks from seminal writers like Ben Vaughn, Ronnie Self, Leroy Preston and John Lilly,



Mark Gamsjager & The Lustre Kings



**Mighty REA** 



Mike+Ruthy (of The Mammals)

and choice classics like the Ricky Nelson chestnut "Stop Sneakin' Around." Joining the band will be special guest Dave Chappell, who'll perform solo with his Telecaster at the New Belgium/Bells Gig Rig on Friday.

#### **Mighty REA**

Mighty REA is an effervescent folkforward acoustic trio, based out of Boston, MA, made up of Rosa Joe Jacobs (R), Emma Turoff (E) and Annie McDougall (A). With fiddle, guitar, and mandolin at the heart of their sound, the trio focuses on playing their original tunes and songs. These songs primarily live on the rich landscapes of americana, old-time, and folk music. Each of its members comes from a different background, but they are bonded in their appreciation of the power of musical storytelling and simplicity. Mighty REA crafts original tunes that feel both familiar and new, drawing from the rich heritage of Americana, old-time, and folk traditions



Mr Sun

while weaving in a playful, contemporary flair. Their warm, flowing melodies invite listeners to slow down, dance, and savor the beauty of the everyday.

#### Mike+Ruthy (of The Mammals)

Topically minded songwriter/banjoist Mike Merenda and second-generation fiddler/songwriter Ruth Ungar are the heart of both The Mammals and the heartfelt duo Mike + Ruthy. For more than 25 years, they've been a cornerstone of the Northeast folk music community, using their music to reflect on culture and envision a better world. As an intimate acoustic duo, Mike + Ruthy captivate audiences with their ethereal harmonies, moving storytelling, and timeless, hopeful songwriting that harkens to the past. The duo hosts The Hoot, a beloved folk festival at the Ashokan Center in NY, and are regular instructors at the Milk Carton Kids' Sad Songs Summer Camp. This year, they'll be releasing their 18th self-produced album on their label, Humble Abode Music. Catch Mike + Ruthy together on stage, as part of the Happy Traum Tribute, and then don't miss them also with The Mammals.

#### Mr Sun

Mr Sun brings together four luminaries of the acoustic music world, a supergroup of virtuosic musicianship. Grey Fox fans know this playful powerhouse ensemble, featuring renowned fiddler Darol Anger, quitar genius Grant Gordy, Scottish bass phenom Aidan O'Donnell, and mandolin virtuoso THE Joe Walsh. Darol, a professor emeritus at Berklee College of Music, has left an indelible mark on the American roots scene through his work with David Grisman, Mike Marshall, and as the founder of innovative groups like Turtle Island Quartet and Psychograss. Joe, also a Berklee prof, honed his mandolin and vocal skills with the award-winning Gibson Brothers before embarking on a successful solo career. Grant's amazing quitar picking earned him a spot in Grisman's band. And



#### **New Dangerfield**

Aidan has played bass with harpist Maeve Gilchrist and a bevy of modern jazz icons. It is fair to say that Mr Sun's members are musical chameleons. You never quite know what you're going to get; you just know they will be great. Their return to Grey Fox promises a sonic journey with surprises and amazing licks and melodies at every turn. Also see Darol during the tribute to Happy Traum on Saturday.

#### **New Dangerfield**

We're pleased to welcome New Dangerfield to Grey Fox, a quartet bringing a fresh, poignant voice to the Black string



#### **Noam Pikelny & Friends**

band tradition. This powerhouse band features award-winning banjoist Tray Wellington, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Kaïa Kater, bassist Nelson Williams, and fiddler and singer Jake Blount. Rooted in community and tradition, fiddler's conventions, folk festivals and New Orleans jazz bars, New Dangerfield embodies the innovative spirit of their namesake, Dangerfield Newby (abolitionist and one of John Brown's raiders), and is unafraid to push boundaries. This is music played with technical prowess, historical depth, and contemporary nuance. With a mission to revitalize the Black string-band tradition,

New Dangerfield performs both a history lesson and a glimpse into the future of roots music. Wellington, Williams, and Blount have played at Grey Fox before, and we're thrilled they decided to join us with their revolutionary new, yet old, sound.

#### **Noam Pikelny & Friends**

Noam Pikelny, a familiar face at Grey Fox, continues to push the boundaries of banjo playing and bluegrass music. As a founding member of the Punch Brothers, Noam has been at the forefront of progressive string music. It's cliché to call him a virtuoso, though he is. And he's won numerous awards, from the prestigious Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass to two IBMA Banjo Player of the Year nods. His contributions to the genre were further recognized when the Punch Brothers won the GRAMMY for Best Folk Album in 2019 for their release "All Ashore." Noam's musical path has been marked by innovation and collaboration. He's currently performing with the bluegrass band Mighty Poplar and he's become a podcaster, cohosting the show "The Energy Curfew Music Hour," with Chris Thile and the Punch





#### **Pythagoras**

Brothers. Noam's return to Grey Fox will be a treat for all of us. Joining Noam will be Jake Eddy (guitar), Teo Quale (mandolin), Julian Pinelli (fiddle), and Dan Klingsberg (bass).

