

2017 New Bedford Folk Festival Returns July 8 & 9

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents the 22nd Annual New Bedford Folk Festival on Saturday July 8 and Sunday July 9, 2017 with an impressive lineup of the best in contemporary, Americana, traditional, blues and Celtic folk music. Aoife O'Donovan, Patty Larkin, Susan Werner, Catie Curtis and a 2015 finalist on NBC-TV's the Voice, Joshua Davis are joined by Lucy Wainwright Roche, Ellis Paul, Bill Harley, Jim Kveskin, Vance Gilbert, The Nields and many more. The festival runs from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days and is located in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and throughout the 10 downtown city blocks that make up the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Tickets ranging from day-passes to a full weekend VIP pass are \$22.50-\$140 and are available by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

The New Bedford Folk Festival presents 83 shows on 8 stages in and around the National Park that range from the 1200 seat Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to the intimacy of the "Meet the Performer" area. Performers are presented in concerts and in the popular festival "workshops" which feature 3 or 4 performers or groups on stage at the same time in one-time, unique shows. The festival also features a family performance and activity stage, an open mic stage and a high-quality crafts show with over eighty juried artisans. A food court features a variety of food vendors including the justifiably world famous New Bedford landed fish and scallops.

The New Bedford Folk Festival has been recognized as a "Critic's Pick" and one of "New England's Greatest Celebrations" by the Boston Globe. Yankee Magazine has selected the festival as an "Editor's Choice." Thousands of

people from New England and across the nation attend the festival over the weekend, making it a major destination for this summer weekend. This year's festival promises an exciting and memorable celebration which shows the city of New Bedford at its best.

The lineup of performers is: Anna and Elizabeth, Benoit Bourque and Antoine Pigeon-Bourque, Kevin Burke, Copley Street, J.P. Cormier, Catie Curtis, Jeff Davis, Joshua Davis, Yann Falquet and Pascal Gemme, David Francey, Vance Gilbert, Sam Gleaves and Tyler Hughes, Seth Glier, Jefferson Hamer, Ry Cavanaugh and Laura Cortese of Session Americana, Bill Harley, Winifred Horan, Joe Jencks, The Jeremiahs, David Jones, Pete and Maura Kennedy, Jim Kweskin, Patty Larkin, New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, The Nields, Aoife O'Donovan, Chris Pahud, Ellis Paul, Steven Pelland, Pete's Posse, Dan Plews, Harvey Reid and Joyce Anderson, Lucy Wainwright Roche, Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen, Art Tebbetts, Hiroya Tsukamoto, and Susan Werner. All performers are subject to change.

Tickets range from \$22.50 to \$140 and are available at www.newbedfordfolkfestival.com, 508-994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA. Box Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children under 12 are free.

New Bedford Folk Festival Community Partners include The City of New Bedford, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The New Bedford Folk Festival is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of New Bedford, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.