#### **Pythagoras**

Emerging artist Pythagoras has roots in the mountains of East Tennessee and a sound that bridges tradition and innovation. Formed in a sweltering dorm room at East Tennessee State University, this Johnson City-based quintet has quickly gained recognition for their fresh take on bluegrass - a blend of trad roots with contemporary flair. The band features an international lineup of talented musicians: Grant Dresnok (quitar), Gracie Grossman (fiddle), Gabriel Hebert (banjo), Joe Henson (mandolin), and Lexi Wagnitz (upright bass). In 2024, Pythagoras released their debut album, "Theorem," and embarked on their first international tour, culminating at Ireland's Westport Folk Festival. By the end of the year, they had played over 50 shows across festivals, listening rooms, and private events and are now considered one of the most exciting young bands in bluegrass today.



**Rakish** 

#### **Rakish**

Rakish, another of this year's emerging artist bands, takes to the Creekside Stage on Saturday with an innovative sound based on Celtic and American traditions. The duo, featuring Maura Shawn Scanlin (fiddle, clawhammer banjo) and Conor Hearn (guitar), combines technical mastery with a sense of adventure. They are a joy to listen to, whether performing an instrumental or singing harmony as a duet. Maura, a two-time U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and winner of the Glenfiddich Fiddle Competition, grew up in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina and brings those roots forward with her clawhammer playing and songwriting. Conor, raised amid the Irish music communities of Washington D.C. and Baltimore, brings a literary sensibility to his playing, with creative, precise arrangements, blending the old and the new. He has a unique bass and rhythm sound on the quitar that not only sets him apart as one of the most renowned names in Celtic music, but also invites collaboration. The duo's sophomore



Sam Bush

release, "Now, O Now" (2024), shows that they appreciate tradition but also explore new terrain. They've performed at places including the Library of Congress and the Celtic Colours International Festival, so grab this chance to see them at Grey Fox.

#### Sam Bush

Hello, music lovers! We welcome back Sam Bush, a longtime Grey Fox favorite. As many of you know, Sam formed and was part of the legendary band New Grass Revival, a group that redefined bluegrass by blending it with elements of rock, jazz and reggae. The band name itself became its own genre and Sam still loves and lives its sound. His high-energy performances on mandolin and fiddle are a festival highlight, and he's likely to get you dancing, singing and howling at the moon. Sam's career spans decades of groundbreaking collaborations: icons like Emmylou Harris, Lyle Lovett, and former NGR bandmate Béla Fleck to name a few. His influence on roots music is immeasurable, and Sam's a four-time IBMA Mandolin Player of the Year and recipient of the Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. Prepare to be thrilled by his all-star band



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#### Sierra Hull

including Stephen Mougin (guitar), Todd Parks (bass), Wes Corbett (banjo) and Chris Brown (drums). Expect a rockin' set filled with virtuosic playing, electrifying harmonies, and the great Sam Bush lighting up the stage.

#### Sierra Hull

One of our favorites at Grey Fox, Sierra Hull radiates joy and wows audiences at every show. Widely regarded as a master of the mandolin, she is a six-time IBMA Mandolin Player of the Year — the first woman to ever receive this honor — and a two-time GRAMMY nominee for her



#### **The Special Consensus**

groundbreaking albums "Weighted Mind" and "25 Trips." Earlier this year, she released the highly acclaimed "A Tip Toe High Wire." A Tennessee native, Sierra's journey began early, making her Grand Ole Opry debut at 10 and signing with Rounder Records at age 13. But she is nothing like she used to be. Her music, rooted in bluegrass, ventures into new territory with inventive arrangements, and wonderful storytelling. She's collaborated with legends like Alison Krauss, Béla Fleck, and Dolly Parton, and has graced iconic stages from Carnegie Hall to the White House. Sierra's performances are a celebration

of artistry and emotion, hot picking, gorgeous singing, and her warm, magnetic personality. Experience Sierra on the High Meadow Stage and as part of the Casey Driessen Red Shoe Stringjam's core band (Catskill Stage/Saturday Night).

#### The Special Consensus

The Special Consensus, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, has been a cornerstone of contemporary bluegrass for over four decades. Led by founder Greq Cahill, recipient of the IBMA Distinguished Achievement Award and SPBGMA Hall of Greats inductee, the band has garnered seven IBMA awards and two GRAMMY nominations. That's a lot of acronyms. They're THAT good. The current lineup features Greg Cahill on banjo, 2023 IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year Greg Blake on guitar. Dan Eubanks on bass, and Brian McCarty on mandolin. The Special Consensus remains deeply rooted in bluegrass tradition while embracing modern influences. The band's 21st album, "Great Blue North," released in 2023, includes an award-winning remake of Gordon Lightfoot's "Alberta Bound."





#### **Steep Canyon Rangers**

Whether it's with covers or with original songs, The Special Consensus are treasured stalwarts. Their music is enduring and not to be missed. It offers a look back, a look ahead, is always memorable, and is a whole lot of fun.

#### **Steep Canyon Rangers**

One of our faves, the GRAMMY-awardwinning Steep Canyon Rangers, return to the High Meadow Stage. This six-piece North Carolina band is high energy, whether playing bluegrass, country or pop. The group features Graham Sharp (banjo, vocals), Mike Guggino (mandolin/ mandola, vocals), Aaron Burdett (quitar, vocals), Nicky Sanders (fiddle, vocals), Mike Ashworth (drums, vocals), and Barrett Smith (bass, guitar, vocals). "Morning Shift," their latest album, marks the band's evolution as storytellers and musicians. Recorded in the historic Hickory Nut Gap Inn and produced by Darrell Scott, the album honors their roots while still offering the groundbreaking sounds you've come to expect. With 14 studio albums under their belt, the Steeps have firmly established themselves as influential Americana songwriters. Their Grey Fox show promises a journey through the rich tapestry of their Carolina sound. It's a wonderful blend of mountain music, rich melodies, all steeped (pun intended) in mighty-fine musicianship. You'll also wanna catch Mike Guagino and Barrett Smith's session on Traditional Italian music at the Grass Roots Stage.

## Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys

You can't miss Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, who will be lighting up the Catskill Stage Saturday night and closing the show. With their signature blend of Cajun French music and infectious energy, you can't watch and not dance! Led by Cajun accordion master Steve Riley, the current lineup includes David Greely (fiddle, vocals), Burke Riley (drums, vocals), Thomas David (bass), and Sam Broussard



Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys



**Tanasi** 

(guitar, vocals). For 35 years, this four-time GRAMMY-nominated band has been a driving force in the world music scene, and Steve took one home back in 2013. They have collaborated with folks such as Eric Clapton and Paul Simon, but each show honors the rich traditions of Southwest Louisiana, with two-steps, ballads, and blues-infused Creole. Time to come out and dance. But first, check out 'La Musique Cajun avec Steve Riley' at the Creekside Stage—a combination of music and culture from the Louisiana bayou.

#### Tanasi

Tanasi make their Grey Fox debut with a rich, world-inspired mountain sound that blends Appalachian roots with global influences in what can best be described as "worldgrass." Based in Asheville, NC, this dynamic group features MerleFestcompetition-winning songwriter Anya Hinkle and Mary Lucey (Biscuit Burners, Uncle Earl) with their warm, authentic, sister-like harmonies. Joined by innovative Dobro virtuoso Billy Cardine, they draw from their travels and collaborations with musicians worldwide, Tanasi crafts international sounds through an Appalachian lens. These folks performed at iconic venues such as The Ryman Auditorium, The Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall, as well as festivals like Bonnaroo, RockyGrass, and MerleFest, and now here at Grey Fox.



**Tony Furtado Trio** 



**Unspoken Tradition** 



The Wilder Flower



Woody Platt & The Bluegrass Gentlemen

#### **Tony Furtado Trio**

Tony Furtado is an evocative and soulful singer, a wide-ranging songwriter, and a virtuoso multi-instrumentalist on banjo, cello-banjo, slide guitar and baritone ukulele who mixes bluegrass, folk, blues and rock with the flair of a master chef. Hailing from California, and now based in Portland, Oregon, Tony's journey began

at age 12 when he picked up the banjo. By his early 20s, he had already won two National Bluegrass Banjo Championships and signed with Rounder Records. In addition to releasing his own critically acclaimed albums, Tony has collaborated with bluegrass legends Alison Krauss, Jerry Douglas, Béla Fleck, Laurie Lewis, and Tim O'Brien. His live performances are renowned for their energy and emotional depth. Joining Tony will be Luke Price (4x National Fiddle Champion) and Matt Flinner (GRAMMY-nominated mandolinist). We're looking forward to what surprises he has in store for us on the High Meadow and Creekside stages on Thursday-plus during the "Innovations on Banjo" session at the Grass Roots Learning Stage with Thierry and Steve Martin.

#### **Unspoken Tradition**

OK, so you like the traditional, but you want something fresh, original, heartfelt, and sometimes a bit progressive? You're going to love Unspoken Tradition. This North Carolina quintet features Audie McGinnis (guitar & vocals), Ty Gilpin (mandolin & vocals), Tim Gardner (fiddle & vocals), and Grey Fox veterans Sav Sankaran (bass & vocals) and Zane McGinnis (banio). Passionate, nostalgic, hard-driving, and sincere, their music blends roots, newgrass and original songs to reflect the culture and stories of their home state. Their latest album, "Myths We Tell Our Young," debuted at #5 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts and features the chart-topping single "Dark Side of the Mountain." Praised by Bluegrass Today for its "fresh and folky" direction and by No Depression for its appeal to fans of bluegrass, folk, Americana, and traditional country, Unspoken Tradition offers a perfect mix of tradition and innovation.

#### The Wilder Flower

Emerging artist The Wilder Flower, making their Grey Fox debut, deliver Appalachian roots music with a new and genuine voice. Featuring Danielle Yother (quitar), Molly Johnson (banjo), and Madeline Dierauf (fiddle), this North Carolina-based trio blends modern influences with the deep traditions of oldtime and bluegrass. Their performances are full of striking three-part harmonies, intricate instrumentals, and thoughtful stories. Together since 2021, audiences enjoy not just their music, which is brimming with improvisation, but also their engaging onstage chemistry. Their debut, "If I Wait Anymore," released in 2024,

honors Appalachian traditions while setting the bar high. With performances at festivals across the country, The Wilder Flower is quickly blossoming as a fresh and exciting voice in roots music.

## Woody Platt (Artist-In-Residence) & The Bluegrass Gentlemen

GRAMMY-winning guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter Woody Platt is no stranger to

Grey Fox. This year he takes on an even bigger role as our Artist In Residence. A founding member of the legendary Steep Canyon Rangers, Woody earned a GRAMMY for "Nobody Knows You" and was inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame. For more than two decades, he toured the world with the Steeps, including a celebrated collaboration with Steve Martin. Woody Platt and The Bluegrass Gentlemen





#### **Woody Platt**

includes Daren Shumaker (mandolin), Bennett Sullivan (banjo), Casey Driessen (fiddle), and Buddy Melton (bass). If you like traditional bluegrass with an original, contemporary sound and stunning vocals, you shouldn't miss Woody Platt & The Bluegrass Gentlemen. As 2025's artist-inresidence, you'll find Woody everywhere on stage with his band, collaborating here and there, and sitting in unexpectedly with new and old friends. His warmth, talent, and passion make him perfect for this special role.

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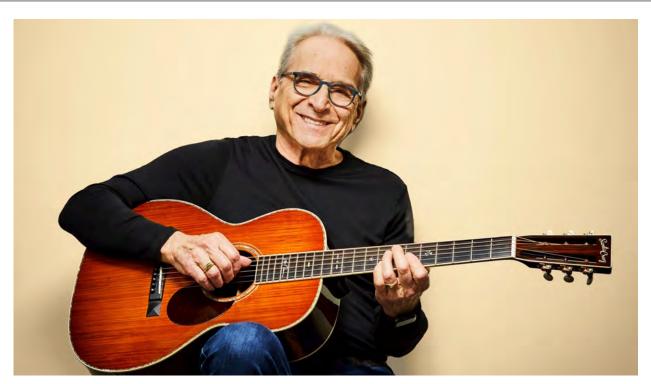
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- CHAIRS & TARPS can be left in the High Meadow Night Stage amphitheater at the end of the night. Take valuables and trash each time you leave.
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- SUNBRELLAS may be set up around the perimeter of the High Meadow Amphitheater. See map on Pages 8-9.
- SHHHHH! Keep conversations low during performances. It's the Grey Fox
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- NO SMOKING in any food or concert area, including all tents and high meadow amphitheater. Go beyond the perimeter of any venue to smoke. Field-dress all butts.

THANK YOU!







Happy Traum, 1938-2024

## A Woodstock Celebration in Memory of Happy Traum

Join us for this special tribute to Happy Traum, the late fingerstyle guitarist and beloved figure in American folk music who made immense contributions to the folk and acoustic music world.

More than a performer, Happy was a life-long educator and co-founder of Homespun Music Instruction based in Woodstock, N.Y. From his early days in the legendary Washington Square/Greenwich Village folk scene of the 1950s and '60s to his collaborations with legends like Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, Maria Muldaur and many others, Happy's artistry and dedication to preserving traditional music have left an indelible mark on American music. Happy was a true stalwart of the Woodstock, N.Y., music scene, and is known not only for a storied solo career, but as half of Happy and Artie Traum, a duo with his brother.

Joining host Adam Traum on stage will be some of Woodstock's most celebrated artists: John Sebastian, Cindy Cashdollar, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, Mike+Ruthy (of The Mammals), Eugene Ruffolo; along with special quests Darol Anger and Sam Bush.

They'll be performing songs from Happy's career and sharing memories of his life and legacy. This one-of-a-kind tribute is a true celebration of the enduring spirit and legacy of Happy Traum.



**Adam Traum** 



Sam Bush, left and Darol Anger



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